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NOTIFICATION

Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy Eighth session

Geneva, 1 and 2 July 2024

The eighth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy will be held on 1 and 2 July 2024. The session will open at 10 a.m. on Monday, 1 July, in room Tempus of the Palais des Nations.

Background and purpose of the meeting

In line with the agreed conclusions adopted by the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy at its seventh session (TD/B/C.I/CPLP/37), held on 3 and 4 July 2023, the deliberations at the eighth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will focus on the following topics:

1. Report on the implementation of the United Nations guidelines for consumer protection by member States and relevant stakeholders.
2. Latest developments in legal and institutional frameworks: UNCTAD world consumer protection map.
3. Reports of the working groups on:
 - (a) Consumer product safety;
 - (b) Consumer protection in electronic commerce;
 - (c) Consumer protection and gender.
4. Enhancing the consumer movement: Means to facilitate the development of independent consumer groups.
5. Round table on protecting consumers as tourists.
6. Impact assessment of UNCTAD voluntary peer reviews of consumer protection law and policy.
7. Review of capacity-building in and technical assistance on consumer protection law and policy.

Written contributions

In order to facilitate the deliberations and the informal exchange of experiences and best practices on the topics to be discussed, member States and observers are requested to submit written contributions to the UNCTAD secretariat by Friday, 7 June 2024, to allow participants to prepare for the meeting.

Participation

This meeting is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Other organizations, including specialized agencies, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations in the general category, may participate as observers.

Online registration, at [Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy, eighth session](#), is mandatory for all those wishing to attend the meeting and is required for inclusion in the list of participants. Early registration (before 21 June 2024) is advisable so that timely approval may be received for the issuance of a ground pass to the Palais des Nations. Registration requires uploading an official letter of nomination to represent an organization at this meeting. For government representatives, a note verbale or an email from the permanent mission concerned in Geneva will suffice.

Further enquiries regarding registration should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Intergovernmental Outreach and Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; email: meetings@unctad.org.

Logistics

The session will be held with physical participation in room Tempus of the Palais des Nations. Those who cannot attend the meeting in person will be able to listen to the live audio stream. The link to listen live will be sent to registered participants, at the email address used for registration, one day in advance of the start of the session.

Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges from the United Nations Security Service, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 Avenue de la Paix. As part of the new system at the United Nations Office at Geneva, participants will receive a digital badge consisting of their photo, a quick response (QR) code and the name and date of the meeting. The digital badge will be sent to each participant by email once they have been accredited by the meeting organizer and should be downloaded to a mobile telephone or other mobile device. Participants may also print the digital badge in order to use the QR code. The Security Service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Because of the security measures in force, participants are strongly advised to arrive before 9 a.m. in order to complete entry procedures in good time and proceed to the meeting in Building Tempus of the Palais. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card with them. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations. Visitors should therefore be dropped off at the indicated entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service gives special clearance.

Further information and contact details

Substantive and other inquiries should be addressed to the UNCTAD secretariat, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch; fax: 41 22 917 0044; email: jacqueline.bouvier@unctad.org.



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