



Multi-year
Expert Meeting on
**Commodities and
Development**
15th session

Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development, fifteenth session

14–16 October 2024, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., room XVII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Timetable

Monday, 14 October

10.00–10.30 a.m.

Opening plenary

Item 1

Election of officers

Chair: H.E. Mrs. Sofia Boza, Ambassador of Chile to the World Trade Organization and other international economic organizations in Geneva

Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur: H.E. Mr. Paul Empole Losoko Efambe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Item 2

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Opening remarks

Ms. Rebeca Grynszpan, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

10.30 a.m.–1.00 p.m.

Recent developments, challenges and opportunities in commodity markets Agriculture

Item 3

Moderated by Mrs. Luz María de la Mora, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat

- *Setting the stage: Agricultural commodities*
Mr. Rodrigo Cárcamo-Díaz, Chief a.i., Commodities Policy Implementation and Outreach Section, Commodities Branch

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10.30 a.m.–
1.00 p.m.

Item 3

Recent developments, challenges and opportunities in commodity markets

Agriculture (*cont.*)

Presentations

- *Recent developments and prospects in the coffee value chain*
Ms. Vanúsia Nogueira, Executive Director, International Coffee Organization
- *Recent developments in the cereals market*
Mr. Peter Clubb, Market Analyst, International Grains Council
- *Recent developments in global fertilizer markets*
Ms. Monika Tothova, Senior Economist, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and Secretary, Agricultural Market Information System
- *The outlook for global food and agricultural markets*
Mr. René Araujo-Enciso, Economist, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Interactive debate

3.00–6.00
p.m.

Item 4

Structural transformation through domestic value addition in commodity-producing developing countries

Agriculture

Moderated by Mr. Rodrigo Cárcamo-Díaz, Chief a.i., Commodities Policy Implementation and Outreach Section, Commodities Branch

Presentations

- *Rubber circular economy*
Mr. Joseph Adelegan, Secretary-General, International Rubber Study Group
- *The experience of Uganda in fostering domestic value addition in the cotton value chain*
Mr. Frederick Itungulu, Principal Ginning Engineer, Cotton Development Organization, Uganda
- *Mechanised post-harvest processing in Uganda*
Mr. Peter Nielsen, Impact Investment Manager, Common Fund for Commodities
- *Value addition in origin for cacao with a focus on women*
Ms. Kpante-Aouta Gambah Labopou, Co-founder and Production Manager, Choco Togo

Panel discussion: Value addition in agriculture in developing countries

Moderated by Ms. Claire Citeau, Senior Fellow, Canadian Agrifood Policy Institute, University of Ottawa

- Mr. Diego Fernandes Alfieri, Secretary, Permanent Mission of Brazil to the World Trade Organization and Other Economic Organizations in Geneva
- Ms. Nidhi Srivastava, Permanent Mission of India to the World Trade Organization
- Mr. Omar Cisse, First Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Senegal to the United Nations Office at Geneva

Interactive debate: Experts participating in the interactive discussions in the agriculture day

- Mr. Calvin Manduna, Senior Trade Policy Analyst, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP)
- Mr. Emmanuel Lemoine, Vice President Global Trade, Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) International
- Mr. François Guerin, Director Government Relations EMEA, Archer Daniels Midland (ADM)
- Mr. Kingsley Obinna Omeihe, Senior Lecture of Economics and UoA17 Associate Lead for Research Impact, University of the West of Scotland
- Mr. Leonardo Sousa, Chief Executive Officer, Lynx - Hemp Products Lda.



Tuesday, 15 October

10.00 a.m.–
1.00 p.m.

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Recent developments, challenges and opportunities in commodity markets Minerals, ores and metals

Moderated by Mr. Rachid Amui, Economic Affairs Officer, Commodities Branch

Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat

- *Setting the stage: Minerals, ores and metals commodities*
Mr. Abdoukarim Saidali, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Commodities Branch

Presentations

- *Mining industry perspectives on critical minerals and precious metals*
Mr. John Lindberg, Public Affairs, and Lead, International Council on Mining and Metals
- *Global market perspectives on critical minerals*
Ms. Amrita Dasgupta, Energy Analyst, International Energy Agency
- *The recent evolution of critical energy transition minerals prices and their impact on countries dependent on the export of these commodities*
Mr. Guillaume Albasini, Energy and Mining Analyst, Geneva

Interactive debate

3.00–6.00 p.m.

Item 4

Structural transformation through domestic value addition in commodity-producing developing countries

Minerals, ores and metals

Moderated by Mr. Clovis Freire, Officer-in-Charge, Commodities Branch

Introduction by UNCTAD secretariat

- *Setting the stage: Value addition in minerals, ores and metals commodities*
Ms. Sofia Dominguez, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Commodities Branch

Presentations

- Ms. Uyanga Gankhuyag, Project Manager, Development Minerals Programme, ACP-European Union-United Nations Development Programme
- Ms. Anabel Marin, Research Fellow, Cluster Leader, Business, Markets and the State, Institute of Development Studies
- Ms. Isabelle Ramdoo, Deputy Director, Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development
- Mr. Dario Liguti, Director, Sustainable Energy Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- Ms. Marit Kitaw, Interim Director, African Minerals Development Centre, Department of Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals, African Union (video statement)
- Ms. Gloria Magombo, Permanent Secretary for Energy and Power Development, Ministry of Energy and Power Development, Zimbabwe

Interactive debate: Experts participating in the interactive discussions

- Ms. Charlotte Griffiths, Chief of Section, Sustainable Energy Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- Mr. Harikrishnan Tulsidas, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE
- Ms. Charlotte Ndakorerwa, Programme Officer, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Ms. Mona Abdulghani Naji Mohammed, Programme Management Officer, United Nations Environment Programme
- Ms. Theresa Carpenter, Trade Policy Expert, Geneva
- Ms. Mayely Müller, Policy Advisor, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
- Ms. Carolyn Deere Birkbeck, Director, Forum on Trade, Environment & the SDGs (TESS)
- Ms. Yasmin Ismail, Senior Policy Advisor for TESS



Wednesday, 16 October

10.00 a.m.–
12.30 p.m.

Item 3

Recent developments, challenges and opportunities in commodity markets

Energy

Moderated by H.E. Mrs. Clara Manuela da Luz Delgado Jesus, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cabo Verde to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

- *Setting the stage: Energy commodities*

Mr. Romain Perez, Economic Affairs Officer, Commodities Branch

Presentations

- *The state and future prospects of oil markets*
Mr. Alexander Bressers, Senior Oil Market Analyst, International Energy Agency
- *Energy commodity markets*
Mr. Norbert Ruecker, Head, Economics and Next Generation Research, Julius Baer
- *The global outlook on liquefied natural gas*
Mr. Thierry Bros, Professor, Sciences Po, Paris
- *Powering sustainable development: International cooperation and energy transitions*
Ms. Chantal Line Carpentier, Head, Trade and Environment Branch, DITC, UNCTAD
- *Renewable energy markets*
Mr. Luis Janeiro, International Renewable Energy Agency (video statement)

Interactive debate

1.15–2.45 p.m.

Informal
special
session

Insights from Port of Suape, Brazil, study on economic complexity – *Leveraging economic complexity for diversification and investments*

Room XXI

Moderated by Mrs. Luz Maria de la Mora, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

Opening remarks by H.E. Mr. Guilherme de Aguiar Patriota, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the WTO, Permanent Mission of Brazil to the WTO and other economic organizations

Presentations

- *Introduction to Port of Suape*
Mr. Márcio Guiot, President, Port of Suape
- *The role of SENAI in industrial development*
Mr. André Pierre Mattei, Director, SENAI Institute of Innovation for Information and Communications Technologies
- *Presentation of economic complexity study*
Mr. Clovis Freire, Officer-in-Charge, Commodities Branch, UNCTAD
- *Implementing the study results*
Mr. Arthur Neves, Director, Industrial Development and Management, Port of Suape
- *The way forward*
Mr. Márcio Guiot, President, Port of Suape

Question-and-answer session with meeting participants



Wednesday, 16 October

3.00–5.45 p.m.

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Energy

Moderated by Ms. Claudine Sigam, Economic Affairs Officer, Commodities Branch

Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat

- *Setting the stage: Value addition in energy commodities*
Ms. Claudine Sigam, Economic Affairs Officer, Commodities Branch

Presentations

- *Oil and Gas Decarbonization Charter: Priorities for value addition, 2024*
Ms. Eliz Ozdemir, Programme Manager, Oil and Gas Decarbonization Charter, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- *Exploring the prospects of Greener Gas & Energy Value Chains as value added commodities*
Mr. Constantinos Chaelis, Global Gas Markets and Technology Lead, Lloyd's Register
- *The role of the Port of Suape in value addition in the energy sector*
Mr. Márcio Guiot, President, Port of Suape, Brazil

Interactive debate

Special panel on country experiences:

- H.E. Mr. Aimé Sakombi Molendo, Minister of Hydrocarbons, Democratic Republic of the Congo
- H.E. Mr. Salomon Eheth, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cameroon to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Ms. Maira Mariela Macdonal Alvarez, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- Sh. Rasheed Alrushaid, Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Al-Rushaid Group, Saudi Arabia

Interactive debate: Experts participating in the interactive discussions in the energy day

- Mr. Takuro Yamamoto, General Manager, Business Development, Tokyo Gas
- Mrs. Fatima A. Al Hajari, Chief of Staff, Head of Media & Communication, Al-Rushaid Group, Saudi Arabia
- Mr. Christian Ituome Udjuu, Adviser to the Minister of Hydrocarbons, Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Ms. Anna Schulenburg, Guest Lecturer at FHNW University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Northwestern Switzerland School of Business, Brugg
- Mr. Christos Papaleonidas, Director and Partner, Watermelon Consulting
- Mr. Panoylotis Mitrou, Global Gas Segment Director, Lloyd's Register
- Mr. Jean-Christian Heintz, Advisor, Global Gas Centre
- Mr. Jonathan Green, President, Geneva Energy Forum
- Mr. Anwar Rehman, President, International Association of Engineers and Architects, Basel, Switzerland
- Mr. Rouben Indjikian, Professor, Lecturer in Energy and Commodities, Webster University, Geneva
- Mr. Uzoma Nnganyadi, Environment Expert, Luxembourg
- Ms Françoise Kaba, Development Economist, Guinea

5.45–6.00 p.m.

Item 5

Closing plenary: Closing remarks by Ms. Luz Maria de la Mora, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

Adoption of the report of the meeting



Documents

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Registration

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