

Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development

15th session

Programme Timetable

14 – 16 October 2024, 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. (CET)

Room XVII, Palais des Nations, Geneva (in person) | Listen Live at <https://listen-live.unog.ch/en/>

Monday, 14 October

10.00–10.30 a.m. Opening Session of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development, 15th session

Item 1 Election of officers

Item 2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (symbol)

Opening remarks

- Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Monday, 14 October

10.30–13.00 a.m. Plenary

Item 3

Recent developments and challenges in commodity markets: Agricultural products

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

Presentation by UNCTAD Secretariat:

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

Presentations:

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

Interactive discussion with experts

Questions and answers with meeting participants



Monday, 14 October

3.00 – 6.00 p.m. Plenary (*cont.*)

Item 4

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

Session moderated by Mr. Rodrigo Carcamo, Chief (a.i.), Commodities Policy Implementation and Outreach Section, Commodities Branch

Presentations of experts:

- *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
- *Agricultural value addition in Sierra Leone*
Mr. Peter Nielsen, Project Manager, Common Fund for Commodities
- *Value addition in Origin for Cacao with a Focus on Women*
Mrs. Kpante-Aouta Gambah Labopou, Co-founder and Production Manager of CHOCO TOGO

Panel discussion: Value Addition in Agriculture in Developing Countries

- Moderator:
Ms. Claire Citeau
Senior Fellow of the Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute, University of Ottawa
- Delegate from the Permanent Mission of Brazil
- Delegate from the Permanent Mission of India
- Delegate from the Permanent Mission of Senegal

Questions and answers with meeting participants



Tuesday, 15 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Plenary (*cont.*)

Item 3

**Recent developments, challenges, and opportunities in commodity markets
in commodity markets for minerals, ores and metals**

Session moderated by Mr. Rachid Amui, Economic Affairs Officer, Commodities Branch, UNCTAD

Presentation by UNCTAD Secretariat:

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

Presentations of experts

- *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
- *Mining industry's perspectives on critical minerals and precious metals*
Mr. John Lindberg, Public Affairs and Lead, International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM)
- *Global market perspectives on critical minerals*
Ms. Amrita Dasgupta, Energy Analyst, International Energy Agency

Interactive discussion

Questions and answers with meeting participants



Tuesday, 15 October

3.00 – 6.00 p.m. Plenary (*cont.*)

Item 4

Structural transformation through domestic value addition in commodity-producing developing countries in commodity markets for minerals, ores and metals

Session moderated by Mr. Clovis Freire, Officer-in-Charge, Commodities Branch, DITC, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Introduction by UNCTAD Secretariat:

- *Setting the stage: Value addition in minerals, ores and metal commodities*

Ms. Sofia Dominguez, Associate Economic Affairs Officer,
Commodities Branch, UNCTAD

Presentations:

- *Structural transformation of the mining sector through domestic value addition in commodity-producing developing countries*

Ms. Isabelle Ramdoo, Deputy Director, Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF)

Mr. Dario Liguti, Director, Sustainable Energy Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Ms. Gloria Magombo, Permanent Secretary for Energy and Power Development, Ministry of Energy and Power Development, Republic of Zimbabwe

Ms. Anabel Marin, Research Fellow, Cluster Leader Business, Markets and the State, Institute of Development Studies

Ms. Uyanga Gankhuyag, Project manager, ACP-EU-UNDP Development Minerals Programme, UNDP

African Minerals Development Centre under the African Union, African Union Commission, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (tbc)

Interactive discussion: *Value addition in minerals, ores and metal commodities sector in developing countries*

(Expert's names to be confirmed)

Questions and answers with meeting participants



Wednesday, 16 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Plenary (*cont.*)

Item 3

Recent developments, challenges, and opportunities in commodity markets: Energy commodities

Session moderated by Mr. Romain Perez, Economic Affairs Officer, Commodities Branch, UNCTAD

Presentation by UNCTAD Secretariat:

- *Setting the stage: Energy commodities*

Mr. Romain Perez, Economic Affairs Officer, Commodities Branch

Presentations of experts

- *The State and Future prospects of Oil Markets*

Mr. Alexander Bressers, Senior Oil Market Analyst, International Energy Agency (IEA)

- *The Global Outlook on LNG*

Mr. Thierry Bros, VP Policy and Research, Tellurian Inc., United States

- *Renewable Energy Market*

(Video recorded) International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

- *Energy Commodity Markets*

Mr. Ruecker, Head of Economics and Next Generation Research at Julius Baer (tbc)

- *Energy Transition*

(tbc)

Interactive discussion:

- Mr. Christos Papaleonidas, Director and Partner, Watermelon Consulting
- Mr. Takuro Yamamoto, General Manager Business Development, Tokyo Gas

Questions and answers with meeting participants

1.00 – 2.00 p.m. **Lunch break**



Wednesday, 16 October

2.00 – 3.00 p.m.

**Special session, room XXI:
Insights from Brazil's Port of Suape Study on Economic Complexity**

Leveraging economic complexity for diversification and investments

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

Presentation of experts:

- *Introduction to the Port of Suape*
Mr. Márcio Guiot, President, Port of Suape
Mr. Arthur Neves, Director of Industrial Development and Management, Port of Suape
- *The role of SENAI in industrial development*
Mr. André Pierre Mattei Director of the SENAI Institute of Innovation for ICTs
- *Presentation of the economic complexity study*
Mr. Clovis Freire, Officer-in-Charge, Commodities Branch, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Questions and answers with meeting participants



Wednesday, 16 October

3.00 – 5.45 p.m. Plenary (*cont.*)

Item 4

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

Session moderated by Ms. Claudine Sigam, Economic Affairs Officer, Commodities Branch

Presentation by UNCTAD Secretariat:

- *Setting the stage: Energy commodities*
Ms. Claudine Sigam, Economic Affairs Officer, Commodities Branch

Presentations of experts:

- *The role of the Port of Suape on value addition in energy sector*
Mr. Márcio Guiot, President, Porto de Suape, Brazil
- *Oil and Gas Decarbonization Charter (OGDC) Priorities for value addition 2024*
Ms. Eliz Ozdemir, Programme Manager, The Oil and Gas Decarbonization Charter (OGDC), UK London
- *(title of presentation to be confirmed)*
Mr. Constantin Chaelis, Global Gas Markets & Technology Lead, Lloyd's Register

Special Panel on Country Experiences, moderated by Sh. Rasheed AlRashaid, Chairman and CEO, Al-Rushaid Group, Saudi Arabia (ARG) (tbc)

- Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (tbc)
- Representative of Qatar (tbc)
- Representative of Saudi Arabia (tbc)

Interactive discussion:

- Mr. Christian Ituome Udjuu, Conseiller du Ministre des hydrocarbures, République démocratique du Congo
- 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 Center
- Mr. Jonathan Green, President, Geneva Energy Forum
- Mr. Anwar Rehman, President, International Association of Engineers and Architects, Basel
- Mr. Rouben Indjikian, Professor, Lecturer in Energy and Commodities, Webster University, Geneva Campus



Wednesday, 16 October

Questions and answers with meeting participants

5.45 – 6.00 p.m. Closing Session

Item 5: Closing remarks by Ms. Luz Maria de la Mora, Director, UNCTAD Division on International Trade and Commodities

Documents:

<https://unctad.org/meeting/multi-year-expert-meeting-commodities-and-development-fifteenth-session>

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<https://indico.un.org/event/1005397/>

