



Programme

**28 November 2024, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (CET)
Room XVII, Palais des Nations, Geneva**

Thursday, 28 November 2024

10.00 a.m. – 10.40 a.m.: Opening plenary session

Item 1. Election of officers

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Item 3. Optimizing policy space for development strategies: Productive capacities, value addition and economic diversification

Opening remarks: Ms. Anastasia Nesvetailova, Head, Macro-Economic and Development Policies Branch, UNCTAD

10.40 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Informal session 1: Navigating Policy Space in Investment Strategies

- **Introduction:** Ms. Anastasia Nesvetailova, Head, Macro-economic and Development Policies Branch, UNCTAD
- Mr. Matthias Rau-Goehring, Economist, European Central Bank
- Mr. Sacha Wunsch-Vincent, Head, Section, Department for Economics and Data Analytics, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector; and Ms. Anmol Grewal, Research Fellow, World Intellectual Property Organization
- Ms. Verena Barros, former Executive Secretary of the National Council for Industrial Development, Brazil
- Ms. Esther Sri Astuti Agustin, Institute for Development of Economics and Finance, Indonesia

Discussions

3 p.m. – 5.45 p.m.

Informal session 2: International Trade: Optimizing Policy Space for Development

- Ms. Pilar Fajarnes Garces, Economic Affairs Officer, E-Commerce and Digital Technology Branch, UNCTAD
- Ms. Stéphanie Kpenou, Coordinator, Trade Programme, Veblen Institute, France
- Mr. Raul Torres, Head, Development Policy Unit, World Trade Organization
- Mr. Hafiz Choudhury, Principal, The M Group, United States

Discussions

5.45 – 6.00 p.m.: Closing Plenary

Item 4: Adoption of the report of the meeting