

Trade and Development Commission

15th meeting

Programme

28–30 April 2025, 10 a.m to 6 p.m. (CET)
Room XIX, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Monday, 28 April

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| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | Opening plenary |
| Item 1 | Election of officers |
| Item 2 | Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
(TD/B/C.I/59) |
| Opening remarks | Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno , Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD |
| Followed by | Statements by regional groups and individual delegations |
| Item 3 | Reports of expert meetings |

- Item 4 **Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy**
(TD/B/C.I/CLP/77)
- Item 5 **Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy**
(TD/B/C.I/CPLP/42)
- Item 7 **Progress report on promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars**



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3–6 p.m. Plenary

Item 6 Leveraging international trade rules for development
(TD/B/C.I/60)

Presentation by **Ms. Luz Ma de la Mora**, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities (DITC), UNCTAD

Panel discussion How can multilateral trade rules be leveraged for sustainable development?

Evolving dynamics in the Multilateral Trade System and development:

- **Ms. Arancha González Laya**, Dean, Paris School of International Affairs, Institut d'études politiques de Paris
- **Mr. Simon Evenett**, Professor of Geopolitics and Strategy, International Institute for Management Development, Lausanne

National perspectives and experiences:

- **H.E. Mr. Matthew Wilson**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations
- **H.E. Mr. Alaa Hegazy**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations
- **H.E. Ms. Eunice M. Tembo Luambia**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations

Followed by interactive discussion

Tuesday, 29 April

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Special session

Briefing on Activities by the Division on International Trade and Commodities

1. Briefing on 5th United Nations Ocean Forum on trade-related aspects of Sustainable Development Goal 14 (3-5 March), and follow-up work by UNCTAD on Oceans and the Blue Economy
 - **H.E. Mr. Christian Guillermet Fernández**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations
 - **Ms. Chantal Line Carpentier**, Chief, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, DITC, UNCTAD
 - **Ms. Regina Asariotis**, Chief (a.i.) Trade Logistics Branch; Chief, Policy and Legislation Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD
2. Briefing on ongoing DITC technical cooperation to promote local value addition in critical energy transition minerals in Africa
 - **Mr. Clovis Freire**, Chief, Commodities Branch, DITC, UNCTAD
3. Briefing on preparations towards the 9th United Nations Conference on Competition and Consumer Protection, 7-11 July 2025
 - **Mr. Arnau Izaguerri**, Legal Affairs officer, Competition and Consumer Protection Branch, DITC, UNCTAD

Each item followed by interactive discussion



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April**

3–6 p.m.

Special event **Hidden Assets: Illicit Finance as Challenge to Development**

Opening remarks **Ms. Rebeca Grynspan**, Secretary-General of UNCTAD (TBC)
Ms. Luz Ma De La Mora, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities (DITC), UNCTAD
Ms. Marina Ponti, Global Director, United Nations SDG Action Campaign

Chair **Ms. Anastasia Nesvetailova**, Head, Macroeconomic and Development Policies Branch, DGDS

Session 1 Global Economy and New Risks of Financialization: Challenges for Development
3–4 p.m. Experts from the academia and civil society

Session 2 Illicit Financial Flows: State of Play and Policy Directions
4–5 p.m. Experts from the academia and civil society

Session 3 Asset Management and Economic Development
5–5.50 p.m. Experts from the academia and civil society

5.50–6 p.m. Q&A

Wednesday, 30 April

10 a.m.–1 p.m. **Plenary**

Informal consultations among regional groups

Consideration of the draft outcome of the Trade and Development Commission

3–6 p.m. **Closing Plenary**

Item 8 Other business

Item 9 Adoption of the report of the Commission to the Trade and Development Board

