

Ninth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices

7-11 July 2025

Geneva, Switzerland

Venue: Room XIX, E-Building, Palais des Nations

Information note for participants

1. Introduction and provisional agenda

The Ninth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices (Conference) will take place from 7 (afternoon) to 11 July 2025 in Room XIX, at the third floor of the E-Building, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland. The draft provisional agenda and organization of work, along with all other relevant documentation, are available at the following link: <https://unctad.org/meeting/9th-united-nations-conference-competition-and-consumer-protection>.

2. Registration

Online registration is mandatory and should be completed by copying/pasting the following link: <https://indico.un.org/event/1012777/> using Google Chrome, Safari or Mozilla Firefox. Delegates willing to attend the sixteenth meeting of the Research Partnership Platform on Competition and Consumer Protection on 7 July 2025 (morning) are invited to register using the same link.

Guidelines for registering are available in the following link: <https://indicohelp.unog.ch/>.

Permanent Missions of members States to the United Nations Office at Geneva are requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat of the name(s) and title(s) of their representative(s) to: meetings@unctad.org, arsema.solomon@unctad.org and maria.bovey@unctad.org. Kindly note that the letter of credentials of representatives should be uploaded to the system during the online registration process.

Other delegates (i.e., representatives of specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and intergovernmental bodies as well as experts wishing to attend as observers) are also eligible to participate in the session as observers and should register online by the same date using the link above.

Kindly note that they are requested to obtain a document that specifies the person's participation from their organizations, and upload to the system during the online registration process.

Due to the need to comply with registration approval requirements, registration will be closed on 27 June 2025 at close of business of Geneva.





Any enquiries concerning registration should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Intergovernmental Outreach and Support Service (IOSS): meetings@unctad.org.

3. Credentials

Pursuant the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by the Permanent Mission to the United Nations of the State at Geneva upon the explicit authorization of the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

In accordance with the foregoing, should the credentials for the Conference be issued by the Permanent Mission to the United Nations of the State at Geneva, there should be a reference to the explicit authorization of the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

The official notification on submissions of credentials is available [here](#).

4. Participation

The session will be held in Room XIX, at the third floor of the E-Building, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

Delegates are invited to liaise with their Permanent Missions in Geneva for updated advice and logistical arrangements.

Please note that, contrary to previous sessions and in line with standing regulations for United Nations intergovernmental meetings, only in-person participation will be available.

Those who cannot attend the Conference in person will be able to listen to the live audio stream in the six official languages of the United Nations (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish). If you cannot attend the Conference in person and wish to receive the link to listen the live audio, please contact the UNCTAD secretariat: arsema.solomon@unctad.org and maria.bovey@unctad.org.

Before entering the Palais des Nations, delegates are requested to collect their badges from the United Nations Security Service, at the Pregny Gate, Avenue de la Paix 14a, 1202 Geneva.

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 United Nations 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 8:30 a.m. to complete entry procedures in good time and proceed to the meeting in the E-Building of the Palais des Nations. 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 United Nations Security Service gives special clearance.

5. Visas

Switzerland joined the Schengen visa scheme on 12 December 2008. All foreign nationals who require a visa for entry into the Schengen visa area, need a visa to enter Switzerland.

Delegates are advised to seek information on requirements applicable in their case from Swiss diplomatic or consular missions in their home countries. Information on visa and other relevant regulations for travelling to Switzerland is available at: <https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/fdfa/entry-switzerland-residence/visa-requirements-application-form.html>.

In countries where no Swiss representation exists, missions from European Union member States should be contacted. Where a visa is required, applicants are advised to apply at least six weeks prior to departure to Geneva.

Should you require UNCTAD assistance with issuance of a visa, please send the official letter of your nomination to represent your country to the UNCTAD secretariat: arsema.solomon@unctad.org and maria.bovey@unctad.org.

6. Accommodation

Delegates are requested to make their own hotel reservations. A list of hotels in Geneva is available at: <https://www.geneve.com/en/plan-a-trip/where-to-stay>.

Delegates are advised to book hotel accommodation well in advance of the meeting. Hotels in Geneva during the week of the meetings are in very high demand and may be fully booked, given the large number of conferences and other events.

For delegates from Least Developed Countries (LDCs), the organization Geneva Welcome Center (CAGI) offers logistical support for the planning of accommodation and may grant financial aid to reduce the cost. Delegates from LDCs wishing to apply for logistical and financial support are invited to contact CAGI as soon as possible, following this link: <https://www.cagi.ch/en/services/accommodation-for-visiting-delegates>.

7. Duration and interpretation

The session will take place on Monday 7 July 2025 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and from Tuesday 8 to Friday 11 July 2025 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and between 3 and 6 p.m. Interpretation to the six United Nations languages will be provided.

8. Statements and interventions

Delegations that would like to make an intervention during any of the sessions are strongly encouraged to inform the UNCTAD secretariat not later than 20 June 2025 at arsema.solomon@unctad.org and maria.bovey@unctad.org. Delegations are invited to



make one statement per country or organization per session, and to participate in the discussions through one delegate who will take the floor. During the sessions, delegates can request the floor by raising their country nametag in the room.

Delegates are asked to observe the time limit of 3-4 minutes for interventions during the sessions.

To facilitate interpretation, delegates are kindly requested to submit a copy of their written interventions/remarks in advance by email to the UNCTAD secretariat: arsema.solomon@unctad.org and maria.bovey@unctad.org.

9. Contributions

Official statements or written contributions by member States or regional groups, or written contributions by accredited non-governmental or intergovernmental organizations, will be available in the event webpage, subject to their consent. Please note that presentation materials will not be uploaded, but will instead be circulated to registered and approved delegates via email by the UNCTAD secretariat.

10. Agreed Conclusions

The Conference is expected to adopt its Resolution at its closing plenary on Friday 11 July 2025 in the afternoon. The UNCTAD secretariat will circulate a draft text to Permanent Missions in Geneva and to registered and approved delegates on Wednesday 9 July 2025 in the afternoon.

The UNCTAD secretariat will host informal consultations in English regarding the Resolution of the Conference on Thursday 10 July 2025 and Friday 11 July 2025 during the lunch break in Room XIX, at the third floor of the E-Building, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

11. Side events

The UNCTAD secretariat is making available one room for side events organized at the margins of the session before the session starts and during the lunch breaks. Side events are organized by and are the responsibility of delegations and not the UNCTAD secretariat.

Please note that delegations wishing to organize side events are invited to send their request in advance to the UNCTAD secretariat: akari.yamamoto@unctad.org and arnau.izaguerri@unctad.org.



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