

6 July 2026, 10:00 - 11:30 (CEST)
Geneva, Switzerland
Venue: Room XII, Palais des Nations

Opening plenary

As agreed by 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,¹ the ninth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy will elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair-Cum-Rapporteur. It will also be invited to adopt the provisional agenda for the session.

Following the address by the Acting Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno, the floor will be open for general statements by delegations.

Ms. Carmen Ligia Valderrama, Consultant and Professor, Externado University of Colombia will address a keynote speech.

¹ TD/RBP/CONF.10/7.





Programme

10:00 - 10:15 **Opening plenary**

- Election of officers
- Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
- Opening remarks by Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno, Acting Secretary-General of UNCTAD

10:15 - 10:30 **Keynote speech**

- Ms. Carmen Ligia Valderrama, Consultant and Professor, Externado University of Colombia

10:30 - 11:30 **General statements and Report on the implementation of the United Nations guidelines for consumer protection by member States and relevant stakeholders**

- Mr. Irakli Lekvinadze, Georgian Competition and Consumer Agency, Georgia
- Ms. Elise Emmanuelle Ntsame Obame, Director-General, Directorate General for Competition and Consumer Affairs, Gabon
- Mr. Jorge Seguro Sanches, Director-General, Directorate-General for Consumer Affairs, Portugal
- Dr. Willard Mwemba, Chief Executive Officer, Competition and Consumer Commission, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)
- Mr. Uladzimir Sinkevich, Director of the Department for Sanitary, Phytosanitary and Veterinary Measures, Eurasian Economic Commission

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