

7 July 2026, 17:00 - 18:00 (CEST)
Geneva, Switzerland
Venue: Room XII, Palais des Nations

Latest developments in the legal and institutional frameworks: UNCTAD world consumer protection map

In its resolution 70/186 on Consumer Protection of 22 December 2015,¹ the United Nations General Assembly stated that a robust legal and regulatory framework for consumer protection serves an essential public interest, contributing to economic dynamism and consumer welfare.

In its Agreed Conclusions,² 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 encouraged the continuation of the information-gathering process on the legal and institutional framework for consumer protection, in particular through the World Consumer Protection Map, inviting all Member States to participate in completing and updating it.

Reports of the informal working groups

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,³ the ninth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy will hear reports by the UNCTAD secretariat of the informal working groups on:

- (i) consumer product safety;
- (ii) consumer protection in electronic commerce, and
- (iii) consumer protection and gender.

¹ A/RES/70/186.

² TD/RBP/CONF.10/7.

³ TD/RBP/CONF.10/7.





Programme

17:00 - 17:10 **Presentation by the UNCTAD secretariat: UNCTAD world consumer protection map**

17:10 - 18:00 **Report of the informal working group on consumer product safety**

- Ms. Tamsin McSorley, Head of International Strategy and Delivery, Office for Product Safety and Standards, Department for Business and Trade, United Kingdom

Report of the informal working group on consumer protection in electronic commerce

- Prof. Christine Riefa, Professor of Law, University of Reading

Report of the informal working group on consumer protection and gender

- Ms. Cielo Rusinque, Superintendent, Superintendency of Industry and Trade, Colombia

Interactive debate

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