

NOTIFICATION 60th Anniversary of UNCTAD

Geneva, Palais des Nations 12 - 13 June 2024

The UNCTAD secretariat has the honour to invite member States to the join in the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of UNCTAD, on the theme "Charting a New Development Course in a Changing World", to take place on 12 and 13 June 2024 at the Palais des Nations.

We will mark the anniversary of UNCTAD with a Special Session on 12 June 2024, to be opened by the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Antonio Guterres. Member States will reflect on the past sixty years of UNCTAD's work and look at ways to enhance the developmental impact of UNCTAD for the future.

This grand celebration will convene eminent Heads of state, top-tier economists, influential investors, and policymakers from prominent global institutions. Together, we aim to foster meaningful discussions on trade, development, and the crucial role they play in addressing current global development challenges.

Over the past six decades, UNCTAD has been a pioneer in shaping policies and discussions on trade and development. This important commemoration will position a revitalized UNCTAD as an organization well-prepared to be a beacon of hope and advocate for solutions in addressing the current challenges of trade and development as well as interrelated issues in the areas of finance, technology, investment, and sustainable development.

A detailed information note will be provided in the coming weeks, offering comprehensive insights into the event's structure and objectives.

Registration and logistics

All those wishing to attend the session are requested to register online. To do so, please use the following link: 60th anniversary of UNCTAD.

Any enquiries concerning registration should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Intergovernmental Outreach and Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; fax: 41 22 917 0214; e-mail: meetings@unctad.org

The session will be held in person in the Tempus room of the Palais des Nations. 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. Because of the security measures in force, participants are strongly advised to arrive two hours before the start of the event and to download their digital badge which will be required for access the Palais des Nations and the Tempus room. 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 Security Service gives special clearance.

Further information and contact details

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