



UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON  
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

**Non-Tariff Measures Week**  
**Mandatory Trade Regulations and Voluntary Sustainability Standards**  
**25 - 27 September 2017, Room XXVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva.**

**25 September to 26 September 2017 NTMs Week and MAST meeting**

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**Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**10.00 - 10.30**      **Opening remarks**

Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD (tbc)

How do NTMs link to economic, social and environmental objectives of the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda?

**10.30 - 11.30**      **Policy Debate: the Role of Transparency in Trade-Related Regulations**

High-level policy makers and experts discuss transparency in trade-related regulation. Which information do SMEs, policy makers, and trade negotiators need, and what is missing? How can trade costs be reduced while allowing for consumer and environmental protection? What is the outlook on transparency and regulatory cooperation in the multilateral trading system?

**11.30 - 13.00**      **Global and Regional Initiatives on NTMs Transparency and Regulatory Cooperation**

Global and regional organizations from Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America share their experiences. Which lessons can be learnt from their efforts to enhance transparency on NTMs and approaches to address regulatory divergence and non-tariff barriers?

**Lunch Break**

**15.00 - 16.30**      **NTMs and Economic Integration: Why do trade regulations matter?**

Leading experts present new evidence shedding light on the diverse area of NTMs and trade restrictiveness. Which lessons can be drawn for unilateral policy making and trade agreements?

**16.30 - 18.00 am**      **Boosting Sustainable Development: Impact of NTMs and Policy Responses**

How can policy makers support sustainable development by addressing NTMs in a smart way? New research and case studies are presented for different countries and regions.

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## Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### 10.00 - 12.00 **The International Classification of NTMs: State of Play for Revision**

Chairs of the six working groups present the newly developed or revised chapters of the International Classification to lay the ground for improved transparency of a wider range of NTMs.

### 12.00 - 13.00 **Break-out Sessions: Expert Working Group Meetings**

Working groups meet to discuss in detail their progress in the development or revision of chapters and finalize their technical work.

### Lunch Break

### 15.00 - 16.30 **Break-out Sessions: Expert Working Group Meetings, cont.**

### 16.30 - 18.00 **Revised Classification and Adoption**

MAST members and observers adopt the revision of the International Classification of NTMs.

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## Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### 10.00 - 18.00 **Voluntary Sustainability Standards and International Trade**

Policy Makers and Experts focus on voluntary standards

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