

Investment, enterprise and development Commission

14th session

Programme

29 April–3 May 2024 - 10 a.m to 6 p.m. (CET)
Room XVII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Monday, 29 April

10 a.m.–1 p.m. **Opening plenary**

Item 1 Election of officers

**Item 2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
(TD/B/C.II/50)**

Opening statement by Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Followed by General statements by regional groups and members States

Item 8 Other business

Latest developments in trends and policies in the area of investment, enterprise and science and technology for development

Presentation by Ms. Shamika Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics

Presentation by Mr. Richard Bolwijn, O.i.C, Division on Investment and Enterprise

1 p.m.–3 p.m. **Lunch break**

3 p.m.–6 p.m.

Item 5 Investment facilitation for sustainable development

Opening statement by Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Introductory remarks by Mr. Richard Bolwijn, O.i.C, Division on Investment and Enterprise

- Panel discussion
- Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, Secretary-General of the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation
 - Mr. Camilo Trigueros, Deputy Minister and Executive Director, National Registry Center, El Salvador
 - Ms. Dana Akram Abdallah Al Zoubi, Secretary-General, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply, Jordan
 - Mr. Alejandro Encinas Nájera, Undersecretary of Foreign Trade of the Ministry of Economy, Mexico
 - Mr. Yasser Abbas, Vice-Chair, General Authority for Investments (GAFI), Egypt

Followed by Interactive discussion

Tuesday, 30 April

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Item 5 Investment facilitation for sustainable development
(continued) Country experiences – Exchange of best practices**

- Panel discussion
- Mr. Chhime Tshering, Director General, Department of Industry, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Employment, Bhutan
 - Mr. Axel Berger, Deputy Director (interim), German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS), Germany
 - Ms. Maria Paula Arena Quijanos, Director, Foreign Investment and Services, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, Colombia (tbc)
 - Ms. Olga Lucia Lozano, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva; former Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade (tbc)
 - Ms. Najwa Halaseh, Senior Inspector, Secretary General's Office, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply, Kingdom of Jordan
 - Mr. Victor Matassi, Secretary of Modernization, Municipality of Lomas de Zamora, Argentina
 - Mr. Ingmar Vali, Strategic Director, Centre for Registers and Information Systems, Estonia

Followed by Interactive discussion

1 p.m.–3 p.m. Lunch break



3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Item 6 **Harnessing blockchain technologies for sustainable development**

Introductory remarks by Mr. Angel Gonzalez Sanz, Head of Technology, Innovation and Knowledge Development Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics

- Panel discussion
- Ms. Sandra Ro, CEO of the Global Blockchain Business Council
 - Mr. John Kamara, Founder of Adanian Labs and Afya Rekod and Chairman of the African Blockchain Centre
 - Ms. Tonia Damvakeraki, Managing Director of the European Union Blockchain Observatory and Forum

Followed by Interactive discussion

Wednesday, 1 May

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Item 3 **Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development**

Presentation by Mr. José Valencia, Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the WTO, UNCTAD and international economic organizations in Geneva, Chair of Multi-Year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development

Item 4 **Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting**

Presentation by Mr. Alexandre Dabbou, O.i.C, Division on Investment and Enterprise

Followed by Interactive discussion

1 p.m. – 3 p.m. **Lunch break**

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Item 7 **Progress report on promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars**

Presentation by Ms. Shamika Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics

Presentation by Mr. Alexandre Dabbou, O.i.C, Division on Investment and Enterprise

Followed by Interactive discussion



Thursday, 2 May

10 a.m.–6 p.m. No meeting scheduled for today

Friday, 3 May

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closing plenary meeting

Item 9 Adoption of the report of the Commission to the Trade and Development Board

