

## List of national UNCTAD15 events in least developed countries supported by Canada

Event date	Country	Planned event
29 September 2021	Guinea-Bissau	<p><b>“Creative Industries and Trade Digitization Forum”</b></p> <p><i>Audience: national participants</i></p> <p>Communication support will focus on production of press releases, radio spots which will be broadcasted nationwide especially through community radios, production of stories and photos showcasing the impact of COVID-19 on people lives and of the support provided by the UN. UNFPA, UNDP and WHO will share stories.</p> <p>The Resident Coordinators Office will interview an academic about the participation of Guinea-Bissau in UNCTAD 15. A media coverage will be done for this conference. These products will be broadcasted in UNCTAD website and social media platforms and UN Guinea-Bissau website and Facebook social media platform.</p>
30 September 2021	Uganda	<p>National dialogue on <b>“Enhancing public and private investments in Uganda to build resilient value chains”</b> With the Inter-Institutional Trade Institutional Committee (IITC). The composition includes Ministries, Departments, and agencies (MDAs), as well as private sector, academia, civil society organisations</p> <p>The Ministry will organize a pre-dialogue discussion on the above topic to inform of the Minister’s statement that will be delivered by the Minister of Trade Industry and Cooperatives during the main Conference in October. Discussions will also feed into national discussions around how Uganda could position itself to benefit from the opportunities presented by the regional and global value chains in the context of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).</p>

1 October 2021	Bhutan	<p><b>Techbrew: A series of networking events and Ministerial conference virtual attendance</b></p> <p>Ahead of the Conference and Ministerial Roundtable on 7 October 2021, a techbrew event will be organized to generate momentum towards the Conference. With the tech community in Bhutan growing faster, there are increasing numbers of IT focused individuals looking to meet like-minded digital gurus and entrepreneurs to network and gain inspiration and learn more about their industry. A total of approximately 60 tech entrepreneurs will attend the networking event. Experts, speakers and panelists will be invited to share learnings and experiences.</p>
1 October 2021	Comores - Grande Comore	<p><b>Conférence débat : Comment renforcer la résilience du secteur privé comorien pour faire face à la crise du Covid-19 afin de lutter contre les inégalités et assurer une prospérité partagée pour tous ?</b></p> <p>L'objectif principal de cette conférence-débat est de permettre aux différents acteurs locaux (privés et publics) de discuter sur les difficultés rencontrées actuellement par le secteur privé, d'identifier les goulots entravant son bon fonctionnement et de dégager des pistes de réflexion permettant de redynamiser le secteur privé comorien au profit de toutes les couches sociales de la population.</p>
1 October 2021	Comores - Mohéli	<p><b>« Renforcer les infrastructures pour faciliter les échanges commerciaux interinsulaire »</b> <b>(Reinforce the commercial trade infrastructure for inter-island trade in the Comores)</b></p> <p>La conférence abordera la problématique liée aux échanges commerciaux entre les trois îles (Grande Comore, Anjouan et Mohéli). L'objectif de cette conférence est de débattre des problèmes qui touchent la circulation des marchandises entre les îles en pointant du doigt le problème du transport inter-îles notamment le transport maritime.</p>
2 October 2021	Comores- Anjouan	<p><b>L'économie numérique : une opportunité pour la résilience des femmes et des jeunes</b></p> <p>L'objectif de la conférence est de sensibiliser et débattre sur les enjeux et les opportunités de l'économie numérique pour la résilience de la jeunesse et des femmes comorienne.</p>
3 - 7 October 2021	Angola	<p>The Resident Coordinators Office will provide translations and communication support, among others to be sent to MINDCOM in Portuguese and share with MIREX for wider sharing across the GoA</p>
3 - 7 October 2021	Zambia	<p>Communications support will be provided.</p>
3 - 7 October 2021	Rwanda	<p><b>Trade facilitation</b></p> <p>In support of the conference theme: "From inequality and vulnerability to prosperity for all", Rwanda will showcase UNCTAD's support to the country through the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Rwanda Revenue</p>

		<p>Authority and the National Trade Facilitation Committee in the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement. In particular; the areas of (i) Trade portal facilitation and (ii) Single Window will be highlighted.</p> <p><b>Communication support</b> will be provided through a joint feature story publication on UNCTAD 15, to be published in The New Times and on the UN Rwanda website</p>
3 - 7 October 2021	Burkina Faso	<p><b>Facilitation of connectivity of participants to UNCTAD 15 will be offered from 3 to 7 October</b></p>
5 October 2021	Bangladesh	<p><b>Changing trade regime of Bangladesh in the context of LDC graduation and COVID-19 fallouts</b></p> <p>The country is celebrating its qualification of LDC graduation on its 50th independence anniversary and initiated the preparation of a smooth transition strategy in this regard. This is an opportune moment to discuss the changing trade regime and potential next steps to address the challenges in the areas of international development partners, private sectors, civil society alongside relevant government ministries.</p>
6 October 2021	Haiti	<p><b>From multiple vulnerabilities to resilience and prosperity: A call from Haiti (Hybrid)</b></p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can we ensure that international cooperation is better delivered and coordinated in Haiti to address its intractable gordian knots and build a fairer, greener and inclusive society?</li> <li>• How can we innovate in creating new forms of dialogue and coalitions in support of the implementation of key national policy frameworks for its recovery, resilience building, and a more equal society?</li> <li>• Considering Haiti's status as a Small Island Development State and a Least Developed Country, what regional and international policies and instruments should be activated to support its path towards structural transformation and prosperity for all?</li> </ul>
6 - 7 October 2021	Guinea-Bissau	<p><b>Facilitation of the participation of stakeholders at UNCTAD15 (translation services, meeting room)</b></p> <p>Interpretation services (Portuguese), connectivity, transport of participants, venue, coffee breaks for the ministerial roundtables (6-7 October) are envisaged.</p> <p>Communications support will focus on production of press releases, radio spots which will be broadcasted nationwide especially through community radios, production of stories and photos showcasing the impact of COVID-19 on people lives and of the support provided by the UN. UNFPA, UNDP and WHO will share stories.</p> <p>RCO will interview an academic about the participation of Guinea-Bissau in UNCTAD 15. A media coverage will be done for this conference. These products will be broadcasted in UNCTAD website and social media platforms and UN Guinea-Bissau website and Facebook social media platform.</p>
7 October 2021	Djibouti	<p><b>Atelier de sensibilisation et de formation sur le système national de normalisation et de la qualité</b></p>

		<p><b>(“Reforms on norms and consumer protection in Djibouti »)</b></p> <p>Cet évènement a pour objectif sensibiliser et informer les opérateurs économiques et la société civile sur le système National de Normalisation et de promotion de la qualité adopté par la <i>Loi N° 33/AN/18/8ème</i> L du 14 Février 2019 s’inscrit dans le cadre de la politique de la protection du consommateur et l’amélioration de la sécurité alimentaire qui fait partie de UNCTAD 15</p> <p>The Ministry wishes to introduce via this event the newly created Djiboutian Agency in charge of Norms and Quality. As this represents an excellent opportunity to communicate around the reforms being implemented in the country, they indeed wanted to confirm whether the side event could be a live virtual event, with external participation.</p>
7 October 2021	Bhutan	<p><b>Techbrew: A series of networking events and Ministerial conference virtual attendance</b></p> <p>Support technopreneurs in attending the UNCTAD15 conference High-level event (Ministerial round table IV: Harnessing frontier technologies for shared prosperity) on 7th October 2021.</p>
7 October 2021	Lesotho	<p><b>Bridging the divide between formal and informal cross-border traders</b></p> <p>This topic complements UNCTAD15’s theme of ‘From Inequality and Vulnerability to Prosperity for All’, whilst also focusing on how trade can support COVID-19 recoveries. The event would be maximum a half-day event (minimum 2 hours) and would be held at a conference facility in Maseru, Lesotho.</p>
8 October 2021	Burkina Faso	<p><b>Side event: La pandémie de la COVID-19 et le commerce : Les effets et les nouvelles réalités pour le Burkina Faso</b></p> <p>L’évènement parallèle est une table ronde interactive. Une première session portera sur les impacts économiques de la pandémie de la COVID-19, notamment sur le commerce au Burkina Faso. Par ailleurs, la deuxième session sera consacrée aux perspectives de l’évolution du commerce au Burkina Faso dans le contexte de l’après-pandémie et l’entrée en vigueur de la Zone de Libre-Echange Continentale Africaine (ZLECAf) depuis le 1 janvier 2021.</p>
12 October 2021	Guinea-Bissau	<p><b>Post-debate on participation of Guinea-Bissau in UNCTAD 15</b></p> <p>The radio debate will be focus on the assessment of Guinea-Bissau’s participation in the conference, comments and insights from stakeholders who participated, including on how to implement the keys recommendations of the conference</p> <p>Communication support will focus on the production of press releases, radio spots which will be broadcasted nationwide especially through community radios, production of stories and photos showcasing the impact of COVID-19 on people lives and of the support provided by the UN. UNFPA, UNDP and WHO will share stories.</p>

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Late October/early November (To be confirmed)	Bangladesh	<p><b>Changing trade regime of Bangladesh in the context of LDC graduation and COVID-19 fallouts</b></p> <p>The country is celebrating its qualification of LDC graduation on its 50th independence anniversary and has initiated preparation of a smooth transition strategy in this regard. This event will discuss the changing trade regime and potential next steps to address the challenges with international development partners, the private sector, civil society alongside relevant government ministries.</p>