



**NOTIFICATION**  
**Ninth Global Commodities Forum**  
**Strengthening resilience in commodity dependent countries**  
**Geneva, 13–15 September 2021**

The Global Commodities Forum will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, with physical and remote participation, from 13 to 15 September 2021. It will commence at 3 p.m. on Monday, 13 September 2021.

The ninth meeting of the Global Commodities Forum is jointly organized by UNCTAD and the Government of Barbados, in collaboration with their partners. It is held in the lead up to the fifteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, hosted by Barbados, to be held with remote participation from 3 to 7 October 2021 and the theme of which is “From inequality and vulnerability to prosperity for all”.

The Global Commodities Forum is a major multi-stakeholder meeting, at which participants can discuss pragmatic solutions to perennial problems in the commodity economy. It offers a unique platform at which to debate issues at the intersection of commodities and development, including food security, water management, the transition from fossil fuels and the greening of the mining sector. The theme of the 2021 Global Commodities Forum is “Strengthening resilience in commodity dependent countries”.

Responding effectively to the COVID-19 pandemic and meeting development needs in the context of accelerating climate change processes are challenging many commodity dependent developing countries. How countries will adapt to a constantly evolving environment depends on their capacity to promote innovative economic and social development programmes. In this regard, international cooperation is crucial. The Global Commodities Forum will connect policymakers with practitioners to address current challenges and future opportunities for commodity dependent economies.

The Global Commodities Forum will help to frame international policy discussions on commodities, highlighting challenges and opportunities for developing countries, in particular commodity dependent developing countries. In this regard, four thematic sessions and a high-level round table will be organized. On day 1, the first session will be dedicated to agriculture, with a focus on the policy actions required to ensure food security, and the second session will examine the challenges related to access to water in the twenty-first century. On day 2, the third and fourth sessions will examine issues related to energy commodities and minerals, with a focus on energy transitions. On day 3, a high-level round table will be held on strengthening resilience. More information is available at <https://unctad15.org/commodities-forum>

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## **Participation**

The meeting is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Participants will include high-level representatives from national Governments, policymakers, experts and representatives of the private sector, from all regions of the world. Participants will attend the meeting at their own expense. Representatives of other organizations, including specialized agencies, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations in the general and special categories, wishing to participate as observers, are requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat of the names of their representatives by 3 September 2021.

Registration should be completed online at <https://indico.un.org/event/1000150/>. Nominations and related communications concerning representation at the meeting should be sent to the Intergovernmental Support Service, UNCTAD, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; fax: 41 22 917 0214; email: [meetings@unctad.org](mailto:meetings@unctad.org) or [commodities@unctad.org](mailto:commodities@unctad.org).

Member States of UNCTAD are requested to help disseminate information about the Global Commodities Forum to the relevant stakeholders in their countries.

## **Logistics**

The Global Commodities Forum will be held with physical participation, in room XVII of the Palais des Nations, and remote participation, through a simultaneous interpretation platform in English, French and Spanish. A link to the formal virtual meeting will be sent to registered participants, at the email address used for registration, one day in advance of the start of the session.

Due to the prevailing public health measures, the capacity of meeting rooms has been reduced and physical participation is limited to 128 attendees; this figure may change depending on circumstances. Permanent missions are therefore kindly requested to limit in-person participation. Online registration is mandatory to access the meeting room, as well as to facilitate contact tracing, and such access will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges at the United Nations Security Service, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 avenue de la Paix. The Security Service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Because of the security measures in force, participants are strongly advised to arrive before 9 a.m. to complete entry procedures in good time and proceed to the meeting in Building E of the Palais. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations; therefore, visitors will be dropped off at the entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service grants special clearance.

## **Enquiries**

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