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Session on:
Review of Capacity-building in and Technical Assistance on Consumer Protection Law and Policy

Tuesday, 2 July 2024 (15:00 - 16:00)
Palais des Nations, Room XIX (Third Floor)

UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) offers capacity-building and technical assistance on consumer protection law and policy to developing countries, depending on received requests and resource availability. These activities encompass national and regional initiatives aimed at formulating consumer protection legislation, adopting institutional frameworks, and enhancing capacities in different areas related to consumer protection. Additionally, efforts are directed towards fostering a culture of consumer protection through advocacy activities.

The UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) secretariat note¹ reports on the capacity-building and technical assistance activities in consumer protection law and policy carried out in 2023. Technical assistance is one of the three pillars of the work of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Through its dedicated efforts, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has demonstrated its commitment to supporting developing countries enhancement of their capacity and understanding of consumer protection laws and policies. The increasing number of formal requests for technical assistance and capacity building received by UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) underlines the expertise and the relevance of technical cooperation services it delivers.

In this interactive discussion, delegates may want to:

- (a) exchange views and findings from their past experiences in UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) technical assistance activities; and
- (b) discuss what kind of technical assistance activities by UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) are needed and as next steps.

¹ TD/B/C.I/CPLP/41.

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WORK PROGRAMME

15:00 - 15:05 **Presentation by the UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Secretariat**

15:05 - 15:50 **Speakers**

- Mr. Eddy Alcántara, Executive Director, National Institute for the Protection of Consumer Rights, Dominican Republic
- Mr. Tarik Alami, Cluster Leader, Governance and Conflict Prevention, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (tbc)
- Ms. Adriana Zacarias, Head of Global Opportunities for Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations Environment Programme (tbc)

15:50 - 16:00 **Interactive debate**

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) secretariat accordingly by contacting Ms. Valentina Rivas (valentina.rivas@un.org).