

Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy  
8<sup>th</sup> Session, 1 - 2 July 2024, Geneva, Switzerland

**Opening Plenary: election of officers, adoption of the agenda and organization of work, report on the implementation of the United Nations guidelines for consumer protection by member States and relevant stakeholders and latest developments in legal and institutional frameworks: UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) world consumer protection map**

**Monday, 1 July 2024 (10:00 - 11:30)  
Palais des Nations, Room XIX (Third Floor)**

The eighth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy will elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair-Cum-Rapporteur. The Group will also be invited to adopt the provisional agenda for the session.<sup>1</sup>

Following the address by Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Dr. Laura Best will deliver a keynote address entitled “The role of consumer protection in responding to global challenges”. Thereafter, the floor will be open for general statements. In the interest of time, delegates are invited to use this space to address item 3 of the provisional agenda, namely the report on the implementation of the United Nations guidelines for consumer protection<sup>2</sup> by member States and relevant stakeholders.

The session will finalize with the UN Trade and Development secretariat presentation on the latest developments in legal and institutional frameworks: UN Trade and Development world consumer protection map, item 4 of the provisional agenda.

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<sup>1</sup> [TD/B/C.I/CPLP/38](#)

<sup>2</sup> [A/RES/70/186](#)

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**WORK PROGRAMME**

- 10:00 - 10:10 **Election of officers and adoption of the agenda and organization of work**
- 10:10 - 10:20 **Address by Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**
- 10:20 - 10:40 **Keynote on *The role of consumer protection in responding to global challenges* by Dr. Laura Best, International consumer policy specialist**
- 10:40 - 11:20 **General statement and Implementation of the United Nations guidelines for consumer protection**
- Ms. Cinthya Sarahi Artega Portillo, Deputy Secretary of Business Development and Internal Trade, Honduras (tbc)
  - Mr. Eddy Alcántara, Executive Director, National Institute for the Protection of Consumer Rights, Dominican Republic
  - Ms. Sarah Lacoche, Director General, Directorate General for Competition, Consumer Protection and Fraud Repression, France
  - Mr. Angel Martinez, Senior attorney, Office of International Affairs, Federal Trade Commission, United States
- 11:20 - 11:30 **Latest developments in legal and institutional frameworks: UN Trade and Development world consumer protection map**

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) secretariat accordingly by contacting Mr. Arnau Izaguerri ([arnau.izaguerri@un.org](mailto:arnau.izaguerri@un.org)).