

Investment, Enterprise and Development

Commission
16th session

Programme

31 August – 4 September 2026, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (CET)

Room XVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Monday, 31 August

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Opening plenary session

Item 1 Election of officers

Item 2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Opening remarks Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno, Acting Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Briefing on World Investment Forum 2026 H.E. Hend Al Muftah, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Latest developments in trends and policies in investment, enterprise and technology

- Ms. Nan Li Collins, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise (DIAE)
- Mr. Angel González Sanz, Officer-in-Charge, Division on Technology and Logistics (DTL)

Statements by UNCTAD member States

Monday, 31 August

3–6 p.m. **Panel discussion**

Item 5 *Navigating the global investment landscape: Strategic Policy Options*

Introductory
Remarks

Ms. Nan Li Collins, Director, DIAE, UNCTAD

High-level
segment
[30 min]

Country Experiences and Lessons Learned: Insights from Tunisia and Bangladesh

- Mr. Samir Abdelhafidh, Minister of Economy and Planning, Tunisia (tbc)
- Mr. Nahian Rahman Rochi, Executive Member, Investment Promotion, Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA)

Followed by

Remarks by designated speakers

[60 min]

- Ms. Usana Berananda, Ambassador, Thailand
- Ms. Claire Thuaudet, Deputy Permanent Representative, France (tbc)
- Mr. Stefano Pisotti, Minister and Deputy Permanent Representative, Italy
- Mr. Norifumi Kondo, Deputy Permanent Representative, Japan
- Mr. Clements Recker, Minister Counsellor, Department of Economic Affairs, Germany
- Mr. Tesfachew Taffere, Member, United Nations Committee for Development Policy
- Mr. André Guedel, President, Swiss-African Business Circle
- Mr. Hafedh Nefti, President Chambre of Commerce Switzerland – Tunisia
- Mr. Dildar Malek, Partner and Digital Entrepreneur, bizzNtek

Followed by
[60 min]

Interactive Discussion



Tuesday, 1 September

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Item 3

Report of expert meeting:

Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-Building and Sustainable Development

Item 4

Report of Intergovernmental Groups of Experts:

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

Item 6

Progress report on promoting and strengthening synergies among the three Pillars

Statements by UNCTAD member States (continued, if needed)

3 p.m.–6 p.m.

Statements by UNCTAD member States (continued, if needed)

Wednesday, 2 September

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Informal consultations

3–6 p.m.

Informal consultations

Thursday, 3 September

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Informal consultations

3–6 p.m.

Informal consultations



Friday, 4 September

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

Consideration of the draft outcome of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission

Item 7 Other business

Item 8 Adoption of the report of the Commission to the Trade and Development Board

