



**Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive
Capacity-building and Sustainable Development, seventh session
17–19 June 2019**

Provisional programme

Monday, 17 June

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 by Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Introduction by Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Item 3. Responsible and sustainable business practices and corporate social responsibility and enterprise development

Informal session 1

Panellists:

- H.E. Achille Bassilekin III, Minister of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, Social Economy and Handicrafts, Cameroon
- Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice-President, World Bank
- Mr. Markus Dietrich, Director, Inclusive Business Action Network, Germany
- Ms. Felicitas Agoncillo-Reyes, Assistant Secretary, Board of Investments, Philippines
- Ms. Jessy C. Petit-Frère, Research Professor and Coordinator, Entrepreneurship Programme, Université Publique du Sud au Cayes, Haiti
- Mr. Crispin Conroy, Permanent Observer to the United Nations Office at Geneva, International Chamber of Commerce

Discussant:

- Mr. Michele Clara, Senior Industrial Development Officer, United Nations Industrial Development Organization

3 – 4.30 p.m.

Informal session 2

Creating a supportive environment for youth entrepreneurship

Panellists:

- Mr. Sushil Ram, Programme Manager, Commonwealth Youth Division, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- Mr. Charles Graham Brown, Chief Investment Officer, Seedstars World, Switzerland
- Ms. Cristiana Benedetti Fasil, Head and Co-founder, Social Venture Africa, Belgium
- Mr. Charles Ocici, Director, Enterprise Uganda, Uganda
- Ms. Victoria Peace, Director, Nyero-Too Poultry Farm, Uganda
- Mr. Mika Väitalo, Senior Specialist on Innovation, Digital Development and Transparency, Plan International Finland, Finland

Interactive debate

Discussants:

- Mr. Gilbert Ewehmeh, Managing Director, The Youth Employment Service, Cameroon
- Ms. Emanuela Benini, Senior Adviser, Youth Issues, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, Italy

4.30 – 6 p.m.

Informal session 3
Empowering women entrepreneurs

Panellists :

- H.E. Henri Monceau, Permanent Representative, International Organization of la Francophonie, Switzerland
- Ms. Charlotte Aspeheim-Schmidt, Europe, Middle East and Africa Programme Manager, Dell for Entrepreneurs, Dell, Denmark
- Mr. Peter Bamkole, Director, Enterprise Development Centre, Nigeria
- Ms. Christine Löw, Director, Liaison Office Geneva, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, Switzerland
- Ms. Lama Sha'sha'a, Co-founder and Chair, International Robotics Academy, Jordan
- Mr. Arif Zaman, Executive Director, Commonwealth Businesswomen's Network, United Kingdom

Interactive debate

Discussants:

- Ms. Yolanda Gibb, Research Lead, Women's Economic Imperative, United Kingdom
- Ms. Dina Nziku, Lecturer, University of the West of Scotland/United Republic of Tanzania

6.15 – 7.30 p.m.

Cocktail reception, Escargot Bar, 3rd floor, Palais des Nations

Tuesday, 18 June

10 – 11.30 a.m. Informal session 4
Migrant entrepreneurs: Accelerating integration and economic development

Panellists :

- Mr. Guillaume Cassaigneau, Diplomatic Officer for Multilateral Migration Issues, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland
- Ms. Janette Uhlmann, Senior Operations Officer, World Bank/Centre for Mediterranean Migration, France
- Mr. Jerry Allen, Professor and Director for Entrepreneurship, University College London Innovation and Enterprise, University College London, United Kingdom
- Mr. Giordano Neuenschwander, Head of Office, Singa Geneva, Switzerland
- Ms. Elisa Pasquali, Founder, Arcadia Blockchain Technologies and Arcadia Blockchain for Refugees, Switzerland
- Ms. Martina Venzo, Humanitarian Programme Officer, Help Code, Italy

Interactive debate

Discussant:

- Ms. Maria Elo, Associate Professor, University of Southern Denmark in Odense

11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Informal session 5
Growing inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystems in the digital world

Panellists:

- Mr. Antoine Fatio, Director, Fondetec, Switzerland
- Ms. Fatou Ndiaye, Co-founder, The Great Village, France
- Mr. Armen Orujyan, Chief Executive Officer, Foundation for Armenian Science and Technology, Armenia
- Alan Santos, Co-founder and Chief Information Officer, Kubinga, Angola
- Mr. Colin Lee, Chief Executive, Cemvo Scotland, United Kingdom
- Mr. Alistair Munro, Director, Avocet Natural Capital, United Kingdom
- Ms. Ranveig Strom, Entrepreneurship Development Officer, European Organization for Nuclear Research, Switzerland

Interactive debate

Discussant:

- Mr. Nigel Culkin, Professor, Enterprise and Entrepreneurial Development, University of Hertfordshire, United Kingdom,

3 – 4.30 p.m. Informal session 6
Moving beyond corporate social responsibility towards corporate social engagement

Panellists:

- Mr. Philipp Aerni, Director, Centre for Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability, Zurich University, Switzerland

- Ms. Joana Barata Correia, Head of iWAY Development, Inter IKEA Group, Sustainability, Sweden
- Mr. Jean Laville, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Swiss Sustainable Finance, Partner at Conser Invest, Switzerland
- Mr. Jonathan Normand, Founder and Executive Director, B Lab, Switzerland
- Ms. Caroline Seow, Head of Sustainability, Family Business Network International, B Market Builder, Singapore
- Mr. Antonio Carrillo, Head of Climate and Energy at LafargeHolcim Group, Switzerland
- Mr. Keimpe Keuning, Executive Director, LGT Capital Partners, Switzerland

Interactive debate

Discussants:

- Ms. Vanina Farber, Professor, International Institute for Management Development, Switzerland
- Mr. Abdullah Mohammed Al Mahruki, Chief Executive Officer, Industrial Innovation Centre, Rusayl Industrial Estate, Oman

4.30 – 6 p.m.

Informal session 7
Harnessing impact investment

Panellists:

- Ms. Nathaly Alejandra Ortiz Cárdenas, Director of Investment Policy, Ecuador
- Ms. Karen Wilson, Senior Consultant, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
- Ms. Taynaah Reis, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Moeda, Brazil
- Ms. Kali Taylor, Programme Officer, Sustainable Development Goals Lab, United Nations Office at Geneva
- Ms. Mónica Mariño, Technical Officer, Social Finance Programme, International Labour Organization
- Mr. Chinyere Nnadi, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Sela Technologies, Nigeria
- Mr. Dawid Jarosz, Lecturer, Sustainable Development Goal Investing, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland

Wednesday, 19 June 2019

10 – 11.30 a.m.

Informal session 8
Balancing risks and opportunities: The future of entrepreneurship policies

Panellists:

- Ms. Angélique Antat, Principal Secretary, Department of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development, Seychelles
- Ms. Paola Albé, Director, Empretec Uruguay, Uruguay
- Ms. Monica Canafoglia, Legal Officer, United Nations Commission on

International Trade Law, Austria

- Mr. Paul Dembinski, Professor, University of Fribourg, Switzerland
- Mr. Jorge Lawson, President of the Empretec Argentina Foundation, Argentina
- Ms. Lore Vandewalle, Professor, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland
- Ms. Rosangela Feola, University of Salerno and International Council for Small Business, Italy

11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Closing plenary session

Item 4. Adoption of the report of the meeting