

Multi-year
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16th session

**Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and
Development, sixteenth session**

9 – 10 December 2025, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Room III, Palais des Nations, Geneva

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Timetable

Tuesday, 9 December

10 – 11.30 a.m. **Opening plenary**

Election of officers

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Opening remarks:

- Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Statements: By UNCTAD member States

Tuesday, 9 December

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. **Recent developments, challenges and opportunities in agriculture commodity markets** *(cont.)*

Moderated by Mrs. Luz Maria de la Mora, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat:

- Mr. Rodrigo Cárcamo-Díaz, Chief a.i., Agricultural Commodities Section, DITC

Setting the stage: Agricultural commodities

Presentations by experts:

- Mr. Nathan Kemp, Senior Economist, International Grains Council (IGC)

Recent developments and perspectives in cereals markets

- Mr. René Araujo-Enciso, Economist, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)

The outlook for global food and agricultural markets

- Mr. Kenneth Strzepek, Research Scientist, Center for Sustainability Science and Strategy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Agricultural trade and vulnerability to food insecurity

Interactive debate

3 –4.30 p.m. **Strategic diversification for commodity-dependent developing countries - Agriculture**

Moderated by Mr. Rodrigo Cárcamo-Díaz, Chief a.i., Agricultural Commodities Section, DITC

Presentations by experts:

- Mr. Andrey Kuleshov, Chief of Strategy and Development, Common Fund for Commodities (CFC)
- Ms. Halia Varinda, Department of Industrial Policy and Development, Ministry of Economy, Republic of Mozambique
- Mr Nicholas Mainza, Chief Agriculture Economist (Trade and Agribusiness), Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Zambia
- Ms. Aameena Shafi Mohin, Director General of Commerce, Department of Commerce, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Q & A



Tuesday, 9 December (*cont.*)

4.30–5.45 p.m.

Panel: Trade as a tool for diversification and value addition to agricultural exports by developing countries

Moderator: Ms. Sofía Boza, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Chile to the WTO

- Mrs. Cecilia Risolo, Minister and Deputy Permanent Representative to the WTO, Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Mr. Nur Setyoko, Ambassador to the WTO and Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations, WTO and other organizations in Geneva
- Delegate from Africa: (tbc)

Interactive debate

5.45 – 6 p.m.

Closing of the session

Wednesday, 10 December

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Recent developments, challenges and opportunities in commodity markets: Minerals, ores and metals and energy commodities

Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat

- Mr. Saidali Abdoukarim, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, DITC
Setting the stage: Minerals, ores and metals, and energy commodities

Presentations by experts

- Mr. Andrew Walker, VP LNG Strategy, Cheniere
The global outlook on liquefied natural gas
- Mr. Alexander Bressers, Senior Oil Market Analyst, International Energy Agency (IEA)
The state and prospects of oil markets
- Mr. Guillaume Albasini, Energy and Mining Analyst, Geneva
Price volatility on CETMs
- Mr. Solomon Cefai, Senior Price Reporter
Rare earths: market conditions and supply chain
- Mr. Przemyslaw Kowalski, Senior Economist, OECD
OECD's Work on Secure and Resilient Mineral Supply Chains

Interactive debate



Wednesday, 10 December (cont.)

3 – 5.45 p.m.

Strategic diversification for commodity-dependent developing countries: Minerals, ores and metals and energy commodities

Discussion panel on data driven model for diversification strategies:

Moderated by Ms. Claudine Sigam, Economic Affairs Officers, Extractive Commodities Section, DITC

Introduction by UNCTAD secretariat:

- Mr. Clovis Freire Junior, Chief, Extractive Commodities Section, DITC
Supporting diversification through data-driven analysis: Results of the rapid assessment project on value addition in Southern Africa
- Mr. Erasmus Shivolo, Deputy Executive Director, Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy, Republic of Namibia
From data to diversification: Namibia's experience and regional lessons for harnessing critical energy transition minerals

Presentations by experts:

Moderated by Ms. Maria Luz de la Mora, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

- H.E. Dr. Leslie S. Ramsammy, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
Guyana's extractive economic boom – Launching pad for one of the most robust economic diversification programs
- Ms. Tiguidanke Dabo, Head of Unit, Bureau of Strategy and Development, Ministry of Mines and Geology, Republic of Guinea
Toward a renewed Guinea, from raw exports to and integrated, biodiversity-conscious mining economy
- Mr. Rufaro Nyambuya, Senior Economist, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Republic of Zimbabwe
Leveraging critical minerals for the just energy transition in Zimbabwe
- Mr. Andreas Edele, Senior Trade and Investment Policy Adviser, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
Domestic value addition and critical mineral value chains – How effective are industrial, investment and trade policies?

Interactive debate

5.45–6 p.m.

Closing remarks by Ms. Luz Maria de la Mora, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

Adoption of the report of the meeting

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