

Multi-year
Expert Meeting on
**Commodities and
Development**
17th session

Programme

22 - 23 October 2026, 10 a.m to 6 p.m. (CET)
Council Chamber, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Thursday, 22 October

10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Opening Plenary

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)

Followed by

Statements by UNCTAD Member States

11.30 a.m - 1 p.m.

Item 3

Recent developments, challenges and opportunities in commodity markets – Agricultural Commodities

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

Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat

Setting the stage: Agricultural commodities:

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

Presentations by experts

Recent developments and perspectives in cereal markets:

Mr. Arnaud Petit, Director General, International Grains Council (IGC)

The outlook for global food and agricultural markets:

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

Followed by

Interactive debate

3 –6 p.m.

Item 4

Navigating commodity price volatility – Agricultural Commodities

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

Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat

Setting the stage: Agricultural commodities

Ms. Danyira Pérez, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Agricultural Commodities Section, Division on International Trade and Commodities

Presentations by experts

Mr Andrey Kuleshov, Chief of Strategy and Development, Common Fund for Commodities

Ms. Lorena Ruiz, Economist, International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC)

Discussants:

Mr. René Araujo-Enciso, Economist, UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

Mr. Arnaud Petit, Director General, International Grains Council (IGC)

Followed by

Interactive debate

Friday, 23 October

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Item 3

Recent developments, challenges and opportunities in commodity markets – Extractive Commodities

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

Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat

Ms. Alexandra Laurent, Statistics Assistant, Extractive Commodities Section

Mr. Stefan Csordas, Economic Affairs Officer, Extractive Commodities Section

Presentations by experts

Mr. Guillaume Albasini, Energy and Mining Markets Analyst

Mr. Alexander Bressers, Senior Oil Market Analyst, International Energy Agency (IEA)

Mr. Jean-Christian Heintz, Managing Director, Wideangle LNG

Mr. Marnix van Holland, Energy and Climate Expert, The Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO)

Followed by

Interactive debate

Followed by

Statements by UNCTAD Member States (*continued, if needed*)

3 – 4.30 p.m.

Item 4

Navigating commodity price volatility – Extractive Commodities

Moderated by **Mr. Clovis Freire Junior**, Chief, Extractive Commodities Section

Presentations by experts

Ms. Fiama Angeles Bonelli, Senior trade Policy analyst, Global Trade Alert

Mr. Julio Kunda Muya, Head of division, Ministry of trade, Democratic Republic of the Congo Commodities

Ms. Maggie Xu, Cross-border energy, commodity and investment analyst, Zayed Private Office

Mr. Agustín González, International Affairs Unit, Ministry of Mining of Chile

Followed by

Interactive debate

4:30- 5:45 p.m.

Panel on diversification and value addition

Mr. Ekpen Omonbude, Senior Policy Advisor, IGF

Ms. Anabel Marin, Research Fellow, International Development Studies

Mr. John Sloan, Economic Affairs Officer, UN Economic Commission for Africa

5.45 – 6 p.m.

Closing Plenary

Closing remarks

Ms. Luz María de la Mora, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Item 5

Adoption of the report of the meeting