



**MULTI-YEAR EXPERT MEETING ON ENHANCING THE ENABLING ECONOMIC
ENVIRONMENT AT ALL LEVELS IN SUPPORT OF INCLUSIVE AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AND THE PROMOTION OF
ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION**

First session

Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XXVI, 26 and 27 October 2017

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 26 October 2017

10–10.30 a.m. Agenda item 1. Election of officers

Agenda item 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Opening statement by Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Agenda item 3. Harnessing international production networks to foster inclusive growth and local productive capacities

Introduction by Richard Kozul-Wright, Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD

Session 1: Global value chains, local capacities and inclusive growth
This session will analyse the recent evolution of different types of international production networks and their impact on growth, transformation and inequality.

Panellists:

- Keynote speech: Eva García Fabre, Minister of Industry and Productivity, Ecuador
- Antonio Andreoni, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
- Gaaitzen de Vries, University of Groningen

Question-and-answer session and discussion from the floor

Thursday, 26 October 2017

3–6 p.m.

Session 2: Focus on value addition in Southern Africa

This session will analyse the case of Southern Africa in a comparative perspective and examine in detail some of the most promising value chains in the region.

Panellists:

- Nimrod Zalk, Department of Trade and Industry of South Africa
- Rashmi Banga, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD
- Judith Fassehaie, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development

Question-and-answer session and discussion from the floor

Friday, 27 October 2017

10 a.m.–1
p.m.

Session 3: Using industrial policy to sustain inclusive growth

This session will analyse the role of industrial policy for harnessing different types of international production networks to foster inclusive growth and local capacities.

Panellists :

- Annalisa Primi, Development Centre, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
- Irmgard Numbler, International Labour Organization
- Adnan Seric, United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- Joerg Mayer, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD

Question-and-answer session and discussion from the floor

Closing plenary session

Introduction of Chair's summary

Agenda item 4. Adoption of the report of the meeting