



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 Integration and Cooperation

Second session

Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XXVI, 19 and 20 March 2018

Programme

Monday, 19 March

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

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

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Agenda item 3. Adapting industrial policies for economic diversification and structural transformation to a digital world

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

Session 1: Digital technologies, economic diversification and structural transformation

This session will discuss how the use of new digital technologies affects economic diversification and structural transformation, including by shifting traditional boundaries of individual industries and those between industry and services.

Panellists:

- Keynote speech: Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Sri Lanka
- Xiaolan Fu, University of Oxford
- David Kucera, International Labour Organization
- Angel González-Sanz, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

Question-and-answer session and discussion from the floor

3–6 p.m.

Session 2: Making industrial policy fit for the digital world

This session will analyse how industrial policies need to be adapted to foster economic diversification and structural transformation in a digital world.

Panellists:

- Laura Mann, London School of Economics and Political Science
- Pier-Giuseppe Fortunato, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD
- Fernando Santiago, United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- Jianjun Zhou, State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission, China
- Aguinaldo Nogueira Maciente, Institute for Applied Economic Research, Brazil

Question-and-answer session and discussion from the floor

Tuesday, 20 March

10 a.m.–1
p.m.

Session 3: South–South and triangular cooperation in the digital economy

This session will analyse the role of South–South and triangular cooperation in fostering economic diversification and structural transformation in a digital world.

Panellists:

- Parminder Jeet Singh, IT for Change, India
- Safdar A. Sohail, National Institute of Management; Planning Commission, Pakistan
- Shafquat Haider, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, Bangladesh
- Nick Wallace, Centre for Data Innovation, Brussels

Question-and-answer session and discussion from the floor

Closing plenary session

Agenda item 4. Adoption of the report of the meeting