

Meeting on The Inequality Learning Group

Geneva, Palais des Nations

Room S4 (Moroccan room)

24 September 2025, 10 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. (CET)

The Inequality Learning Group was launched by UNCTAD, the Tanzanian think tank REPOA (Research on Poverty Alleviation) and the Africa Hub at the University of Warwick, UK, in 2023. The initiative will provide a platform for government officials and academics to exchange experiences and share knowledge on policies to address inequality with a view to drawing lessons for trade and development policies.

The aim of this meeting is to: (a) present the Inequality Learning Group Initiative to participants and development partners based in Geneva; (b) have discussions with participants and development partners on the operationalization of the initiative; and (c) explore possible options for mobilization of resources to support the initiative.

Moderator [H.E. Mr. Lansana Gberie](#), Permanent Representative of the Republic of Sierra Leone to United Nations in Geneva

10.00–10.30 Opening Session

Remarks by Mr. *Paul Akiwumi*, Director, ALDC, UNCTAD

Remarks by *Prof. Franklyn Lisk*, University of Warwick

Remarks by *Dr. Donald Mmari*, Executive Director, REPOA, Tanzania

Remarks by Ms. *Renate Tenbusch*, Director, FES Geneva

10.30–11.00 Overview of the Inequality Learning Group Initiative

Patrick Osakwe, Head, Trade, Poverty and Inequalities Branch, UNCTAD

11.00–12.30 Interactive discussion

12.30–13.00 Closing remarks and the way forward