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9 – 10 December 2024, 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. (CET)
Room XIX, Palais des Nations, Geneva

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Timetable

Monday, 9 December

10.00–10.30 a.m.	Opening session of the Global Commodities Forum
Opening remarks	Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD (video)
Introduction remarks	Ms. Luz María de la Mora, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD



Monday, 9 December

10.30 a.m.-1.00 p.m.

Adaptation to the energy transition in fossil fuel-dependent developing countries

10.30 – 12.00 a.m.

Presentations

Issues and challenges in fossil fuel-dependent developing countries

Moderator: Rodrigo Cárcamo-Díaz, Chief (a.i), Commodities Policy Implementation and Outreach Section, UNCTAD

Ms Diana Rivera, Sub-Director of Macroeconomic Programming, Ministry of Finance of Colombia

Adapting to the fiscal policy challenges associated with the energy transition

Mr. Alberto Americo, Senior Macroeconomic Analyst, Bank for International Settlements (BIS)

The energy transition and its macroeconomic effects

Mr. Noel Perez-Benitez, Chief of Fiscal Affairs Unit, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Fiscal impact estimates of a net-zero emissions transition for major hydrocarbon producers in Latin America and the Caribbean

Interactive discussion

12.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Panel discussion

Policy options for adapting to the energy transition in fossil fuel-dependent developing countries

Moderator: Ms. Anastasia Nesvetailova, Head, Macroeconomic and Development Policies Branch, UNCTAD

Panellists:

- **Mr. Lian Allub**, Principal Economist, Socioeconomic Division, CAF – Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean, Venezuela
- **Ms. Valerie Ducrot**, Executive Director, Global Gas Centre, Switzerland
- **Mr. Mohamed Réda Ouguenoune**, Chef de Département, SONATRACH, Algeria

Interactive discussion



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3.00 – 6.00 p.m. **Promoting natural fibers in the climate action agenda**

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Presentations **Moderator: Ms. Elke Hortmeyer, Chair, Discover Natural Fibres Initiative**

Presentations:

Mr. Marco Fugazza, UNCTAD Commodities Branch

Trade and market access in natural fibres

Mr. Robert Antoshak, Partner, Gherzi Textile Organisation

Impact of sustainability standards and consumer preferences on the fashion and textiles market

Mr. Eric Trachtenberg, Executive Director, International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC)

Building the resilience of cotton production in a changing climate

Mr. Damien Durand, Economics Director, Alliance for European Flax-Linen & Hemp

Establishing/positioning flax-linen as a sustainable fibre in the textile and apparel market

Interactive discussion

4.30 – 6.00 p.m. **Towards a more sustainable fashion and textile industry**

Panel discussion **Moderator: Ms. Elke Hortmeyer, Chair, Discover Natural Fibres Initiative**

Panellists:

- **Ms. Elisabeth van Delden, Sustainability Manager, The Woolmark Company**
- **Ms. Chandrima Chatterjee, Secretary General, Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI)**
- **Ms. Li Lan, Director, External Relations and Partnerships, International Bamboo and Rattan Organization (INBAR)**

Interactive discussion



Tuesday, 10 December

10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.

Fostering sustainable trade in agricultural commodities: The role of standards and traceability

10.00 – 11.15 a.m.

Presentations

Mandatory environmentally motivated standards and traceability: challenges and opportunities

Moderator: Ms. Pinar Karakaya, Economist, Liaison Office, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Geneva

Mr. Rodrigo Cárcamo-Díaz, Chief (a.i), Commodities Policy Implementation and Outreach Section, UNCTAD

Mr. Lars Kahnert, Advisor on Digitalisation, Digital Integration of Agricultural Supply Chains Alliance (DIASCA) and Sustainable Agricultural Supply Chains Initiatives

Mr. Rafael D’Aquino Mafra, Agricultural Attaché, Permanent Mission of Brazil to the WTO and other international organizations in Geneva

Interactive discussion

11.15 – 11.30 p.m.

Coffee break

11.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Panel discussion

Moderator: Ms. Luz María de la Mora, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

Panellists:

- **Mr. Michel Arrion**, Executive Director, International Cocoa Organization (ICCO)
- **Mr. Rizal Affandi Lukman**, Secretary General, Council of Palm Oil Producing Countries (CPOPC)
- **Ms. Gerardo Pataconi**, Head of Operations, International Coffee Organization (ICO)
- **Mr. Jose Cruz Osorio**, Senior Advisor and Head of Democracy and Development Report for Latin America, UN Development Programme/RBLA
- **Mr. Jonathan Hepburn**, Counsellor, Agriculture and Commodities Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)

Tuesday, 10 December

3.00 – 5.45 p.m. **Harnessing benefits form critical energy transition minerals**

Moderator: Mr Rachid Amui, UNCTAD Commodities Branch

Presentations:

Mr. William Davis, Economic Advisor, International Institute for Sustainable Development, London

Professor Saleem H. Ali, Chair, Department of Geography & Spatial Sciences, Blue and Gold Distinguished Professor of Energy and the Environment, University of Delaware, United States

Ms Kristi Disney Bruckner, Law and Policy Director, Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance (IRMA), United States

Mr. Stephen Barrie, Deputy Chief Responsible Investment Officer at the Church of England Pension Board, United Kingdom

Interactive discussion

5.45 – 6.00 p.m. **Closing remarks**

>> Website: <https://unctad.org/meeting/global-commodities-forum-2024>
Contact: commodities@unctad.org
Registration: <https://indico.un.org/event/1005817/>



Side event to the Global Commodities Forum

Monday, 9 December

1.30 – 2.45 p.m.

Room XXVI, Palais des Nations

1.30–2.30 p.m.

UNCTAD-UNDP Joint Agreement to Strengthen Traceability in Latin American Coffee Value Chains

Special event organized by UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and UN Development Programme (UNDP)

1.30-1.50 p.m.

Opening

- Ms. Luz Maria de la Mora, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- Mr. Jose Cruz Osorio, Senior Advisor and Head of Democracy and Development Report for Latin America, UN Development Programme/RBLA

1.50 – 2.45 p.m.

Interventions

- Mr. Josep Gari, Senior Policy Advisor, UN Development Programme (UNDP)
- Mr. Rodrigo Cárcamo-Díaz, Chief (a.i), Commodities Policy Implementation and Outreach Section, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- Mr. Gerardo Patacconi, Head of Operations, International Coffee Organization (ICO)
- Video intervention by UNDP

Q & A Session

