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## NOTIFICATION

### **Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting thirtieth anniversary session**

**Geneva, 6–8 November 2013**

The thirtieth anniversary session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR) is scheduled to be held from 6 to 8 November 2013. It will open at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 6 November in room XVIII of the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

The session provides the opportunity for member States and accounting and reporting stakeholders to discuss key and emerging issues in the area of financial and non-financial accounting and reporting.

This year's session will address two main agenda items:

Item 3 Key foundations for high-quality corporate reporting:

- (a) UNCTAD–ISAR accounting development tool: Feedback from countries;
- (b) Human resources development challenges;

Item 4 Review of good practices in sustainability reporting: Regulatory and stock exchange initiatives.

The session will deliberate on issues related to the human-capacity pillar of the accounting development tool and will review trends in the development of international corporate reporting standards and their implications for human-capacity building.

Deliberations on the second main agenda item will focus on a draft guidance intended to promote a harmonized approach to sustainability reporting. The guidance is intended to be a voluntary technical aid for, among others, stock exchanges and capital market regulators on current best practices in corporate sustainability reporting initiatives.

Other topics that will be considered at the session include integrated reporting, corporate governance disclosure and environmental reporting. Country studies on implementation of corporate governance disclosure will be presented.

The session is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Member State representatives and alternative representatives and advisers wishing to attend the session are requested to provide their credentials to UNCTAD by 25 October 2013.

Specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies wishing to participate in the session, as well as non-governmental organizations in the general category and those in the special category that wish to participate as observers, are requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat of the names of their representatives by the same date.

Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges at the United Nations Security Service, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 avenue de la Paix. The Security Service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Because of the security measures in force, participants are strongly advised to arrive before 9 a.m. in order to complete entry procedures in good time and proceed to the meeting in the E Building (Bâtiment E) of the Palais. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations, and visitors will therefore be dropped off at the requested entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the United Nations Security Service grants special clearance.

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