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NOTIFICATION

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

Thirty-first session

Geneva, 15–17 October 2014

The thirty-first session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR) will be held from 15 to 17 October 2014. It will open at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 October, in room XVIII of the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

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

Under the agreement reached by member States at the thirtieth session of ISAR, the topic proposed for the main agenda item at the thirty-first session is “Key foundations for high-quality reporting: Good practices of monitoring and enforcement, and compliance mechanisms”. Additional topics will be considered under “other business”, including applications and follow-ups on the UNCTAD-ISAR Accounting Development Tool, as well as updates on topics addressed at previous ISAR sessions. The UNCTAD secretariat has prepared an issues paper on the main agenda item with a view to facilitating experts’ deliberations at the session. The provisional agenda and annotations, and other documentation will be circulated in due course.

This year, ISAR will take place as part of the UNCTAD World Investment Forum 2014, which will be held from 13 to 16 October at the Palais des Nations. The Forum is a high-level, biennial, multi-stakeholder gathering designed to facilitate dialogue and action on the world’s key and emerging investment-related challenges. This year’s Forum will discuss investment needs, opportunities and strategies involved in reaching the sustainable development goals.

ISAR participants are invited to attend the World Investment Forum gala opening which will take place on 13 October at 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall, as well as high-level events on 14 October. These include the World Leaders Investment Summit (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and the Sustainable Stock Exchanges Global Dialogue (3 p.m. to 6 p.m.).

The session is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Member State representatives and alternate representatives and advisers wishing to attend the session are requested to provide their credentials to UNCTAD by 1 October 2014.

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.

Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges from 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. to complete entry procedures in good time and proceed to the meeting in Building E of the Palais. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card with them. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations; visitors should therefore be dropped off at the entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service gives special clearance.

Registration should be completed online. To do so, please use the following link: [ISAR, thirty-first session](#). Communications concerning representation at the session should be sent to the following address:

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