



DIAE/MISC/2014/1
(14/32gd)

NOTIFICATION

Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission Sixth session

28 April–2 May 2014

The sixth session of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission will be held from 28 April to 2 May 2014. It will open at 10 a.m. on Monday, 28 April, in room XXVI of the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

The Commission provides the opportunity for member States and investment and development stakeholders to discuss key and emerging issues in the area of investment and enterprise and their implications for sustainable development, as well as policy solutions.

This year's session will address two main themes:

- (a) Entrepreneurship and productive capacity-building;
- (b) Technology and innovation for inclusive development.

A high-level panel has been convened on the first day of the Commission to discuss how to create jobs through enterprise development. Under the same agenda item, policymakers, investment promotion agencies and private sector representatives will be given the opportunity to exchange concrete experiences and views during the second day of the Commission devoted to the presentation, at the ministerial level, of the *Investment Policy Reviews* of Bangladesh, Mongolia and the Republic of Moldova.

Under the agenda item on technology and innovation for inclusive development, the Commission is invited to examine the potential role of science, technology and innovation policies in building more inclusive economies and societies. An expert panel will help launch a discussion about mechanisms and tools available for developing countries to address social challenges through the formulation of their science, technology and innovation policy frameworks, especially in the context of a post-2015 development agenda.

The Commission will also consider the reports and discuss the outcomes and recommendations of its Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development, which addressed innovation for productive capacity-building and sustainable development. It will also consider the report of the thirtieth session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting.

In addition, the Commission will examine progress made in the implementation of the mandates received in Accra and Doha by the secretariat, identifying areas in which synergies have been achieved among the three pillars of its work.

The Commission is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Those wishing to attend the session are requested to provide the UNCTAD secretariat with the credentials of their representatives and the names of their alternative representatives and advisers by 14 April 2014.

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

Upon arrival, participants are requested, before entering the Palais des Nations, 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. 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 with them. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations; visitors will therefore be dropped off at the indicated entrance gate. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service gives special clearance.

Communications concerning representation should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Intergovernmental Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland; fax: + 41 22 917 0214; e-mail: meetings@unctad.org.

For all other enquiries, please contact:

Mr. Alexandre Dabbou, tel.: +41 22 917 5751; fax.: +41 22 917 0194;
e-mail: alexandre.dabbou@unctad.org.

Mr. Carlos Razo, tel.: +41 22 917 5884; fax: +41 22 917 0194;
e-mail: carlos.razo@unctad.org.

(signed)

Mukhisa Kituyi
Secretary-General of UNCTAD

20 March 2014