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## **NOTIFICATION**

### **Trade and Development Commission Seventh session**

**Geneva, 18–22 May 2015**

The seventh session of the Trade and Development Commission will be held from 18 to 22 May 2015. It will open at 10 a.m. on Monday, 18 May, in Room XXVI of the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

The Commission will provide the opportunity for member States and other stakeholders to discuss key trade and development issues related to building more resilient, sustainable and inclusive development.

The Commission will consider the reports of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation on its second and third sessions, Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development on its seventh session, Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development on its third session, Multi-year Expert Meeting on Promoting Economic Integration and Cooperation on its second session and Multi-year Expert Meeting on Enhancing the Enabling Environment at All Levels in Support of Inclusive and Sustainable Development on its second session (item 3(a) of the provisional agenda).

In addition, the Commission will consider the reports of the Expert Meeting on the Impact of Access to Financial Services, including by Highlighting Remittances on Development: Economic Empowerment of Women and Youth, and the Expert Meeting on Social Inclusion Programmes and Their Impact on Sustainable and Inclusive Development and Growth (item 3b). It will also consider the report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy on its fourteenth session (item 3(c)).

The Commission will consider trade development policies and the post-2015 sustainable development agenda (item 4). In the context of the ongoing preparatory process for the third International Conference on Financing for Development and the adoption of the post-2015 sustainable development agenda, the Commission will explore possible designs for a national policy mix that would allow member States to make the best use of trade in attaining the three dimensions (economic, social and environmental) of sustainable development.

Under item 5 of the provisional agenda, the Commission will have the opportunity to discuss the formulation of national policies in the context of existing regional trade agreements. It will review the possible impact of such agreements on the formulation of national development policy. Trends in regional trade agreements will be highlighted, as well as their capacity to address sustainable development concerns at national and regional levels.

The Commission will also consider progress made in promoting and strengthening the synergies among the three pillars of the work of UNCTAD in the areas covered by this Commission (item 6).

Finally, the Commission may also wish to consider and recommend to the Trade and Development Board, for approval, the substantive topic(s) for the next session of the Commission (item 7).

## **Participation**

Registration should be completed online. To do so, please use the following link: [Commission on Trade and Development](#). 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 02 14; e-mail: [meetings@unctad.org](mailto:meetings@unctad.org).

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 Friday, 8 May 2015.

Specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies wishing to participate in the meeting 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.

## **Logistics**

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