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NOTIFICATION

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

**Thirty-fourth session
Geneva, 1 to 3 November 2017**

The thirty-fourth session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR) will be held from 1 to 3 November 2017. It will open at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 1 November, in room XVII of the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

The session will provide an opportunity for member States to discuss key trends in accounting and reporting, and challenges and ways to address them to facilitate high quality and international comparability of corporate reporting for the benefit of financial stability and risk mitigation, an enabling investment climate, and sustainable and inclusive growth. In particular, it will discuss and share good practices on how corporate reporting can contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that has created a new demand on enterprise reporting as a means to assess and enhance the role of the private sector in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

In line with the agreed conclusions reached by member States at the thirty-third session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts, the main agenda items for the thirty-fourth session are as follows:

- (a) Enhancing comparability of sustainability reporting: Selection of core indicators for company reporting on the contribution towards the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals
- (b) The role of disclosures and risk disclosures in enhancing the usefulness of corporate reporting in decision-making.

Additional topics will be considered under “Other business”, including a review of the implementation process of the UNCTAD-ISAR Accounting Development Tool in member States; and outcomes of two high-level UNCTAD regional workshops in Africa and Latin America on financial inclusion and accounting for microenterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises.

The UNCTAD secretariat has prepared issue papers on the main agenda items with a view to facilitating experts’ deliberations at the session. The provisional annotated agenda and other documentation will be circulated in due course.

Participation

Registration should be completed online. To do so, please use the following link: [ISAR, thirty-fourth session](#). Nominations and related communications concerning representation at the meeting should be sent to the following address:

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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 **20 October 2017**.

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.

Logistics

Before entering 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 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; therefore, visitors will be dropped off at the entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service grants special clearance.

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