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NOTIFICATION

Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development Seventh session

Geneva, 17–19 June 2019

The seventh session of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development will be held from 17 to 19 June 2019 in Room XXVI of the Palais des Nations, Geneva. It will start at 10 a.m. on Monday, 17 June 2019.

Background and purpose of the meeting

The meeting will discuss how the sustainable and inclusive dimension of enterprise development could be enhanced by promoting responsible business practices, corporate social responsibility and inclusive entrepreneurship to facilitate progress towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The meeting will review examples of inclusive business models and how awareness of good sustainable and inclusive business practices could be facilitated. In addition, the meeting will elaborate on policies towards strengthening the role of entrepreneurship for inclusive growth and sustainable development. It will discuss how the UNCTAD Entrepreneurship Policy Framework can be adapted and expanded to address the challenges of sustainable and inclusive growth, including by creating employment opportunities and engendering inclusive outcomes for disadvantaged groups of the population such as youth, women, migrants, persons with disabilities and the poor. It will also examine the way forward.

Nominations and participation

This meeting is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Other organizations, including specialized agencies, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations in the general and special categories, as well as academia, research institutions and the private sector, may participate as observers.

Online registration at the [Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development](#) is mandatory for all those wishing to attend the meeting and is required for inclusion in the list of participants. Early registration is advisable so that timely approval may be received for the issuance of a ground pass to the Palais des Nations. Registration requires uploading an official letter of nomination to represent an organization at this meeting. For government representatives, a note verbale or an email from the permanent mission concerned in Geneva will suffice.

State members of UNCTAD are requested to nominate experts no later than **14 May 2019**. The nominees, who will participate in the meeting in their personal capacities, are expected to have proven expertise in the subject. The meeting may be of particular interest to investment-development stakeholders. International and regional organizations are also invited to nominate their participants. A list of nominated experts and any enquiries regarding registration should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Intergovernmental Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; fax: 41 22 917 0214; email: meetings@unctad.org.

Financial assistance

Depending on the availability of funding, UNCTAD will finance the participation of a limited number of officially nominated experts from developing countries, including least developed countries and countries with economies in transition. Governments requiring funding are invited to explicitly request financing in their letter of nomination. It should be understood that there are very limited funds available at this time. The decision as to which experts should receive financing will be based on the direct involvement and expertise of the nominated experts, on the principle of equitable geographical representation and on the needs of beneficiaries. Any changes in nominations will be considered to be new nominations.

Nominations with requests for funding should be received no later than **14 May 2019** and should be accompanied by the following information about the nominee: Curriculum vitae; mailing address; telephone numbers; email address; and name of contact person from the permanent mission in Geneva. Once the list of experts to receive funding has been finalized, all travel arrangements will be made in accordance with United Nations rules and regulations, that is, by applying the least costly fare.

Background documents and contributed papers

The provisional agenda of the meeting, including the secretariat's annotations thereto, is being circulated as document TD/B/C.II/MEM.4/19. To facilitate the discussion, the UNCTAD secretariat has prepared a note entitled "Responsible and sustainable business practices and corporate social responsibility and enterprise development" (TD/B/C.II/MEM.4/20). Documents will be made available on the [UNCTAD website](#).

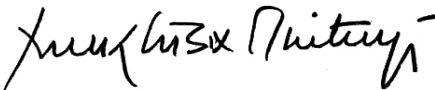
Experts nominated by member States are encouraged to submit by **14 May 2019**, brief papers of approximately five pages as contributions to the work of the meeting. These papers, which will draw on national and private sector experience, will be made available at the meeting in the form and language in which they are received. The papers should be sent in advance to the email address provided below.

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 Building 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; 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.

Further information and contact details

All other enquiries should be addressed to Ms. Fiorina Mugione, Chief, Entrepreneurship Section, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD (fiorina.mugione@unctad.org).


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