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## NOTIFICATION

### **Twelfth UNCTAD Debt Management Conference Geneva, 18–20 November 2019**

### **Debt Management and Financial Analysis System Programme Advisory Group meeting Geneva, 21–22 November 2019**

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has the pleasure of inviting the Permanent Missions in Geneva to the twelfth UNCTAD Debt Management Conference, to be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, from 18 to 20 November 2019. As in previous years, the Conference will be immediately followed by a meeting of the Debt Management and Financial Analysis System (DMFAS) Programme Advisory Group, on 21 and 22 November 2019, for those countries using the DMFAS software in one of their institutions.

#### **Background and purpose**

The Conference provides a regular biennial forum for sharing experiences and exchanging views between Governments, international organizations, academia and civil society on current developments in debt and on debt management issues in the broader macroeconomic context. Furthermore, it brings together senior-level national debt managers from around the world to discuss some of the most pertinent topics in the field today. Around 350 participants from over 100 countries, as well as senior representatives of international, regional and other institutions, participated in the last conference, which was held in November 2017.

This year, the Conference will address such important issues as current trends in the unfolding developing country debt crisis, recent debt transparency initiatives, policies to support long-term debt sustainability, the role of debt and disaster relief and the role of the international community in strengthening debt management. A preliminary programme for the Conference is attached, which provides a fuller picture of the specific themes covered.

The DMFAS Advisory Group meeting that will follow the Conference will provide an opportunity for donors, beneficiaries and development partners of the DMFAS Programme to examine its capacity-building activities in debt management and to discuss its future direction.

#### **Participation**

The Conference 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.

Participation in the DMFAS Advisory Group meeting is reserved for those countries benefiting from the use of the debt management software provided by the DMFAS technical cooperation programme of UNCTAD.

Registration for the Conference should be completed online at <https://reg.unog.ch/event/26455/>. Attendance at the Conference and at the DMFAS Advisory Group meeting is free of charge, but participants will need to meet the costs of their travel and accommodation.

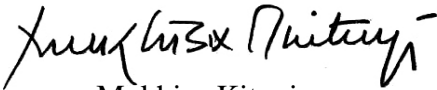
Further inquiries regarding registration should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Intergovernmental Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH1211 Geneva 10; fax: 41 22 917 0214; email: [meetings-unctad@un.org](mailto:meetings-unctad@un.org).

### **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**

Further information on the Twelfth UNCTAD Debt Management Conference and the DMFAS Advisory Group meeting is available on the DMFAS website at <http://unctad.org/dmfas> or by email request to [dmfas@unctad.org](mailto:dmfas@unctad.org).

  
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