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## NOTIFICATION

### **Multi-year Expert Meeting on Enhancing the Enabling Economic Environment at All Levels in Support of Inclusive and Sustainable Development, and the Promotion of Economic Integration and Cooperation Fourth session**

**Geneva, 24–25 February 2020**

The fourth session of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Enhancing the Enabling Economic Environment at All Levels in Support of Inclusive and Sustainable Development, and the Promotion of Economic Integration and Cooperation will be held on 24 and 25 February 2020 in room XXVI of the Palais des Nations, Geneva. It will commence at 10 a.m. on Monday, 24 February.

#### **Background and purpose of the meeting**

In line with the topics for the multi-year expert meeting approved by the Trade and Development Board at its sixty-fifth session, part II, on 4 October 2018, the focus of the fourth session will be on the mobilization of financial resources for inclusive and sustainable development. The issues underscored in paragraphs 38 (c) and 38 (t) of the Nairobi Maafikiano will also be addressed.

Discussions will concentrate on the topic of effective and long-term mobilization of development finance under current conditions, with a particular focus on core policy options and requirements for developing countries. A major topic will be regional and national institutions and mechanisms to facilitate resource mobilization for development.

#### **Nomination and participation**

This meeting is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Representatives of other organizations, including specialized agencies, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations in the general and special categories, as well as academia, research institutions, civil society and the private sector, may participate as observers. No limit is set on the number of experts, including from Governments, who may participate in the meeting.

Online registration at [Multi-year Expert Meeting on Enhancing the Enabling Economic Environment at All Levels in Support of Inclusive and Sustainable Development, and the Promotion of Economic Integration and Cooperation](#) is mandatory for all those wishing to attend the meeting and is required in order to be included in the list of participants. Early registration (by 14 February 2020) is advisable, so that timely approval may be received for the issuance of a badge to enter 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 in Geneva will suffice. All inquiries regarding registration should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Intergovernmental Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; email: [meetings@unctad.org](mailto:meetings@unctad.org).

## **Financial assistance**

Depending on the availability of funding, financial assistance may be granted to a limited number of officially nominated experts from developing countries. Governments requiring funding are invited to explicitly request financing in their letters of nomination. It should be understood that there are limited funds available. The decision as to which nominated experts should receive financing will be based on the direct involvement and expertise of the experts, on the principle of equitable geographical and gender representation and on the needs of beneficiaries. Changes in nominations will be considered new nominations. Nominations with requests for funding should be received no later than 7 February 2020 and should be accompanied by the following information about each nominee: curriculum vitae; mailing and email address; telephone and fax numbers; and name of contact person in the relevant permanent mission in Geneva. Once the list of experts who will receive financial assistance has been finalized, all travel arrangements will be made in accordance with United Nations rules and regulations.

## **Background documents and contributed papers**

The provisional agenda for the meeting, together with the secretariat's annotations thereto, will be circulated as document TD/B/C.I/MEM.8/10. In order to facilitate discussions, the UNCTAD secretariat has prepared a background note titled "Mobilization of financial resources for inclusive and sustainable development" (TD/B/C.I/MEM.8/11).

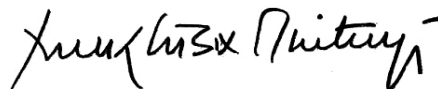
Experts are encouraged to prepare and submit to the meeting brief papers (5–12 pages) related to one or more of the issues in the provisional agenda, which will be available on the UNCTAD website. These papers will be made available at the meeting in the form and language in which they are received. They should be sent by 14 February 2020 to the coordinators in the UNCTAD secretariat, whose contact details are 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**

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