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NOTIFICATION

UNCTAD 15 pre-event: Launch of Train for Trade course on building port resilience against pandemics

for member States of the United Nations, United Nations Resident Coordinators and delegates from permanent missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva and the World Trade Organization

22 June 2021

The UNCTAD secretariat is pleased to announce that a high-level official launch of the Train for Trade special course on building port resilience against pandemics will be held online on 22 June 2021 from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. CEST. This is a preparatory event for the UNCTAD 15 ministerial conference scheduled for the week of 3 October 2021.

Panellists will discuss the importance of keeping supply chains open and allowing maritime trade to continue despite the changing context in which economic sectors operate due to the current coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. The course will feature the Acting Secretary-General of UNCTAD, Ambassadors to the United Nations of Ireland and Spain, Heads of Ports of Argentina (Buenos Aires), Barbados and Spain (Valencia) and the Director of the UNCTAD Division on Technology and Logistics. More information is available at <https://unctad.org/meeting/unctad15-pre-event-launch-trainfortrade-course-building-port-resilience-against-pandemics>.

The UNCTAD Train for Trade programme has designed a self-paced, moderated online course to help port community managers strengthen the knowledge and skills needed to protect the people working in port activities while ensuring the continuity of operations. The course, set to be delivered from 28 June to 30 July 2021, will also lead to the development of a set of recommendations to mitigate the impacts of the current and future pandemics in port communities around the world. This policy advice will feed into the deliberations of fifteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

The UNCTAD secretariat invites relevant institutions from member States and permanent missions to nominate delegates who follow matters pertaining to UNCTAD and/or the World Trade Organization to attend the course. Nominated officials may register at <https://tft-reg.unctad.org>, then select “Official Launch of the Special Course Building Port Resilience against Pandemics” and use the access code BPRLAUNCH.

Queries concerning the course should be addressed to Mr. Mark Assaf, Chief, Human Resources Development Section/Train for Trade, Knowledge Development Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD, tel.: 41 22 917 5481; email: mark.assaf@un.org.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Isabelle Durant'.

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