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NOTIFICATION

Thirteenth Debt Management Conference Geneva, 5–7 December 2022

Debt Management and Financial Analysis System Programme, Advisory Group Meeting Geneva, 8–9 December 2022

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has the pleasure of inviting the permanent missions in Geneva to the thirteenth UNCTAD Debt Management Conference, to be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, from 5 to 7 December 2022. As in previous years, the Conference will be immediately followed by a meeting of Advisory Group of the Debt Management and Financial Analysis System (DMFAS), on 8 and 9 December 2022, for those countries using the DMFAS software in one of their institutions.

Background and purpose of the meeting

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 the debt landscape in developing countries and on debt management issues in this broader macroeconomic context. 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 held in November 2019.

This year's Conference takes place at a crucial moment of multiple global crises affecting the world economy, ranging from ongoing impacts of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic to the cost-of-living crisis and, of course, climate change. The Conference will explore the impact of these crises on developing countries' debt sustainability, with a view to reassessing ways to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and the role of new technologies in mobilizing financial resources. These issues will be addressed through the lens of macroeconomic options available to individual countries and the international community, as well as through policies and best practices in 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

This 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 to the DMFAS Advisory Group is reserved for those countries benefiting from the use of the debt management software (DMFAS) provided by the UNCTAD DMFAS technical cooperation programme.

Registration for the Conference should be completed online at <https://indico.un.org/event/1000434/>. 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 Outreach and Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; fax: 41 22 917 0214; email: meetings-unctad@un.org.

Logistics

For in-person attendance, before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges from the United Nations Security Service, at Villa Les Feuillantines, 13 Avenue de la Paix. The Security Service is open from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Because of the security measures in force, participants are strongly advised to arrive before 9 a.m. to complete entry procedures in good time and proceed to the meeting in Building E of the Palais through the Peace Gate bis. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card with them. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations. Visitors should therefore be dropped off at the indicated entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service gives special clearance.

Further information

Further information on the 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.



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