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NOTIFICATION

Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-Building and Sustainable Development Ninth session Geneva, 13–14 October 2022

The ninth session of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-Building and Sustainable Development will be held with physical and remote participation on 13–14 October 2022 in room XVII of the Palais des Nations, Geneva. It will start at 10 a.m. each day.

Background and purpose of the meeting

The session will launch the current cycle of sessions of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-Building and Sustainable Development following the fifteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Climate change is a systemic risk for the world, and the need for investment in climate change mitigation and adaptation is enormous. The UNCTAD *World Investment Report 2022: International Tax Reforms and Sustainable Investment* shows that investment in climate change mitigation, especially renewable energy, is booming but most of it remains in developed economies, and adaptation investment continues to lag well behind. In the current context, this is particularly worrying as emerging indicators tend to point to possible setback in the energy transition, with increased fossil fuel production in countries previously committed to reducing emissions.

Responding to the renewed call made by member States at the fifteenth session of the Conference (TD/541/Add.2, paragraph 127 (II)), the Multi-year Expert Meeting will identify and discuss best practice investment policies that can contribute to the attainment of the climate and environmental goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

To facilitate the discussions, the secretariat has prepared a background document entitled “Investment and climate change”.

Nominations and registration

Member States of UNCTAD are requested to nominate experts in the relevant fields by **23 September 2022**. Experts, who will participate in the meeting in their personal capacities, are expected to have proven expertise in the subject areas and may be selected from governmental and non-governmental organizations, the private sector and academia. Specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies that wish to participate in the meeting, as well as non-governmental organizations in the general category and those in the special category that wish to participate as observers, are requested to register by the same date.

Online registration is mandatory and should be completed through the following link: [Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development](#). Nominations and communications concerning representation should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Intergovernmental Outreach and Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; email: meetings@unctad.org and MYEM-IIIE2022@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 the least developed countries and countries with economies in transition. Governments requiring funding are invited to explicitly request financing in their letters of nomination. It should be understood that there are limited funds available at this time. The decision as to which of the nominated experts should receive financing will be based on the direct involvement and expertise of the experts, on the principle of equitable geographical representation and on the needs of beneficiaries. Changes in the experts nominated will be considered new nominations.

Nominations with requests for financing should be received by no later than **19 September 2022** and should be accompanied by the following information about each nominee: curriculum vitae; mailing address; telephone number; email address; and name of contact person at the relevant permanent mission in Geneva. Once the list of experts to 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.II/MEM.4/24. Meeting documentation will be made available on the UNCTAD website.

Experts are encouraged to prepare and submit brief papers (maximum 10 pages) related to their studies, findings and/or national experiences. These papers will be made available at the meeting in the form and language in which they are received. Papers should be submitted by **30 September 2022** to the contacts provided below.

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 and contact detail

All enquiries concerning substantive issues should be addressed to the coordinator in the substantive division to: Ms. Amelia U. Santos-Paulino, for issues pertaining to climate change investment, tel.: 41 22 917 5521; email: amelia.santos-paulino@un.org.



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