



GDS/MISC/2022/5
(22/192gd)

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 Fifth session

Geneva, 26–27 October 2022

The fifth 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 with physical and remote participation from 26 to 27 October 2022 in room XVII of the Palais des Nations, Geneva. It will commence at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 26 October.

Background and purpose of the meeting

In line with the topics for the multi-year expert meeting approved by the Trade and Development Board, the focus of the fifth session will be on regional solutions for inclusive and sustainable development. The issues underscored in paragraph 127 (w) and (kk) of the Bridgetown Covenant will also be addressed.

Discussions will concentrate on the topics of regional developmental pathways and the scope for regional responses to global crises. The main assumption is that managing economic interdependence in a world facing a multitude of crises requires a synergistic relationship between global institutions and regional arrangements. Particular issues to be addressed include the mobilization of resources and necessary measures in the areas of development finance, international trade and value chains, as well as the role of the international investment activity of multinational corporations.

Nomination and participation

This meeting is open to all member States of UNCTAD, which are requested to nominate experts in the relevant fields by **14 October 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. 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 and are requested to register by the same date.

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 17 October 2022) 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.

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 **30 September 2022** 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.8/14. In order to facilitate discussions, the UNCTAD secretariat has prepared a background note titled "Regional solutions for inclusive and sustainable development" (TD/B/C.I/MEM.8/14).

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 October 2022** to the coordinators in the UNCTAD secretariat, whose contact details are 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 details

All other enquiries should be addressed to the coordinators in the substantive division: Anastasia Nesvetailova, email: Anastasia.Nesvetailova@unctad.org; and Igor Paunovic, igor.paunovic@unctad.org.



Rebeca Grynspar
Secretary-General of UNCTAD

28 September 2022