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NOTIFICATION

Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission Thirteenth session

Geneva, 14 to 18 November 2022

The UNCTAD secretariat has the honour to invite member States to the thirteenth session of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission scheduled to be held with physical and remote participation from 14 to 18 November 2022. The session will open on Monday, 14 November, at 10 a.m. The provisional agenda for the session, together with the secretariat's annotations thereto, is contained in document TD/B/C.II/47.

Background documents and agenda

The Commission provides the opportunity for member States and investment and development stakeholders to discuss key and emerging issues in the areas of investment and enterprise, and technology, and their implications for sustainable development, as well as policy solutions.

The agenda of the thirteenth session of the Commission was approved at the sixty-ninth session of the Trade and Development Board.

A high-level panel will be convened on scaling up the mobilization of public and private finance towards investing for the Sustainable Development Goals. Senior policymakers and business executives will review new financing initiatives that allow for the increased engagement of key players from both the upstream part of the investment chain, including institutional investors and capital markets, as well as downstream parts, including microenterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises, where the impact is more visible. The discussions will be informed by the *World Investment Report 2022: International Tax Reforms and Sustainable Investment* (UNCTAD/WIR/2022 and Overview).

The session will be followed by the 2022 UNCTAD Investment Promotion Awards, which will be granted to the best performing investment promotion agencies for their exceptional achievements in promoting and facilitating sustainable investment in agribusiness.

Under agenda item 5, the Commission will consider experiences and good practices in technology assessment exercises in the formulation of science, technology and innovation policies for sustainable development. Technology assessments are important tools to inform policymakers, to foster public dialogues and to help framing supportive policies to minimize risks and maximize benefits. The discussion should allow the identification of the challenges confronting developing countries in this area and their potential solutions. To facilitate the discussion, a background note is available (TD/B/C.II/48, "Leveraging new technologies impact through technology assessments").

As part of its procedural items, the Commission will consider the reports and review the outcome and recommendations of the following:

- (a) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development, which 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.
- (b) Expert Meeting on Revisiting Development Strategies for Small Island Developing States in the Post-Pandemic Competitive Landscape, which will discuss how small island developing States should design their development strategies to foster sustained and inclusive development pathway, as well as the post-pandemic transformations needed to build resilience to shocks.

The Commission will also review and discuss the outcomes of the thirty-ninth session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, which will discuss good practices in, and approaches, to the practical implementation of sustainability reporting requirements and review the practical implementation of international standards of accounting and reporting in the private and public sectors.

In addition, the Commission will examine progress made in the implementation of the mandates received by the secretariat, identifying areas in which synergies have been achieved among the three pillars of UNCTAD work. This will also be an opportunity to hear a presentation by the secretariat on the latest developments on trends and policies in the areas of investment, enterprise and science and technology.

Participation and registration

The Commission is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Specialized agencies, intergovernmental bodies, investment promotion agencies, non-governmental organizations (general and special category) are also eligible to participate as observers.

All those wishing to attend the session are requested to register online. To do so, please use the following link: [Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission, thirteenth session](#).

Any enquiries concerning registration should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Intergovernmental Outreach and Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; e-mail: meetings@unctad.org.

Logistics

The session will be held with physical participation, in room XVII of the Palais des Nations, and remote participation, through a simultaneous interpretation platform in the six official languages of the United Nations. A link to the formal virtual meeting will be sent to registered participants, at the email address used for registration, one day in advance of the start of the session.

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 1 p.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.

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