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NOTIFICATION

Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy Sixth session

Geneva, 10–12 May 2023

The sixth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy will be held with physical and remote participation from 10 to 12 May 2023. The session will open at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 10 May. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document TD/B/EDE/6/1.

Background and purpose of the meeting

The substantive agenda items for the session are as follows:

- (a) How to make data work for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- (b) Working Group on Measuring E-commerce and the Digital Economy.

Further information and documentation for this session may be found at <https://unctad.org/meeting/intergovernmental-group-experts-e-commerce-and-digital-economy-sixth-session>.

Written contributions

To facilitate deliberations and the informal exchange of experiences and good practices on the topics to be discussed, member States and observers are requested to submit written contributions to the UNCTAD secretariat by Friday, 21 April 2023.

Written contributions that share experiences, good practices and forward-looking suggestions with regard to how to make data work for the 2030 Agenda are welcome, to inform the discussion on the first substantive agenda item, based on the following guiding questions approved by the Trade and Development Board in July 2022:

- (a) What are the key issues at stake for developing countries in relation to cross-border data flows?
- (b) What would be needed to ensure that benefits of the digital economy are shared more equitably?
- (c) What national and international policies and support measures can help address the challenges of developing countries in electronic commerce (e-commerce) and the digital economy?
- (d) What are the implications of cross-border data flows at the regional and international levels in relation to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda?

(e) What is the best way to contribute to the debate on data governance to maximize the development potential of data?

Participation

This session 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 and the private sector, may participate as observers.

Online registration is mandatory for all those wishing to attend the meeting and is required in order to be included in the list of participants.

Please register for this session at <https://indico.un.org/event/1002445/>. 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.

Further inquiries regarding registration should be addressed to meetings@unctad.org.

Logistics

The session will be held with physical participation, in room XXVI 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. Interpretation services for interventions by remote participants is limited to a cumulative total of 30 minutes per session; once participant interventions made remotely have exceeded 30 minutes, interpretation will subsequently be provided only for in-person interventions.

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.

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