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## 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**  
**Sixth session**  
**Geneva, 30–31 October 2023**

The sixth 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 participation, on 30 and 31 October 2023 in room XXVI of the Palais des Nations, Geneva. It will commence at 10 a.m. on Monday, 30 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 sixth session will be on transitioning to a clean energy growth model: challenges, opportunities and solutions. The issues underscored in subparagraphs 127 (aa), (kk) and (mm) of the Bridgetown Covenant will also be addressed.

Discussions will concentrate on the topic of transitioning to a clean energy growth model. The main assumption is that this transition can only be accomplished by building industrial capacity in developing countries and promoting structural transformation of their economies in order to achieve economic diversification, employment creation and technological catch-up. Particular issues to be addressed include the enabling conditions at the global level, domestic challenges for a successful structural transformation, regional aspects of building green industrial capacities, and the link between green industrial policy and financing the green transition.

### **Participation**

This meeting 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.

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 2023) 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 Outreach and Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; email: [meetings@unctad.org](mailto:meetings@unctad.org) and/or [ivonne.paredes@unctad.org](mailto:ivonne.paredes@unctad.org).

### **Financial assistance**

Depending on the availability of funds, UNCTAD may finance the participation of a limited number of officially nominated experts from developing countries. Governments requiring funding are therefore invited to explicitly request this in their letters of nomination. The decision as to which experts should receive funding will be based on the following factors: direct involvement and expertise of nominated experts, the principle of equitable geographical and gender-based representation and the needs of beneficiaries. Any nomination changes will be considered as new nominations.

Nominations with requests for funding should be received no later than **30 September 2023** and should be accompanied by the following items: (a) curriculum vitae; (b) postal and email addresses; (c) telephone and fax numbers of nominees; and (d) name of a contact person in the respective permanent mission in Geneva. Once the list of experts to be financed 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.8/16. In order to facilitate discussions, the UNCTAD secretariat has prepared a background note titled "Transitioning to a clean energy growth model: Challenges, opportunities and solutions" (TD/B/C.I/MEM.8/17).

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 2023** to the coordinators in the UNCTAD secretariat, whose contact details are provided below.

### **Logistics**

The session will be held with physical participation in room XXVI of the Palais des Nations. Those who cannot attend the meeting in person will be able to listen to the live audio stream. However, remote interventions will not be possible. The link to listen live will be sent to registered participants, at the email address used for registration, one day in advance of the start of the meeting.

Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to scan their badges at the United Nations Security Service, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 avenue de la Paix. As part of the new system at the United Nations Office at Geneva, participants will receive a digital badge consisting of their photo, a quick response (QR) code and the name and date of the meeting. The

digital badge will be sent to each participant by email once they have been accredited by the meeting organizer and should be downloaded to a mobile telephone or other mobile device. Participants may also print the digital badge in order to use the QR code. The Security Service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Because of the security measures in force, participants are strongly advised to arrive before 9 a.m. in order to complete entry procedures in good time and proceed to the meeting in Building E of the Palais. 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: Igor Paunovic, [igor.paunovic@unctad.org](mailto:igor.paunovic@unctad.org).



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