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NOTIFICATION

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting Forty-first session Palais des Nations, Geneva, 6–8 November 2024

The forty-first session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting will be held from 6 to 8 November 2024. The session will open at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 6 November 2024, in room XVII of the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Since the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals in 2015, the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts has been playing a pivotal role in the harmonization of sustainability reporting frameworks and standards. Accounting and reporting on the financial and sustainability performance of public and private sector entities is a prerequisite for informed investment decision-making and remains high on the agenda of finance and investment policymakers.

In accordance with the provisional agenda approved by the fortieth session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts, the substantive agenda items for the forty-first session are as follows:

- (a) Review of progress in harmonization and practical implementation of sustainability reporting, assurance and ethical considerations.
- (b) Integrating reporting on the financial and sustainability performance of entities: Leveraging digitalization.

Additional topics will be considered under other business.

The UNCTAD secretariat is preparing background papers on the substantive agenda items, to facilitate the deliberations of experts at the session. The annotated provisional agenda and other documentation will be circulated in due course.

The session will be preceded by a consultative meeting on capacity-building needs for the effective implementation of sustainability reporting requirements to be held on 5 November 2024.

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 category, may participate as observers.

Online registration, at [Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, forty-first session](#), is mandatory for all those wishing to attend the meeting and is required for inclusion in the list of participants. Participants wishing to attend the consultative meeting on 5 November 2024 are also required to register through the same link. Early registration (before 25 October 2024) is advisable so that timely approval may be received for the issuance of a ground pass to 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 concerned in Geneva will suffice.

Further enquiries 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 and/or isar@unctad.org.

Logistics

The session will be held with physical participation in room XVII of the Palais des Nations. Those who cannot attend the meeting in person will be able to listen to the live audio stream in the six official languages of the United Nations. 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 session.

Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges from 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

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