

NOTIFICATION



Debt Management Conference and DMFAS Programme Advisory Group meeting Fourteenth session

17–21 March 2025

Room XIX of the Palais des Nations, Geneva

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The fourteenth session of the Debt Management Conference will be held from 17 to 19 March 2025, in room XIX of the Palais des Nations. It will start at 10 a.m. on Monday, 17 March 2025. The session will be immediately followed by a meeting of the Debt Management and Financial Analysis System (DMFAS) Advisory Group, on 20 and 21 March 2025, in room XIX of the Palais des Nations, for all countries using the DMFAS software in one of their institutions. It will start at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 20 March 2025.

Background, structure and purpose of the meeting

The Debt Management Conference provides a biennial forum for sharing experiences and exchanging views among Governments, international organizations, academia and civil society on current developments in the debt landscape in developing countries and on debt management issues in the broader macroeconomic context. It brings together senior-level national debt managers from around the world to discuss some of the most pertinent current topics in the field. Around 350 participants from over 100 countries, as well as senior representatives of international, regional and other institutions, participated in the thirteenth session of the conference, held in December 2022.

The fourteenth session of the Debt Management Conference, on the theme “Innovative and resilient debt management: Managing risks and navigating crises”, convenes at a pivotal moment, as the global macroeconomic environment faces heightened volatility and uncertainty. Developing countries in particular are dealing with increasing concerns with regard to debt sustainability and their broader development trajectories. The rising cost of sovereign debt has led to a worsening of external solvency in several developing countries, involving a cycle in which critical investments, necessary in achieving development and climate-related goals and to encourage growth, are delayed in favour of prioritizing debt servicing. The Conference is aimed at addressing these pressing issues by exploring innovative strategies for debt management, with a focus on building resilience, mitigating risks and navigating the complexities of global crises.

The DMFAS Programme Advisory Group meeting provides an opportunity for donors, beneficiaries and development partners of the programme to examine its capacity-building activities in debt management and to discuss its future direction.

Participation and registration

The Debt Management Conference 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. Experts will participate in the meeting in their personal capacities and are expected to have proven expertise in the subject matter.

Registration should be completed online and is required in order to be included in the list of participants. To register, please use the following link: [Debt Management Conference](#). 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.

Participation in the DMFAS Programme Advisory Group meeting is reserved for those countries using the debt management software provided through the programme. Registration should be completed online and is required in order to be included in the list of participants. To register, please use the following link: [DMFAS Programme Advisory Group meeting](#).

All communications concerning 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 dmfas@unctad.org.

Logistics

The Debt Management Conference and DMFAS Programme Advisory Group meeting will be held with physical participation in room XIX of the Palais des Nations. Those who cannot attend the Debt Management Conference 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 scan their badges at the United Nations Security Service, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 avenue de la Paix, 1202 Geneva. 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.

Contact details

All other enquiries should be addressed to the DMFAS Programme; email: dmfas@unctad.org.



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