

NOTIFICATION



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Second UNCTAD Global Supply Chain Forum

Riyadh, 29 November to 1 December 2026

The UNCTAD secretariat presents its compliments to member States and has the honour to advise that the second UNCTAD Global Supply Chain Forum will be held from 29 November to 1 December 2026 in Riyadh. The forum is organized in partnership with the Saudi Ports Authority.

The first Global Supply Chain Forum was held in Bridgetown in 2024 and was a resounding success, bringing together a large number of public and private stakeholders from across the globe. In the light of the continuing challenges impacting the resilience and sustainability of supply chains, the need to maintain and further develop this exchange platform has been recognized. Member States, at the sixteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD XVI), stated that UNCTAD should orient its work to “continue to support international and regional transport networks, through policy dialogue and cooperation mechanisms, including the organization of the UNCTAD global supply chain forum”. The second forum will build on both the first forum and on the ministerial round table on supply chains and trade logistics, held during UNCTAD XVI, in order to facilitate further consideration of the impacts of supply chain disruptions on trade and development, as well as potential response measures.

The theme of the second Global Supply Chain Forum is “Towards resilient, sustainable and inclusive supply chains and trade logistics in times of uncertainty” and the forum will be focused on the implications of disruptions and heightened uncertainty for trade, trade logistics and sustainable development, including associated challenges and emerging opportunities, covering areas such as supply chain resilience, sustainable transport and logistics, climate adaptation and resilience-building, digitalization and emerging technologies, transport connectivity and multimodal corridors, maritime transport, trade facilitation, food and energy security and finance and skills development. Particular focus will be given to vulnerable economies, including landlocked developing countries, the least developed countries and small island developing States. The event will bring together member States and representatives from the private sector, international and regional organizations, non-governmental organizations, academics and experts from across the globe, to exchange experiences, identify policy options and consider practical measures with which to enhance the resilience, sustainability and inclusiveness of transport and logistics systems.

The second Global Supply Chain Forum will be held in conjunction with a global logistics forum organized by the Ministry of Transport and Logistics Services of Saudi Arabia.

Regular updates on the Global Supply Chain Forum will be made available on the [UNCTAD website](https://unctad.org). For further information regarding high-level participation at the forum, please contact gscf@unctad.org.



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