



NOTIFICATION

Working group on measuring e-commerce and the digital economy Seventh meeting

Thursday to Friday, 3-4 December 2026, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., 3–6 p.m.
Council Chamber (room CC), Palais des Nations, Geneva

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The seventh meeting of the Working Group on Measuring E-commerce and the Digital Economy will be held from 3 to 4 December 2026 in the Council Chamber (room CC) of the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

Background and purpose of the meeting

The Working Group aims to advance cooperation on measuring e-commerce and the digital economy and enhance the availability, quality, comparability, usability, and relevance of statistics concerning e-commerce and the digital economy, with a view to supporting evidence-based policymaking, especially in developing countries. The [ninth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy](#) in May 2026 approved the following items for the provisional agenda of the sixth meeting of the Working Group:

- (a) Progress in measuring e-commerce and the digital economy by relevant international organizations.
- (b) Measuring the value of e-commerce.
- (c) Updating the core indicators on information and communications technology use by businesses and on the information and communications technology sector.
- (d) Developing capacities in measuring e-commerce and the digital economy.

Further information and documentation for this meeting can be found at: [Working Group on Measuring E-commerce and the Digital Economy, seventh meeting](#).

Nomination and participation

This meeting is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Member State representatives wishing to attend the meeting should have expertise in producing relevant official statistics (for example from National Statistical Offices or Government Ministries).

Other organizations that could be invited include (i) international organizations involved in measuring e-commerce and the digital economy; (ii) national, regional, and international networks



researching the digital economy; and (iii) specialists from civil society, the private sector, and academia, as appropriate. These are requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat of the names of their representatives by Friday, **23 October 2026**.

Online registration is mandatory for all those wishing to attend the meeting and is required to be included in the list of participants. Please register for this session at <https://indico.un.org/event/1020445/>.

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. Inquiries regarding registration should be addressed to meetings@unctad.org.

Financial assistance

Depending on the availability of funding, financial assistance may be granted to a limited number of officially nominated experts from developing countries. Governments requiring funding are invited to explicitly request financing in their letters of nomination. The decision as to which of the nominated experts would receive financing (should any be available) will be based on the direct involvement and expertise of the experts, on the principle of equitable geographical and gender representation and on the needs of beneficiaries. Changes in the experts nominated will be considered new nominations. Nominations with requests for financing should be received by no later than Friday, **16 October 2026** and should be accompanied by the following information about each nominee: curriculum vitae; postal and email addresses; telephone and fax numbers; and name of contact person in the relevant permanent mission in Geneva. Once the list of experts to receive financial assistance has been finalized, all travel arrangements will be made in accordance with United Nations rules and regulations.

Background documents and contributed papers

To facilitate discussions, the secretariat prepares a background note titled “Issues note on measuring e-commerce and the digital economy”, which will be uploaded to the [meeting webpage](#) along with an annotated agenda. Further information about related work by the secretariat is available at the [UN Trade and Development website](#).

Experts are encouraged to prepare and submit brief papers (maximum 10 pages) related to their studies, findings and/or national experiences on measuring e-commerce and the digital economy, in accordance with the agenda items. These papers will be made available at the meeting in the form and language in which they are received. Papers should be submitted by Friday, **20 November 2026** to the contact provided below.

Logistics

The session will be held with physical participation, in the Council Chamber (room CC) 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 at the United Nations Security Service, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 avenue de la Paix. 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 by 9 a.m. to complete entry procedures in good time and proceed to the meeting in Building C of the Palais. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations; therefore, visitors will

be dropped off at the entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service grants special clearance.

Further information and contact details

All enquiries concerning substantive issues should be addressed to the coordinator in the Division on Technology and Logistics, Ms. Scarlett Fondeur; tel: +41 (0)22 917 4895; email: emeasurement@unctad.org.



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