



TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

20 June to 1 July 2022
Palais des Nations, Geneva

PROGRAMME Room XIX

Monday, 20 June

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Opening plenary

Item 1 – Procedural matters

- (a) Election of officers
- (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session (TD/B/69/1)

Opening remarks by Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD (will include item 4 - Annual report of the Secretary-General)

Item 3 – General debate *

Statements by regional groups, member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations

* General statements will continue on Wednesday morning should there be a need.

3 to 6 p.m.

Plenary

Item 5 – Economic development in Africa: Reaping the potential benefits of the African Continental Free Trade Area for inclusive growth
(UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2021 and TD/B/69/2)

Introductory remarks by Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Presentation of the report by Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

Followed by

Question and answer session and statements by regional groups, member States

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Plenary

**Item 6 – Digital Economy Report 2021: Cross-Border Data Flows and Development
– For Whom the Data Flow
(UNCTAD/DER/2021)**

Introductory remarks by Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Presentation of the report by Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

Speakers:

- Mr. Sushant Kumar, Director, Responsible Technology team, Omidyar Network (remote)
- Mr. Andrin Eichin, Head, Data Policy, Swiss Federal Office of Communications, Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications
- Ms. Amazouz Souhila, Senior Policy Officer, Department for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission (remote)

Followed by

Question and answer session and statements by regional groups, member States

2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Plenary

Item 8 – Implementation of the outcomes of the fifteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

and

Item 12 – UNCTAD contributions to the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields.

Presentation by Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Followed by Interactive debate/statements

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Plenary

Item 3 – General debate (continued)

Followed by

Item 7 – **Activities undertaken by UNCTAD in support of Africa**
(TD/B/69/3)

Presentation of the report by Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

Followed by

Question and answer session and statements by regional groups, member States

3 to 6 p.m.

Special Event: “The Bridgetown Covenant and Post-MC12 Trade Challenges”

Keynote Speakers

- Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Ms. Michele Griffin, Director, Policy Planning, Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Introduction: Ms. Miho Shirotori, Acting Director (alternate), Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

Invited Speakers

- H.E. Mr. Chad Blackman, Permanent Representative of the Mission of Barbados, Geneva
- H.E. Mr. Ahmed Ihab Abdelahad Gamaleldine, Permanent Representative of the Mission of Egypt, Geneva
- H.E. Mr. Kemvichet Long, Permanent Representative of the Mission of Cambodia to the WTO
- Mr. Edwini Kessie, Director of the Agriculture and Commodities Division & Head of the Delivery Unit, WTO

Followed by

Discussion

10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Plenary

Item 9 – Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy

- Presentation of the report of the 5th session of the IGE
- Statements by regional groups, member States

The TDB will be invited to take note of the report, consider the outcome of the IGEs and decide on the topics and guiding questions of the 6th session.

Item 10 – Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development

- Presentation of the report of the 5th session of the IGE
- Statements by regional groups, member States

The TDB will be invited to take note of the report, consider the outcome of the IGEs and decide on the topics and guiding questions of the 6th session.

Item 11 – Technical Cooperation Strategy

Presentation by Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Followed by questions and answers

Friday, 24 June

10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Plenary

Item 8 – Implementation of the outcomes of the fifteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (continued)

Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on trade and development – Lessons learned

Presentation of the report by Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Followed by questions and answers

Informal

Briefing for member States on upcoming intergovernmental meetings:

- Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development
- Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation
- Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy
- Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy

Followed by questions and answers

Briefing for member States on the new Delegate's portal and the new system for correspondence

Monday, 27 June to Thursday, 30 June

From 27 to 30 June 2022, there will be no formal meetings of the Trade and Development Board.

During that period, informal consultations among regional coordinators and regional groups on the outcomes of the TDB will be held.

- Draft agreed conclusions on Africa
- Draft agendas of the 13th sessions of the Commissions
- Draft agendas of IGE on Financing for Development and the IGE on E-commerce and the Digital Economy

10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Closing plenary

Item 13 – Provisional agenda of the seventy-second executive session of the Trade and Development Board.

Item 14 – Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

- (b) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board;
- (c) Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board;
- (d) Review of the calendar of meetings;
- (e) Review of the lists of States contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX);
- (f) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board.

Item 1(c) – Adoption of the report on credentials

Item 15 – Other business.

- Approval of agendas for the 13th session of the Commissions

Item 16 – Adoption of the report.

Note: Due to the considerable work taking place under para 166, consideration of item 14 (a) Report by the Chair of the Advisory Body and appointment of members of the Advisory Body will need to be rescheduled. This item will be taken up at the 72nd executive session of the TDB from 17 to 21 October 2022.