



**PROGRAMME**  
**Room XIX**

\* Delegates are informed that the 70th session is essentially in a physical format. Any interventions at the opening and closing plenaries concerning the adoption of the provisional agenda and of the outcomes of the session need to be made from the conference room. During that time participants connected online will still be able to follow the discussions. For other sessions, participants can follow remotely, with a limited speaking opportunity, as the speaking time for all remote speakers with interpretation into UN official languages can only add up to a maximum of 30 minutes per session.

**Monday, 19 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/70/1)

**Opening statement** by Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

The statement will cover the following items:

- **Item 4** - Annual report of the Secretary-General
- **Item 9** – Implementation of the outcomes of the fifteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- **Item 10** - Preparatory process for sixteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD 16); 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

*Followed by*

**Item 3** – General debate – Statements by Regional Groups only

## Monday, 19 June

**3 to 6 p.m.**

### Plenary

#### **Item 2 – High-level segment: Decarbonization opportunities and challenges in the Blue Economy**

**Welcome remarks** by the President of the Trade and Development Board

**Introduction** by Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

### Panel

- **Fisheries and blue foods:** Mr. Daniel Voces, Managing Director of Europêche
- **Maritime Transport:** Mr. Harry Conway, Chair, Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Representative of Liberia to the IMO
- **Sustainable coastal and marine tourism:** Ms. Jacqueline Mora-Baez, Deputy Minister of Tourism, Dominican Republic
- **Ocean energy:** Ms. Nathalie Almonacid, Coordinator of R&D / Energy Marine Map (EMMAP), Energía Marina SpA y MERIC (Marine Energy Research and Innovation Center), and Board Member, Pamec Energy Association

*Followed by*

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

## Tuesday, 20 June

**9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

### Plenary

#### **Item 3 – General debate \***

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

*\* Time limit will depend on the number of inscribed speakers*

*\*\* The UNCTAD SG will be present from 9:30 to 11:30, from 11:30 to 12:30 she will be represented by the DSG*

**2 p.m. Extended Bureau meeting – room E.8116**

**3 to 6 p.m.**

**Plenary**

**Item 5 – Technology and Innovation Report 2023: Opening green windows - Technological opportunities for a low-carbon world.**  
(UNCTAD/TIR/2023)

**Introductory remarks** by Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

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

***Speakers:***

- Ms. Eleanora Di Maria, Professor of Business Management, Department of Economics and Management, University of Padova and Scientific Coordinator, Digital Manufacturing Lab, University of Padova
- Mr. Aik Hoe Lim, Director, Trade and Environment Division, World Trade Organization
- Mr. Antonio Andreoni, Professor of Development Economics, Department of Economics, SOAS University of London

*Followed by*

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

**10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Plenary**

**Item 7 – Productive Capacities Index (PCI) for Evidence-Based Policymaking.**  
(TD/B/70/3)

**Introductory remarks** by Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

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

**Panel:**

- His Excellency Dr. Chhem Kieth Rethy, Minister Delegate Attached to the Prime Minister and Secretary of State, Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation of the Kingdom of Cambodia (tbc)
- Mr. Xiaowen Fu, Associate Dean & Professor, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- H.E. Ambassador Margarida Izata, Republic of Angola
- Dr. Taffere Tesfachew, Acting Managing Director of the United Nations Technology Bank for the Least developed Countries

*Followed by*

Interactive discussion

**3 to 6 p.m.**

**Plenary**

**Item 6 – Activities undertaken by UNCTAD in support of Africa**  
(TD/B/70/2)

Presentation of the report by Mr. Patrick Osakwe, Head of the Trade, Poverty and Inequalities Branch, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

*Followed by*

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

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

**Plenary**

**Item 8 – Evolution of the international trading system and its trends from a development perspective**

**Opening and introductory remarks** by Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

**Statement** by Mr. Xiangchen Zhang, Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization

**Presentation** by Miho Shirotori, Acting Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, DITC

*Followed by an interactive discussion.*

**3 to 5 p.m.**

**Plenary**

**Item 8 – Evolution of the international trading system and its trends from a development perspective**

**Panel discussion**

- Elisabeth Tuerk, Director, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, Economic Commission for Europe
- Mohamed El Moctar Mohamed El Hacene, Leader, Shared Economic Prosperity Cluster, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
- Stephen Karingi, Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division, Economic Commission for Africa
- Keiji Inoue, Officer-in-Charge, International Trade, and Integration Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- Rupa Chanda, Director, Trade, Investment, and Innovation Division, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

*Followed by*

Interactive discussion and statements by regional groups, member States

**Friday, 23 June**

**10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Plenary**

**14. Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:**

(a) Report by the Chair of the Advisory Body set up in accordance with paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action on the implementation of courses by the secretariat in 2022–2023 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of members of the Advisory Body;

- Report by the Chair of the Advisory Body
- Appointment of members of the Advisory Body

*Followed by Q&A*

**Item 11 – Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy**

- Presentation of the report of the 6<sup>th</sup> session of the IGE

*The TDB will be invited to take note of the report, consider the outcome of the IGE and decide on the topics and guiding questions of the 7th session and approve the draft agenda.*

*Followed by Q&A*

**Briefing for member States on upcoming intergovernmental meetings:**

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

**2 p.m. Extended Bureau meeting – room E.8116 (tbc)**

**Monday, 26 June to Tuesday, 27 June**

**From 26 to 27 June 2023, there will be no formal meetings of the Trade and Development Board to enable coordinators and interested delegations to undertake informal consultations.**

**11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Closing plenary**

**Adoption of outcomes of TDB** (items to be determined)

**Item 13** – Provisional agenda of the seventy-fourth 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.

**Item 16** – Adoption of the report.