

# Trade and Development BOARD

71<sup>st</sup> session

16 – 27 September 2024  
Geneva, Switzerland

## Programme

16–27 September 2024, 10 a.m to 6 p.m. (CET)  
Room XIX, Palais des Nations, Geneva

### Monday, 16 September

10 a.m.–1 p.m. **Opening plenary**

- Item 1(a) **Election of officers**
- (b) **Adoption of the agenda**  
(TD/B/71/1/Rev.1)

Opening remarks Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

*The opening remarks will cover the following items:*

- Item 4 **Annual report of the Secretary- General**
- Item 11 **Implementation of the outcomes of the fifteenth session of the United Conference on Trade and Development**
- Item 14 **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 and member States. The debate will resume on Wednesday afternoon, 18 September, if additional time is required.

### Monday, 16 September

3–6 p.m. **Plenary**

Item 2 **High-level segment: Towards UNCTAD XVI**

and

Item 12 **Preparatory process for the sixteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development**

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

Followed by Statements by regional groups and member States and Q&A

### Tuesday, 17 September

10 a.m.–1 p.m. **Plenary**

Item 8 **Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people (TD/B/71/3)**

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

Presentation of the report Mutasim A. Elagraa, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies

Followed by Statements by regional groups and individual delegations

## Tuesday, 17 September

3–6 p.m. **Plenary**

Item 5 **Investment for development: Investment facilitation and digital government**

(UNCTAD/WIR/2024 and Overview)

Opening remarks Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Introduction by Ms. Nan Li Collins, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise

Followed by panel discussion

Panel:

H.E. Mrs. Dato' Nadzirah Osman, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations and other international organizations

H.E. Mr. Muhammadou M.O. Kah, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of The Gambia to the UN Office at Geneva and WTO

H.E. Dr. José R. Sánchez-Fung, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the WTO and UNCTAD

Ms. Patience Okala, Senior Investment Advisor, AfCFTA Secretariat

Followed by Statements and Q&A



## Wednesday, 18 September

### 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Plenary

#### Item 6 **New trade dynamics: Realizing inclusive trade gains**

Opening remarks Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

#### Panel 1 **Inclusive trade gains and their assessment**

Introduction by Ms. Luz Maria de la Mora, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

Followed by panel discussion H.E. Matthew Wilson, Ambassador of the Barbados to the United Nations, WTO and other International Organizations in Geneva

Professor Marcelo Olarreaga, Professor of Economics. University of Geneva

Ms. Cristina Duarte, Special Adviser on Africa to the United Nations Secretary-General (video)

#### Panel 2 **Creative Economy and trade inclusiveness**

Followed by panel discussion H.E. Muhammad Neil El Himam, Deputy Chairman for Digital Economy and Creative Products at Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy, Indonesia (online)

H.E. Felipe Buitrago, Economist, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia

Professor Giorgio Fazio, Research Director of the Creative Industries Policy and Evidence Centre (Creative PEC), Newcastle University, United Kingdom

Followed by Interactive debate for both panels



### Wednesday, 18 September

3–6 p.m. **Plenary**

- Item 3** **General debate (continued)**  
Statements by regional groups, member States and other individual delegations

### Thursday, 19 September

10 a.m.–1 p.m. **Plenary**

- Item 7** **Digital Economy Report 2024: Shaping an environmentally sustainable and inclusive digital future**  
(UNCTAD/DER/2024 and Overview)

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

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

Followed by panel discussion Ms. Sandrine Elmi Hersi, Head, Open Internet Unit, Arcep; co-chair, Sustainability Working Group at BEREC

Mr. Vlad Coroama, Senior Researcher and Founder, Roegen Centre for Sustainability

Mr. David Jensen, Coordinator, Digital Transformation subprogramme, UN Environment Programme

Followed by Statements by regional groups and member States and Q&A

### Thursday, 19 September

3–6 p.m. **Plenary**

- Item 10** **UNCTAD's strategy for Small Island Developing States**  
(UNCTAD/ALDC/INF/2024/1)

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

Followed by Statements by regional groups and member States and Q&A



## Friday, 20 September

**10 a.m.–1 p.m. Plenary**

**Item 9 Activities undertaken by UNCTAD in support of Africa**  
(TD/B/71/2)

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

Followed by Statements by regional groups and member States and Q&A

## Friday, 20 September

**3–6 p.m. Plenary**

**Item 13 Report of subsidiary bodies:**

(a) **Report of the IGE on E-commerce and the Digital Economy**

(b) **Report of the Trade and Development Commission**

(c) **Report of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission**

**Item 17 (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 2023–2024 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of members of the Advisory Body**

Followed by Q&A after each item

Followed by **Closing plenary**

**Item 16 Provisional agenda of the seventy-sixth and seventy-seventh executive sessions of the Trade and Development Board.**

**Item 17 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**

(TD/B/71/R.1, R.2 and R.3)

(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. Realigning Debt with Development**

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

**Item 18 Other business**

**Item 19 Adoption of the report**



