

Trade and Development BOARD

72nd session

Programme

24–28 November 2025

Room XVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Monday, 24 November

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m.** : Opening plenary
- Item 1 (a) : Election of officers
- (b) : Adoption of the agenda
(TD/B/72/1)
- Opening remarks : Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Item 3 : The opening remarks will cover the following items:
Item 7 : **Annual report of the Secretary-General**
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 : **General Debate** – statements by regional groups and member
Item 2 : States. The debate will resume on Wednesday morning,
26 November 2025, if additional time is required.

Monday, 24 November

3–6 p.m. Plenary

Item 4 Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people
(TD/B/72/3)

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

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

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

Tuesday, 25 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Plenary

Activities undertaken by UNCTAD in support of Africa
(TD/B/72/2)

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

3–6 Plenary

Item 6 UNCTAD contribution to the implementation of the Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries
(TD/B/72/4)

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

Wednesday, 26 November

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m.** Plenary
- Report of subsidiary bodies:
- Item 8 Report of the IGE on E-commerce and the Digital Economy
 - (a) Report of the Trade and Development Commission
 - (b) Report of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission
 - Item 9 Report of the ninth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices
 - Item 10 Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre
 - Item 12 (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
- Item 2 **General debate (continued if needed)**
Statements by regional groups, member States and other individual delegations
- 3–6 p.m. Informal consultations**
No formal meeting of the Trade and Development Board

Thursday, 27 November

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations**
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Friday, 28 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m. : Closing plenary

Item 11 : Provisional agenda of the seventy-eighth executive session of the Trade and Development Board.

Item 12 : 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 13 : Other business

Item 14 : Adoption of the report

