



**Intergovernmental Group of Experts
on E-commerce and the Digital Economy**

**Sixth session
10-12 May 2023
Room XIX, Palais des Nations, Geneva**

Programme*
(as of 9 May 2023)

Wednesday, 10 May (time zone: UTC+2)	
10 a.m.–11 a.m.	<p>Opening plenary</p> <p>Item 1: Election of officers</p> <p>Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work</p> <p>Item 3: How to make data work for the 2030 Agenda</p> <p>Introductory remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UNCTAD <p>Presentation of background document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD <p>Keynote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Amandeep Singh Gill, Secretary-General’s Envoy on Technology
11 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p>Session 1: Key issues arising from data and cross-border data flows for developing countries</p> <p><i>The discussion will set the stage for the rest of the meeting by discussing the key issues arising from ever growing amounts of data and data-flows for developing countries.</i></p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Stefaan Verhulst, Co-founder and Chief Research and Development Officer, the GovLab (online) ▪ Ms. Dorothea Kleine, Co-director, Institute for Global Sustainable Development, University of Sheffield ▪ Ms. Souhila Amazouz, Senior Policy Officer, African Union Commission <p><i>Interactive debate</i></p>
3–6 p.m.	<p>Session 2: Prerequisites for a more equitable distribution of gains from the digital economy</p> <p><i>The discussion will focus on the enabling environment/factors that is/are a prerequisite to shape a digital economy where gains can be shared more equitably and sustainably.</i></p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Cosmas Zavazava, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, International Telecommunication Union ▪ Ms. Malarvizhi Veerappan, Senior Data Scientist, Co-author, WDR 2021, World Bank (online) ▪ Ms. Uma Rani Amara, Senior Economist, International Labour Organization ▪ Ms. Cecilia Rikap, Lecturer, City University of London ▪ Mr. Abdul Muheet Chowdhary, Senior Programme Officer, South Centre <p><i>Interactive debate</i></p>

* Delegates are informed that the 6th 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 (report, policy recommendations, and provisional agenda for the 7th 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 participate remotely. Please note that interpretation services for interventions by remote participants is limited to a cumulative total of 30 minutes per session. Once the 30 minutes is exceeded, interpretation will subsequently be provided only for in-person interventions.



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10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p>Session 3: National and international policies and support measures to address challenges of the developing countries in the digital economy</p> <p><i>The discussion will look at policy options at national and international policies and support measures that aim to create prerequisites for a more equitable distribution of gains of the digital economy.</i></p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mr. Sharad Sharma, Co-founder, iSpirt Foundation (online)▪ Mr. Sebastian Rovira, Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (online)▪ Mr. Hassan Nasser, Vice-president, International Affairs, Digital Cooperation Organization▪ Ms. Damilola Olokesusi, Co-founder and CEO, Shuttlers; eTrade for Women Advocate (online) <p><i>Interactive debate</i></p>
3–6 p.m.	<p>Session 4: Shaping the data governance debate to maximize the development potential of data: Regional, international and multilateral perspectives</p> <p><i>The discussion will focus on sharing new initiatives at the regional and international level that aim to enable cross-border data flows and data governance to support the benefits from data-sharing for sustainable development.</i></p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ H.E. Ms. Anna Karin Eneström, Co-facilitator of the Intergovernmental Process on the proposed Global Digital Compact, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations (video)▪ Mr. Tawfik Jelassi, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO (video)▪ Ms. Nanjala Nyabola, Writer and researcher, Member of the UN Secretary General’s High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism▪ Ms. Irene Kitsara, European Standardization Initiatives Director, IEEE <p><i>Interactive debate</i></p>



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Friday, 12 May (time zone: UTC+2)	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p>Session 5: Shaping the data governance debate to maximize the development potential of data: Multistakeholder perspectives <i>The discussion will continue the discussions from the previous session with a focus on multidimensional and multistakeholder perspectives and initiatives to address the need for globally coordinated solutions to harness opportunities and mitigate risks of data for development.</i></p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. David Jensen, Coordinator Digital Transformation Programme, United Nations Environment Programme ▪ Ms. Lorryne Porciuncula, Executive Director, Datasphere Initiative ▪ Ms. Anita Gurumurthy, Executive Director, IT for Change ▪ Ms. Sorina Teleanu, Director of Knowledge, DiploFoundation ▪ Mr. Paul Twomey, Co-Director, Global Initiative for Digital Empowerment <p><i>Interactive debate</i></p>
3–4.30 p.m.	<p>Item 4: Working Group on Measuring E-commerce and the Digital Economy <i>The Intergovernmental Group of Experts will consider the report of the third meeting of the Working Group, held on 28 and 29 November 2022, and decide on the topic for the fourth meeting.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Linah Ngumba, Head of ICT Statistics, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics, and Chair, third meeting, Working Group on Measuring E-commerce and the Digital Economy <p><i>Interactive debate</i></p>
4.30–6 p.m.	<p>Closing plenary Item 5: Provisional agenda of the seventh session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy Item 6: Adoption of the report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy on its sixth session</p>