



Parallel event

21 October 2025
Room Concordia 1
11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.



Bridging the credit rating and market information gaps

Description

Credit rating agencies play a pivotal role in shaping global financial markets by providing an opinion on the creditworthiness of sovereign and corporate borrowers. For developing countries, these ratings carry significant weight, often influencing investor confidence, borrowing costs and access to international capital markets, as well as, at times, serving as a proxy for good governance. UNCTAD has suggested that empowering countries to communicate directly to investors and markets through regular and reliable data, such as through the UNCTAD Debt Management and Financial Analysis System, together with a narrative based on national strategies, can help bridge information gaps.

Discussions at this event will explore how developing countries can foster more transparent and accountable relationships with markets, credit rating agencies and the public; and aim to clarify roles and responsibilities in setting out ways to enrich the quality and regularity of information and the effectiveness of communications strategies provided by developing countries.

Programme

Opening remarks: UNCTAD Secretary-General/Deputy Secretary-General

High-level panel and interactive discussion

Questions

- Which mechanisms exist, or should exist, to facilitate better communications between developing countries and key stakeholders?
- How can developing countries bridge the information and communications gap and provide a long-term development narrative?
- What kind of information should developing countries regularly provide in order to build trust with markets?
- What role can the United Nations play in supporting better engagement between developing countries, markets, credit rating agencies and the public?

Moderator: To be confirmed

Interpretation

English, French

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