



Global Leaders Forum

Charting a New Development Course in a Changing World

60th Anniversary of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Tempus Building, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

12–14 June 2024

PROGRAMME

All sessions will be livestreamed on www.unctad.org

12 June 2024

day 1

Heads of State sessions

13.30 - 14.15

Official photograph UNCTAD 60th anniversary. UN Secretary-General, UN Trade and Development Secretary-General, Heads of State and Ministers.

14.15 - 15.30

Opening Ceremony - Leader's voices in a Changing World

Opening video

Welcome remarks Ms. **Rebeca Grynspan**,
UN Trade and Development Secretary-General

Reflection on the world today and tomorrow

Statements by

- Mr. **Antonio Guterres**,
United Nations Secretary-General
- Mr. **Guy Parmelin**,
Federal Councillor and Head of the Federal Department of Economic Affairs,
Education and Research of Switzerland
- Participating **Heads of State**

15.30 - 15.40

Musical performance break

15.40 - 17.00

Leaders Dialogue I: Charting a New Development Course in a Changing World

Interventions by Heads of State

Q&A session with the audience (7 minutes)

Moderator

- Ms. **Rebeca Grynspan**,
UN Trade and Development Secretary-General

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Leaders Dialogue II: Charting a New Development Course in a Changing World

Interventions by Ministers of Foreign Affairs

- Ms. **Alicia Bárcena Ibarra**,
Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico
- Mr. **Doutor Rui Alberto de Figueiredo Soares**,
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cabo Verde
- Mr. **Javier González-Olaechea**,
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Peru
- Hon. Gen. **Jeje Odongo Abubakhar**,
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Uganda
- Mr. **Narayan Kaji Shrestha**,
Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister, Nepal

Q&A session with the audience (7 minutes)

Moderator:

- Ms. **Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**,
Director General of the World Trade Organisation (WTO)

17.00 - 18.00

Musical performance - Closing

day 2

13 June 2024

Ministerial sessions

08.00 - 09.30

HIGH LEVEL WORKING SESSION

Co-chaired

- Ms. **Rebeca Grynspan**, UN Trade and Development Secretary-General
- Mr. **John Denton**, Secretary-General International Chamber of Commerce

A moderated dialogue between Heads of State, State ministers and Chief Executive Officers of global multinational enterprises. Participants will exchange perspectives on major contemporary developments and their implications for sustainable development as well as share their vision in terms of investment and sustainable development.

The meeting is expected to develop new ideas and partnerships, and to launch new initiatives aimed at accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

10.00 - 10.15

Spotlight intervention

by Mr. **Wang Shouwen**,
China International Trade Representative and Vice Minister of Commerce

10.15- 11.00

*Panel Dialogue***MAKING INDUSTRIAL POLICY WORK FOR TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT** (45 minutes)

The resurgence of industrial policy worldwide presents both huge opportunities and critical risks to trade and development. They influence countries' competitiveness in international trade and may widen intercountry inequalities when many in the developing world are in debt distress and in no position to compete in a subsidy race. This session discusses a new narrative on trade, industrial policies, and development to rebuild trust among countries and work collectively towards sustainable and inclusive economic transformation of developing countries.

Speakers

- Dr. **Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi**,
Minister of State for Foreign Trade, United Arab Emirates
- Ms. **Rebecca Miano**,
EGH, Cabinet Secretary of the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry, Kenya
- Mr. **Abbas Aliabadi**,
Minister for Industry, Mine and Trade, Islamic Republic of Iran
- Mr. **John Denton**,
Secretary-General, International Chamber of Commerce

Moderator

- Mr. **Peter Ogbu Okwoche**,
Journalist

11.00 - 11.15

Spotlight intervention

(TBC)

11.15 - 12.00

*Panel Dialogue***SHAPING A DIGITAL FUTURE FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET**

The digital revolution has unleashed an unprecedented wave of technological, economic, social and political transformation. Whether the outcome of this uncertain process will be dominated by the opportunities, or the threats will depend largely on policy choices. This session will provide an opportunity for thought leaders and decision makers to discuss key actions needed to set a course for the digital revolution that works for all people and for the planet.

Speakers

- Dr. **Majid Al-Kassabi**,
Minister of Commerce, Saudi Arabia
- Ms. **Doreen Bogdan-Martin**,
Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union
- Mr. **Ian Saunders**,
Secretary-General of the World Customs Organization
- Mr. **Stefan Löfven**,
Co-Chair of the High-level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism

Moderator

- Mr. **Amandeep Singh Gill**,
Envoy of the UN Secretary-General on Technology

12.00 - 12.15

Spotlight interventionSpotlight intervention. H.E. Dr. **Sok Siphana**, Senior Minister, Cambodia

12.15 - 13.00

*Panel Dialogue***PREPARING FOR THE ECONOMIES OF TOMORROW – THE URGENCY OF OPTIONS AND ACTIONS –**

Against a turbulent global economy, it is time now to ask the hard questions and fill in the missing links that would help countries prepare for the economies of the future. The dialogue aims to build consensus and coalesce multilateral support for a new development narrative centred on fostering productive capacities and structural transformation as key to addressing multiple development challenges. Only by building productive capacities and fostering economic diversification can countries accelerate growth and development, making it inclusive and sustainable.

Speakers

- Mr. **Rui Miguêns de Oliveira**,
Minister of Industry and Commerce, Angola
- Mr. **Pasi Hellman**,
Undersecretary of State for International Development, Finland
- Ms. **Chrysoula Zacharopoulou**,
Secretary of State for Development and the Francophonie and International Partnerships, France (TBC)
- Ms. **Minh Hang Nguyen**,
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Vietnam

Moderator

- Mr. **Claver Gatete**,
Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, United Nations

14.30 - 14.45

Spotlight interventionby Professor **Richard Baldwin**,

Professor of international economics, International Institute for Management Development

14.45 - 15.30

*Panel Dialogue***RESHAPING FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT AND GLOBAL VALUE CHAINS FOR DEVELOPMENT**

The long-term stagnation of investment in global value chains and the sectoral shifts in investment patterns fundamentally alter the development paradigm based on promoting investment in manufacturing export-led growth. These shifts affect the prospects for developing countries to increase their participation in global value chains and to gradually upgrade to higher value added industrial activities. This session aims to explore the implications of global value chain transformations for a future investment- development path for global value chain.

Speakers

- Mr. **Bruno Le Maire**, Minister of the Economy, Finance, Industrial and Digital Sovereignty, France (TBC)
- Dr. **Mohammed Alzarooni**,
Chair, World Free Zones Organization
- Ms. **Nivruti Rai**,
President of the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies
- Mr. **Nunu Sampaio**,
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Portugal

Moderator

- Mr. **Peter Ogbu Okwoche**,
Journalist

15.30 - 15.45

Spotlight interventionby Mr. **Mahendra Siregar**,

Chief of Financial Services Authority, Indonesia

15.45 - 16.30

*Panel debate***CATCHING UP IS HARD: DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES IN A WORLD OF CASCADING CRISES** – (45 minutes)

The economic future of developing nomies is intrinsically linked to advancing their industrial capacity in a world troubled by overlapping crises. This cluster of interrelated threats –high indebtedness and rising interest rates, inflation, and a cost-of-living crisis, increasing geopolitical conflicts and an onrushing climate catastrophe –is aggravating fragmentation, threatening the integrity of the multilateral system and posing profound policy challenges. Speakers will discuss domestic, regional and global strategies to mobilize finance, restructure production and trade dynamics, and help developing countries to deliver on their aspirations for sustainable development.

Speakers

- Hon. Dr. **Jean Chrysostome Ngabitsinze**,
Minister of Trade and Industry, Rwanda
- Ms. **Fiona Tregenna**,
Professor, University of Johannesburg, South Africa
- Mr. **Luis Felipe Lopez-Calva**,
Global Director – Poverty and Equity, World Bank -
- +1 Ministerial level

Moderator

- Mr. **José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs**,
Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations

16.30 - 17.00

Closing session: Forward together

- Ms. **Rebeca Grynspan**,
UN Trade and Development Secretary-General, Closing address
- Mr. **Dennis Francis**,
President of the United Nations General Assembly

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Special Voices sessions

10.00 - 12.00

*Panel Debate***GLOBALIZATION, INFLECTED: DEVELOPMENT AND REPOSITIONING IN THE CHANGING GLOBAL CONTEXT**

Speakers

- Prof. **James K. Galbraith**,
Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs and Professorship in Government, University of Texas
- Prof. **Célestin Monga**,
John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- Prof. **José Antonio Ocampo**,
School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University
- Prof. **Isabella Weber**,
University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Ms. **Tatiana Molcean**,
Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Moderator

- Ms. **Rebeca Grynspan**,
UN Trade and Development Secretary-General

12.00 - 12.15

CLOSING OF THE GLOBAL LEADERS FORUM