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## eTrade for All A new initiative to leverage ICTs for Sustainable Development

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 When both consumers and enterprises turn to the Internet for what they need, sellers without web presence become increasingly invisible.



- This makes it increasingly important...
  - for firms in developing countries to have the capacity to engage in e-commerce...
  - …and for governments to create environments that can foster development gains from e-commerce.

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# **E-Commerce is Growing Fast**



# **China top B2C E-Commerce market**



Top 10 B2C E-Commerce Markets 2015

Source: UNCTAD.

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### Retail E-Commerce Growth 2016 (%)



Source: eMarketer, August 2016.

# UNCTAD Huge divides - Huge potential

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Source: UNCTAD.

# **E-Commerce - A Policy Priority**

- WTO Work Programme on E-Commerce
- G20 Presidency emphasizing digital trade
  - UNCTAD lead on Development Dimension
- World Summit on the Information Society
  - E-business action line (C7)
- Stronger UNCTAD mandate
  - eTrade for All
  - New Intergovernmental Expert Group on E-Commerce and the Digital Economy





World Summit on the Information Society Turning targets into action Geneva 2003 | Tunis 2005 | New York 2015





## Barriers to e-commerce uptake Urgent need for capacity-building and assistance

- Limited use of the Internet among businesses and consumers
- Lack of awareness
- Insufficient access to affordable ICT infrastructure
- Inadequate trade logistics and facilitation
- Lack of security and trust in online transactions
- Inadequate online payment facilities
- Lack of trade finance
- Limited e-commerce skills among enterprises
- Absence of statistical data on e-commerce
- Weak legal and regulatory frameworks

# Making Development Assistance Fit for Purpose

- Multi-stakeholder initiative to:
  - raise awareness of e-commerce opportunities and challenges
  - mobilize financial and human resources for address challenges and constraints;
  - enhance transparency and strengthen synergies among partners providing assistance





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"We welcome the formal unveiling of the **eTrade for All** initiative at UNCTAD XIV. It provides a new approach to trade development through electronic exchanges by allowing developing countries to more easily navigate the supply of technical assistance for building capacity in ecommerce readiness and for donors to get a clear picture of programmes that they could fund."

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# **eTrade for All is Expanding**





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# **eTrade for All Update**

- Online Platform in progress
  - Launch date: 25 April 2017
- Two Focus Groups
  - Platform development
  - Indicator development
- Two Rapid Assessments of eTrade Readiness
  - Cambodia
  - Bhutan

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- E-Trade for All is a concrete illustration of how to leverage ICTs for the SDGs
- Target 5.b women empowerment
- Targets 8.2, 8.3
- Targets 9.3, 9.8
- Target 17.11



Connecting the dots

**e**Trade

## UNCTAD E-Commerce Week 2017 Towards Inclusive E-Commerce \*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10.00- 13.00	eTrade for All Parallel sessions	eTrade for All Parallel sessions Launch of eTrade	Assessing the eTrade Readiness of LDCs	The Gender Dimension of E- Commerce	Facilitating Crossborder E- commerce
		for All Online Platform	LDCS	Measuring E- Commerce and Digital Trade	Broadband connectivity for E-commerce
Lunch		Ministerial Lunch			
15.00- 18.00	eTrade for All Parallel sessions	HIGH-LEVEL MINISTERIAL SEGMENT	E-Commerce and Consumer Protection	Payment Solutions for E- commerce	eTrade for All - Next Steps
			Egypt: National E-Commerce Strategy Launch	E-commerce for SMEs: financing and skills development	Closing
		Reception			

\* Tentative schedule



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