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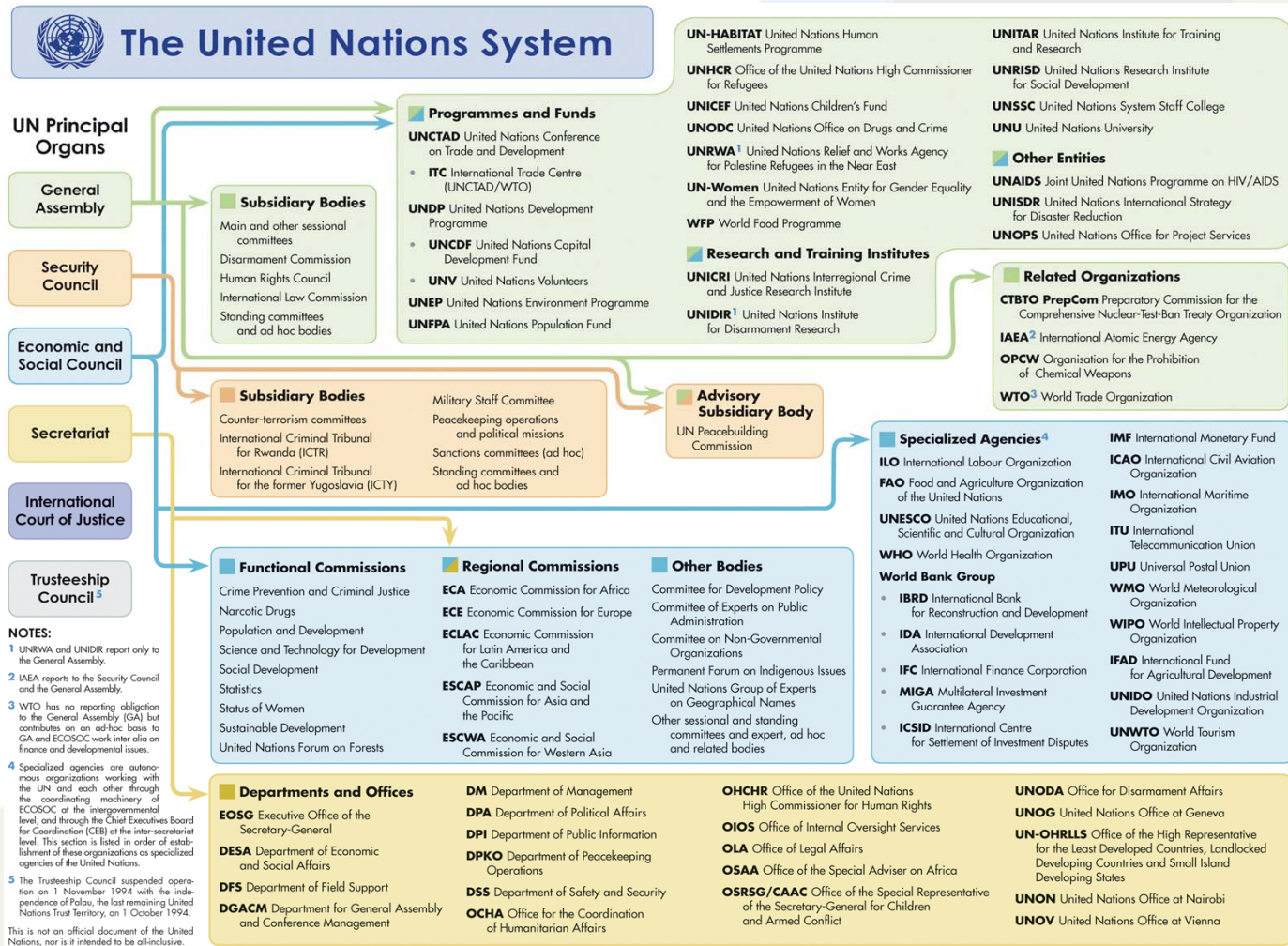
## **UNCTAD's history, mission, and structure**

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# UNCTAD in the UN System



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- UNCTAD was established by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1964 in its resolution 1995 (XIX).
- Its current membership – 194 Member states – most inclusive Forum;  
- It works through consensus;
- Established as an organ of the GA; Reports to the GA through ECOSOC and the 2nd committee; working with specialized agencies including BWIs at the intergovernmental level through ECOSOC; Secretariat coordination through CEB;
- Its budget is determined by UN – ACABQ; 5th committee;
- Its Secretary General is appointed by the SG of the UN in consultation with regional groups; The position rotates between Africa, Asia and Latin America Groups.

## Role of Geneva Delegates in UNCTAD's Governance?

- Geneva delegates are directly involved in what is called "policy-making organs", i.e. the quadrennial conference, the TDB and its subsidiary organ the WP plus the two commissions.

## Birth of UNCTAD

- In the 60s with the establishment of ITO stalled the UN system was missing an organization or body analyzing trade and development from not least the developing countries perspective.
- It was demanded by the newly formed G 77.
- In 1964 these demands were met at the first UNCTAD Conference in Geneva;
- It's first Secretary General - Raul Prebisch came from a continent that was teeming with revolutionary spirit to change the present world order. He gave UNCTAD a head start and became the intellectual leader of the New International Economic Order that came to dominate the UN debates in the late 60s & early 70s

## UNCTAD's Budget

- **The Secretariat is composed of about 400 staff ;**
- **Annual regular budget of approximately \$68 million from the United Nations;**
- **Extra-budgetary technical assistance funds of +\$40 million**

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## Main Goals

- Promote economic development and poverty reduction;
- Contribute to the progressive and beneficial integration in the global economy,  
Particularly through  
national policies and international support  
measures in support of development centered  
globalization.

## **Almost 50 years of promoting development-friendly integration of developing countries into the world economy: Some highlights**

- 1960s -70s - GSP; International Commodities Agreement; The Common Fund for Commodities; Code of conduct for liner conferences; Control of Restrictive Business practices;
- 1970 - Classification of the Group of Least Developed Countries
- Instrumental in the adoption by the UNGA of the 0.7 % of GDP target for ODA;
- Special and Differential Treatment at multilateral trade negotiations
- Proposed debt relief for poor countries;
- GSTP; Positive Agenda for Trade Negotiation Developed TA successes such as ASYCUDA and DMFAS
- EMPRETEC ;Several capacity building training and advisory services
- Proposed the concept of « good development governance »
- STIP and IPR reviews;
- Creation of world association of Investment Promotion agencies;
- Policy Space; Developmental States; Development of Productive capacities; Development centered Globalization



# UNCTAD's Mandate

- GA Resolution 1995
- UNCTAD XII - Accra Accord
- UNCTAD XIII – Doha Mandate

# Guiding Principles

Same as those put forward by Gunnar Myrdal,  
Executive

Secretary UNECE; Nobel 1974

- Independent Research - scientific agent - tolerance to diversity of views
- Competence – staff selection
- Relevance and usefulness – practical purpose
- Scientific Modesty – welcome criticism but also respect
- Integrity – remain true to findings
- Caution – avoid being provocative

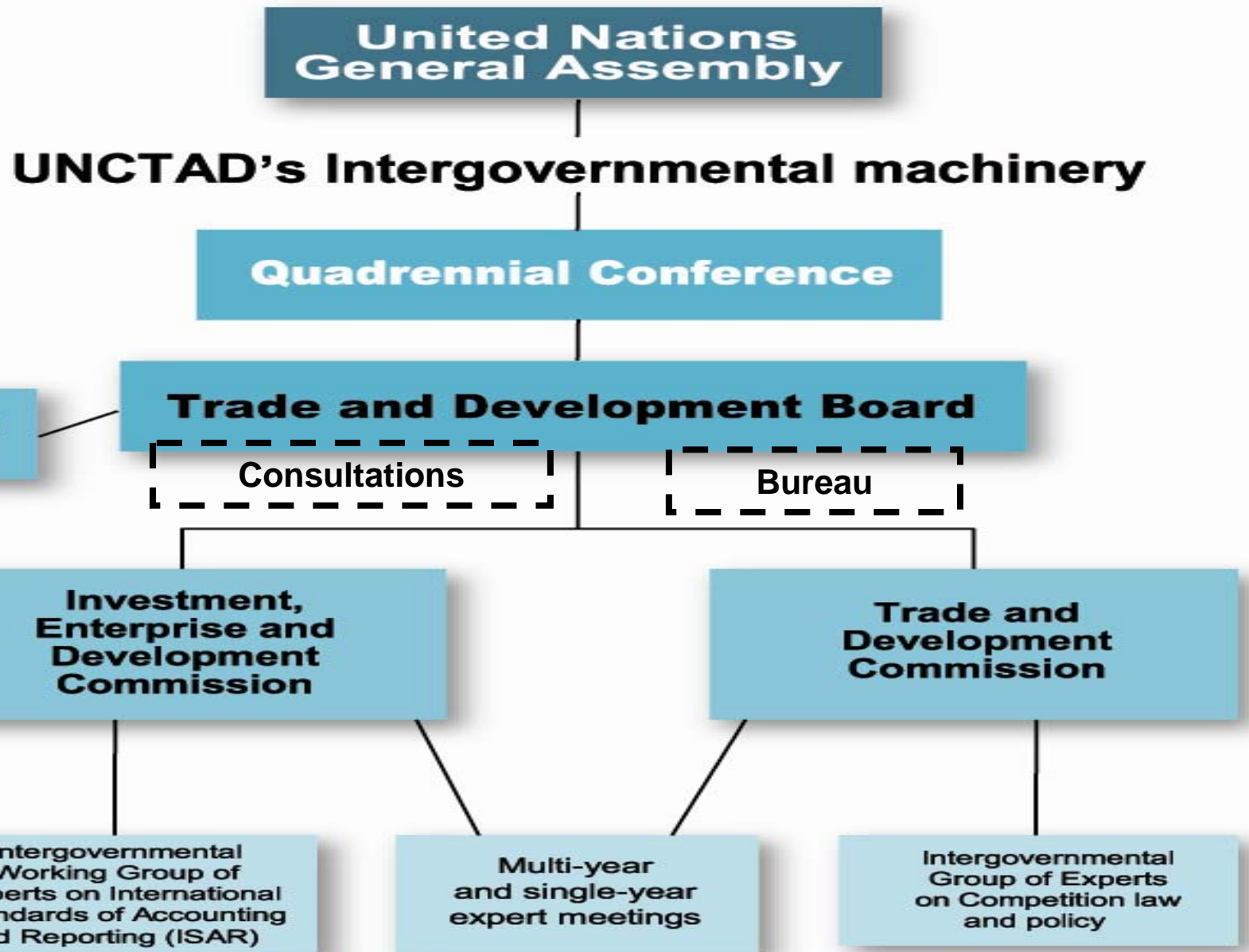
# UNCTAD Three Pillars

Research  
&  
Policy Analysis  
Flagship Reports

Capacity  
Building:  
Technical  
Assistance

Consensus  
building  
Paragraphs 189 to  
211 of the Accra  
Accord

# UNCTAD's Intergovernmental machinery at glance



# UNCTAD's Intergovernmental machinery

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- **TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TDB):**

Regular session in September in Geneva + up to 3 times in executive sessions

To deal with urgent policy issues, as well as management and institutional matters.

- **Two Commissions** (meet 1 a year; subsidiary bodies of the TDB; report to the TDB)

1. Trade and Development;

2. Investment, Enterprise and Development;

- **Eight Expert Meetings ( 6 MY & 2 SY) – report to the commissions**

- **Working Party – meets 3 times – decisions and conclusions to the TDB**

- **Monthly consultations of the President; Bureau; Informal consultations**

# Preparations for meetings

- **Agenda**
- **Documentation**
- **Outcome**
- **Preparatory informal meetings, e.g. regional coordinators, Bureau meetings.**
- **Notifications to missions in Geneva**
  - Correspondence
  - UNCTAD ISS informal emails

# **UNCTAD's Intergovernmental meetings**

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**Officers of meetings drawn from the “lists” (Annex :  
Resolution 1995 (XIX))**

**Elected on the basis of equitable geographic  
distribution**

Chairman

Vice- President

Vice-President-cum-Rapporteur



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