

**Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission, ninth session  
Geneva, 20–24 November 2017, Room XXVI**

**PROGRAMME TIMETABLE**  
[as at 17 November 2017]

**Monday, 20 November**

**10 a.m.–  
12 noon**

**Opening plenary**

**Item 1 Election of officers**

**Item 2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**  
(TD/B/C.II/34 and TD/B/C.II/34/Corr.1)

Opening statement

- Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Followed by

- General statements by regional groups and member States

**12 noon–  
1 p.m.**

Recent trends and policies in the area of investment and enterprise

- Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise
- Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics

**3–5.30 p.m.**

**First informal meeting**

**Item 4 From decisions to actions: Investment and enterprise development as catalysts for accomplishing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**  
**(a) Investment**

High-level panel on investing in the Sustainable Development Goals

Promoting foreign investment in the Sustainable Development Goals (TD/B/C.II/35)

Opening statement

- Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise

Presentations

- H.E. Mr. Laurent Serge Etoundi Ngoa, Minister of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Social Economy and Handicrafts, Cameroon
- H.E. Ms. Ana Lehmann, Secretary of State for Industry, Portugal
- H.E. Mr. Fitsum Arega, Commissioner, Ethiopian Investment Commission, Ethiopia
- Ms. Sabine Döbeli, Chief Executive Officer, Swiss Sustainable Finance
- Mr. Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, Chief Executive Officer, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development
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Discussants

- Mr. Abdoulaye Gounou, Director, Evaluation of Public Policies, Office of the President, Benin
- Ms. Dragana Djurica, Senior Expert on Competitiveness, Regional Cooperation Council, South-East Europe

Interactive discussion

Followed by

- United Nations awards for excellence in promoting investment in the Sustainable Development Goals

**6 p.m.**

Reception

**Tuesday, 21 November**

**10 a.m.–  
1 p.m.**

**Second informal meeting**

**Item 4 (a) Investment** (continued): Investment policy review of the Gambia

Opening statements

- Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
- H.E. Ms. Isatou Touray, Minister of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment, the Gambia

Investment policy review and national entrepreneurship policy: Main findings and recommendations

- Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise

Government objectives, investment policy and enterprise policy

- Mr. Omar Badjie, Senior Economist, Ministry of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment, the Gambia

Comments and open floor discussion

- H.E. Mr. Jean-Marie Ehouzou, Ambassador, Permanent Observer, Permanent Mission of the African Union to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva
- H.E. Mr. Mustafa Osman Ismail Elamin, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the Sudan to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva, and Coordinator, Africa Group, Geneva
- H.E. Mr. Kouadio Adjoumani, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Côte d'Ivoire to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva
- Mr. Tunde Mukaila Mustapha, Minister, Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva
- Mr. Éric Beantanana, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Madagascar to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva
- Mr. Audu Besmer, Deputy Director, Office of Investment Affairs, Department of State, United States of America
- Ms. Marinella Loddo, Director, Milan Office, Italian Trade Agency, Italy
- Ms. Nessie Golakai, Deputy Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme, Gambia
- Mr. Frank Van Rompaey, Head, Geneva Office, United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- Ms. Sarata Conateh, Director, Business Development, the Gambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Mr. Thomas De Beule, Chief Executive Officer, C&M Corporate and Management
- Mr. Alexis Poitevin, Regional Sales Director, Africa, Cotecna Inspection S. A., and Member of the Board, Swiss-African Business Circle
- Mr. Michel Huijser, Founder, Atlantic Seafood Company, the Gambia

**3–6 p.m.**

**Third informal meeting**

**Item 4 (a) Investment** (continued): Investment policy review of South-East Europe

Opening statements

- Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
- Mr. Goran Svilanović, Secretary-General, Regional Cooperation Council
- Mr. Emir Djikic, Director, Central European Free Trade Agreement Secretariat (video link)

Investment policy review: Main findings and way forward

- Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise

Working together for investment policy reforms

- Tour de table of representatives of South-East Europe economies who participated in the preparation of the Investment Policy Review
- Mr. Pierre Sauvé, Senior Trade Specialist, Trade and Competitiveness Global Practice, Geneva Office, World Bank Group

Comments and open floor discussion

- H.E. Mr. Thomas Hajnoczi, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Austria to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva
- Mr. Audu Besmer, Deputy Director, Office of Investment Affairs, Department of State, United States
- Ms. Marinella Loddo, Director, Milan Office, Italian Trade Agency, Italy
- Mr. Ralph Junker, Chief Executive Officer, JUWAL Group
- Mr. Edin Karabeg, Chief Executive Officer, Sberbank
- Mr. Siniša Malus, Communications Manager, Chinese Southeast European Business Association

**6 p.m.**

Networking cocktail

Wednesday, 22 November

10 a.m.–  
12.30 p.m.

**Fourth informal meeting**

**Item 4 From decisions to actions: Investment and enterprise development as catalysts for accomplishing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**  
**(b) Enterprise and information and communications technology**

Enterprise development for the Sustainable Development Goals

Opening remarks

- Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise

Keynote address

- Mr. Alexander Osterwalder, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Strategyzer

Interventions

- H.E. Mr. Laurent Serge Etoundi Ngoa, Minister of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Social Economy and Handicrafts, Cameroon
- H.E. Ms. Beng'i Issa, Executive Secretary, National Economic Empowerment Council, United Republic of Tanzania
- Mr. Abdoulie Touray, President, Global Entrepreneurship Network, Gambia
- Mr. Guillermo Jarrin, Tippy Tea Blends, Ecuador

Interactive debate

12.30–  
1 p.m.

**Plenary**

**Item 3 Reports of expert meetings**

**(a) Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development on its fifth session (TD/B/C.II/MEM.4/15)**

- H.E. Mr. RDS Kumararatne, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the World Trade Organization, Geneva

**(b) Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting on its thirty-fourth session (TD/B/C.II/ISAR/83)**

- Mr. David Obwaya Gichana, Chair, Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, thirty-fourth session, and Deputy Auditor General, Office of the Auditor General, Kenya

3–6 p.m.

**Fifth informal meeting**

**Item 4 (b) Enterprise and information and communications technology (continued)**

Science, technology and innovation as catalysts for the Sustainable Development Goals (TD/B/C.II/36)

Presentation

- Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics

Panel presentations

- Ms. Nadia Isler, Director, SDG Lab, Switzerland: Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals by leveraging expertise and knowledge into policy, practice and action
- Mr. Dimitri Klironomos, Director, Northwood Environmental, Zambia: Sustainable practices as a business proposition
- Mr. Peter Kariuki, Co-founder, Safe Motos, Rwanda: Information and communications technology innovation for road safety
- Mr. Michael van Cutsem, Manager, Beeodiversity, Belgium: Innovation for food safety, biodiversity and sustainable communities
- Mr. Charles Blaschke, Managing Director, Taka Solutions, United Arab Emirates: Innovation for clean energy, sustainable cities and responsible consumption and production

Interactive debate

**Thursday, 23 November**

**10 a.m.–  
6 p.m.**      **Informal consultations**

**Friday, 24 November**

**10 a.m.–  
1 p.m.**      **Sixth informal meeting**

**Item 5   Progress report on promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars**

Presentations

- Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise
- Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics

**3–6 p.m.**      **Plenary**

**Item 6   Other business**

**Closing plenary**

**Item 7   Adoption of the report of the Commission to the Trade and Development Board**