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Eleventh session

Geneva, 30 September–2 October 2024

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Item 1

Election of officers

1. It is recommended that the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur.

Item 2

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. The provisional agenda for the current session of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development is reproduced in chapter I above. A detailed programme will be available one week before the meeting.

Documentation

TD/B/C.II/MEM.4/30

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Item 3**Business development services for conducive business ecosystems in support of sustainable development**

3. The Trade and Development Board approved the topic for the current session of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development on 30 January 2024.

4. Responding to the renewed call made by member States at the fifteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (TD/541/Add.2, paragraph 127 (r)), to “continue to provide support in the area of development of microenterprises, small and medium-sized enterprises and start-ups” and that “an enabling business environment, including support for access to finance, entrepreneurial skills, information and markets, as well as inclusion in regional and global value chains, are key for these companies to thrive, and can raise their competitiveness and productivity”, at the current session of the Multi-year Expert Meeting, participants will discuss the promotion of entrepreneurship, considering policies enabling the development of effective business development services to support microenterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises and start-ups in their expansion. Building on UNCTAD work on entrepreneurship policies and enterprise development services, including through the experience of Empretec centres, the meeting will provide an opportunity for experts to exchange views and good practices on new and emerging issues related to business development services. Discussions will address trends in business development services and the influence of the acceleration of digitalization, green practices and the sustainability drive on such services and will identify policies enabling the development of effective business development services.

5. To facilitate the discussions, the secretariat has prepared a background document titled “Business development services for conducive business ecosystems in support of sustainable development” (TD/B/C.II/MEM.4/31).

6. Member States are invited to nominate experts from the public and/or private sectors. Nominated experts are encouraged to participate throughout the session, to ensure continuity. Each member State is encouraged to nominate up to five experts to participate.

Documentation

TD/B/C.II/MEM.4/31 Business development services for conducive business ecosystems in support of sustainable development

Item 4**Adoption of the report of the meeting**

7. The report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development on its eleventh session will be submitted to the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission for consideration at its next session. The meeting may wish to authorize the Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur, under the authority of the Chair, to prepare the final report after the conclusion of the meeting.

Inputs from experts

Experts nominated by member States are encouraged to submit brief papers (approximately 5–12 pages) as contributions to the work of the meeting. The papers will be made available at the session in the form and language in which they are received.

Papers should be submitted to the UNCTAD secretariat in advance of the meeting, addressed to empretec@unctad.org.