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Report of the Trade and Development Board to the Conference*

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. Paragraph 14 of General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) provides that, when the Conference is not in session, the Trade and Development Board shall carry out the functions that fall within the competence of the Conference. Paragraph 22 provides that the Board shall report to the Conference and that it shall also report annually on its activities to the General Assembly.
2. The Board last reported to the Conference at its fourteenth session. Since that time, the Board has held six regular sessions, eight executive sessions and two special sessions, as indicated below:

Regular sessions

Sixty-eighth session	21 June–2 July 2021
Sixty-seventh session	2 and 3 July, 7–9 September and 28 September– 2 October 2020
Sixty-sixth session	24–27 June 2019
Sixty-fifth session, part I and part II	4–8 and 25 and 26 June 2018; 1–4 October 2018
Sixty-fourth session	11–22 September 2017
Sixty-third session	5–9 December 2016

* This document was submitted on the above-mentioned date in order to take into account the thirty-second special session of the Trade and Development Board held on 6–8 and 17 September 2021.



Executive sessions

Convened to discuss specific topics

Seventieth executive session

3–5 February 2021

The Least Developed Countries Report 2020: Productive Capacities for the New Decade

Report of the Working Party on the Programme Plan and Programme Performance on its eighty-first session (18–20 January 2021)

Report of the Eighth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices (19–23 October 2020)

Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy (14–16 October 2020)

Report of the Preparatory Committee to the fifteenth session of the Conference

Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre

Sixty-ninth executive session

5–7 February and 6 April 2020

The Least Developed Countries Report 2019: The Present and Future of External Development Finance – Old Dependence, New Challenges

Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and Programme Budget on its seventy-ninth session (20–22 January 2020)

Report of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission (11–15 November 2019)

Report of the Trade and Development Commission (25–28 November 2019)

Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development

Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre

Sixty-eighth executive session

30 September–4 October 2019

Interdependence and development strategies in a globalized world

Investment for development

Economic Development in Africa: Made in Africa – Rules of Origin for Enhanced Intra-African Trade

Capturing value in the digital economy

Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people
Activities undertaken by UNCTAD in support of Africa

Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget (2–4 September 2019)

Sixty-seventh executive session

4–6 February 2019

The Least Developed Countries Report 2018: Entrepreneurship for Structural Transformation – Beyond Business as Usual

Reports of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget on its seventy-sixth and seventy-seventh sessions (10–12 December 2018; 30 January–1 February 2019)

Report of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission (3–6 December 2018)

Report of the Trade and Development Commission (12–15 November 2018)

Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development (7–9 November 2018)

Sixty-sixth executive session

5–7 February 2018

The Least Developed Countries Report 2017: Transformational Energy Access

Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget on its seventy-sixth session (3–5 September 2018)

Report of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission (20–24 November 2017)

Report of the Trade and Development Commission (27 November–1 December 2017)

Matters requiring action by the Board in the follow-up to the fourteenth session of the Conference

Sixty-fifth executive session

17 July 2017

Activities undertaken by UNCTAD in support of Africa

Sixty-fourth executive session

6–8 February 2017

The Least Developed Countries Report 2016: The Road to Graduation and Beyond – Making the Most of the Process

Sixty-third executive session

27–29 September and 11 October 2016

Activities undertaken by UNCTAD in support of Africa

Economic Development in Africa Report 2016: Debt Dynamics and Development Finance in Africa

Trade and Development Report, 2016: Structural Transformation for Inclusive and Sustained Growth

Special sessions

Thirty-second special session

6–8 and 17 September 2021

Substantive preparations for the fifteenth session of the Conference

Thirty-first special session

5 April 2017

Substantive topics for the forthcoming sessions of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission and the Trade and Development Commission

Terms of reference for the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy and the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Finance for Development

Topics for the first sessions of multi-year expert meetings
