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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 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 fifteenth session. Since that time, the Board has held three regular sessions, seven executive sessions and four special sessions, as indicated below:

Regular sessions

Seventy-first session	16–20 September 2024
Seventieth session	19–28 June 2023
Sixty-ninth session	20 June–1 July 2022

* Agreement was reached to publish the present report after the standard publication date owing to circumstances beyond the submitter's control.



Executive sessions

Convened to discuss specific topics

Seventy-seventh executive session

3–5 February 2025

Interdependence and development strategies in a globalized world

The Least Developed Countries Report 2024: Leveraging Carbon Markets for Development

Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean 2024: Low-growth Trap, Climate Change and Employment Trends

Preparatory process for the sixteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Report of the Working Party on the Programme Plan and Programme Performance

Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development

Provisional agenda of the thirty-fifth special session of the Trade and Development Board

Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters

Seventy-sixth executive session

31 October–1 November 2024

UNCTAD contribution to the implementation of the Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries

Preparatory process for the sixteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Report of the Working Party on the Programme Plan and Programme Performance

Progressive development of the law of international trade: Annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre

Seventy-fifth executive session

12–14 February 2024

Interdependence and development strategies in a globalized world

The Least Developed Countries Report 2023: Crisis-resilient Development Finance

International Trade Outlook for Latin America and the Caribbean 2023. Structural Change and Trends in Global and Regional Trade: Challenges and Opportunities

Report of the Working Party on the Programme Plan and Programme Performance

Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Expert on

Financing for Development

Preparatory process for the sixteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the Trade and Development Board

Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters

Seventy-fourth executive session

20–23 November 2023
and 30 January 2024

Investment for development: Investing in sustainable energy for all

Economic development in Africa: The potential of Africa to capture technology-intensive global supply chains

UNCTAD contribution to the implementation of the Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries

Report of the Working Party on the Programme Plan and Programme Performance

Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people

Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre

Provisional agenda of the seventy-fifth executive session of the Trade and Development Board

Seventy-third executive session

13–15 February 2023

Interdependence and development strategies in a globalized world

The Least Developed Countries Report 2022: The Low-Carbon Transition and Its Daunting Implications for Structural Transformation

Matters pertaining to subsidiary bodies of the Trade and Development Board

Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre

Provisional agenda of the seventieth session of the Trade and Development Board

Seventy-second executive session

18–21 October 2022

High-level segment: Getting the global economy back on track and addressing the most pressing challenges

Investment for development: International tax reforms and sustainable investment

Economic development in Africa: Rethinking the foundations of export diversification in Africa – The catalytic role of business and financial services

Activities carried out in the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries

Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people

Report of the Working Party on the Programme Plan and Programme Performance

Provisional agenda of the seventy-third executive session of the Trade and Development Board

Report by the Chair of the Advisory Body set up in accordance with paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action on the implementation of courses by the secretariat in 2021–2022 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of members of the Advisory Body

Seventy-first executive session

10, 11, 16–18 February 2022

Interdependence and development strategies in a globalized world

Investment for development: Investing in sustainable recovery

The Least Developed Countries Report 2021: The Least Developed Countries in the Post-COVID World – Learning from 50 Years of Experience

Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people

Matters pertaining to subsidiary bodies of the Trade and Development Board

Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre

Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters

Provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the Trade and Development Board

Special sessions

Thirty-sixth special session¹

19 September 2025

Organization of the work of the sixteenth session of the Conference

Substantive preparations for the sixteenth session of the Conference

Provisional agenda of the seventy-second session of the Trade and Development Board

Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters

Thirty-fifth special session

23 June 2025

Venue and dates for UNCTAD XVI

¹ Forthcoming.

Thirty-fourth special session

15–16 February 2025

Economic development in Africa: Unlocking Africa's
trade potential – Boosting regional markets and
reducing risks

Thirty-third special session

17 January 2025

Preparations for UNCTAD XVI
