



# UNCTAD XIII

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

DOHA - QATAR 21-26 APRIL 2012



## SAVE THE DATE 21-26 APRIL 2012

Next April the international development community will gather in Doha for the thirteenth UNCTAD Conference (UNCTAD XIII).

Theme of the Conference  
**Development-centred globalization:  
Towards inclusive and sustainable growth and development**



Speaking at the previous conference in Accra, Ghana, in 2008, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called UNCTAD “perhaps our best hope for working together in global partnership for development”.

*“... the United Nations system needs to evolve in line with situations that reflect the realities of a new world, a world not linked with interests alone, a world where it is imperative to have an agreement that confirms the principles that govern civilized behavior, while preserving the unity of interests.”*

His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani,  
Emir of the State of Qatar



*“ Dramatic changes have taken place in the world economy since the last conference in Accra in 2008. The theme of UNCTAD XIII, agreed among member States, conveys both our disappointment with the failure of finance-driven globalization to deliver prosperity and stability to many countries, in particular those in the developing world, as well as the need to establish different priorities, principles and policies, if we are to turn a fragile recovery into a balanced and secure future for all.*

*We anticipate a very wide-ranging discussion in Doha, with high-level participation from Heads of State and Governments, senior policymakers, Heads of international organizations, CEOs from some of the world’s leading corporations, civil society leaders and eminent academics.*

*I am delighted that an UNCTAD Conference should take place in the Arab region for the first time ever.”*

Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

The week-long Conference will feature round tables, debating the four sub-themes; the third World Investment Forum, a Civil Society Forum, a Technology and Innovation Day and a Global Services Forum.

*Her Highness Sheikha Mozah bint Nasser of Qatar and the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, Supachai Panitchpakdi are jointly convening a one-day high-level event dedicated to the crucial role of women in development.*



A unique location for fostering dialogue and consensus is the newly built Qatar National Convention Centre, which offers cutting-edge facilities for international conferences.



### CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES

Enhancing the enabling economic environment at all levels in support of inclusive and sustainable development.

Strengthening all forms of cooperation and partnerships for trade and development, including North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation.

Addressing persistent and emerging development challenges as related to their implications for trade and development and interrelated issues in the areas of finance, technology, investment and sustainable development.

Promoting investment, trade, entrepreneurship and related development policies to foster sustained economic growth for sustainable and inclusive development.

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