



PROGRAMME MONDAY

Programme

20–23 October 2025

Palais des Nations, Geneva

10–11.30 a.m.



Opening plenary and ceremony

Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations

Speakers

- Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister, Barbados (by video message)
- Sandra Husbands, Minister of Training and Tertiary Education, Barbados
- Guy Parmelin, Federal Councillor, Switzerland
- Annalena Baerbock, President, UN General Assembly (by video message)
- Tatiana Valovaya, Director-General, UN Office at Geneva

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.



Leaders dialogue

Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations

Opening remarks

Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Speakers

- Arnoldo André Tinoco, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship, Costa Rica
- Kamina Johnson Smith, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Jamaica
- Ahmed Kouchouk, Minister of Finance, Egypt
- Guy Parmelin, Federal Councillor, Switzerland
- Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General, World Trade Organization

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1.15–2.45 p.m. **Ministerial meeting of the Group of 77 and China**
Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations

3–6 p.m. **General debate**
 Room III, Palais des Nations

3–6 p.m. **Opening plenary of the Committee of the Whole**
Room V, Palais des Nations

3–4.30 p.m. **Ministerial roundtable**
 **Reimagining trade: A broader path to development**
Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations

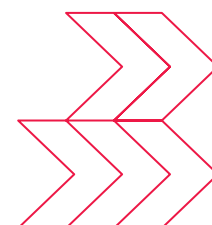
Opening remarks Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Speakers **First panel**

- Julien Paluku Kahongya, Minister of International Trade, Democratic Republic of Congo
- Anil Kumar Sinha, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Supplies, Nepal
- Éléonore Caroit, Minister Delegate for Francophonie, International Partnerships and French Nationals Abroad, France
- Michał Baranowski, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, Poland

Second panel

- Kamina Johnson Smith, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Jamaica
- Basilio Zefanias Muhate, Minister of Economy, Mozambique
- Mahbubur Rahman, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh
- Zhanel Kushukova, Vice Minister of Trade and Integration, Kazakhstan
- Tatiana Molcean, Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Europe



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3–4.30 p.m.

Parallel event

ASYCUDA: New technology to foster efficient, secure and sustainable trade

Room IX, Palais des Nations

Opening remarks

Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

4.30–6 p.m.

Parallel event

Safe products for all consumers

Room IX, Palais des Nations

Opening remarks

Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

4.30–6 p.m.



Ministerial roundtable

Implementing the Sevilla Commitment on financing for development and establishing a borrowers' platform

Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations

Opening remarks

Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

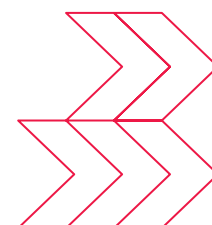
Speakers

First panel

- Elmer José Germán Gonzalo Schialer Salcedo, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Peru
- Inés Carpio San Román, General Director of International Finance, Ministry of the Economy, Trade and Business, Spain
- Daniel Pachó, Under Secretary for the Multilateral Sector, Holy See

Second panel

- Ahmed Kouchouk, Minister of Finance, Egypt
- Paolo Gentiloni, Co-Chair of the Group of Experts to Promote Policy Solutions for Resolving the Debt Crisis, United Nations
- Carlos Correa, Executive Director, South Centre





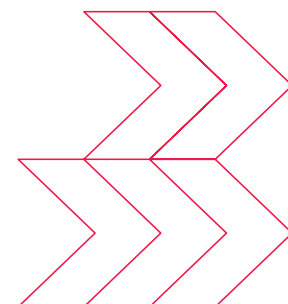
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Palais des Nations, Geneva

8.30–10 a.m.	Ministerial meeting of the group of least developed countries Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations
10 a.m.–12 p.m.	General debate Room III, Palais des Nations
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Negotiations Room V, Palais des Nations
10–11.30 a.m.	Parallel event Multilateral and national development banks: Boosting affordable financing Concordia 1, Palais des Nations
10–11.30 a.m.	Parallel event Expanding productive capacities to enhance developing countries' financial sustainability Room IX, Palais des Nations
Opening remarks	Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
Moderator	Ratnakar Adhikari, Executive Director of the Executive Secretariat, Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF)



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10–11.30 a.m.



Ministerial roundtable

Harnessing artificial intelligence for inclusive and sustainable development

Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations

Opening remarks

Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Speakers

First panel

- Philip Fox Drummond Gough, Secretary for Economic and Financial Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brazil
- Jukka Salovaara, Permanent Secretary of State at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland
- Kim Hee-sang, Deputy Minister for Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea
- Çetin Ali Dönmez, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Industry and Technology of Türkiye

Second panel

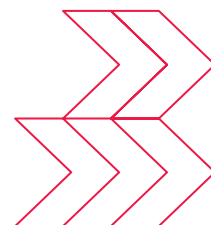
- Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, Minister for Trade, Agribusiness, and Industry, Ghana
- Mariin Ratnik, Undersecretary for Economic and Development Affairs, Estonia
- Tomas Lamanauskas, Deputy Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union
- Mohamed Abdelsalam, Secretary-General, Zayed Award for Human Fraternity

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Parallel event

Bridging the credit rating and market information gaps

Concordia 1, Palais des Nations



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11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.



Ministerial roundtable

Making the digital economy inclusive and sustainable through cooperation

Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations

Opening remarks

Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Speakers

First panel

- Arnaldo André Tinoco, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Costa Rica
- Arrmanatha Christiawan Nasir, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Indonesia
- Ana Isabel Xavier, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Portugal
- Deemah AlYahya, Secretary General, Digital Cooperation Organization

Second panel

- Majid bin Abdullah Al-Kassabi, Minister of Commerce, Saudi Arabia
- Mthuli Ncube, Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Investment Promotion, Zimbabwe
- Deborah Rivas Saavedra, Vice Minister of International Trade and Foreign Investment, Cuba
- Angeline Tham, Founder and CEO, Angkas, and UNCTAD eTrade for Women Advocate for South-East Asia and the Pacific

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Parallel event

Investment facilitation: Progress, prospects and policy options

Room IX, Palais des Nations

Opening remarks

Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

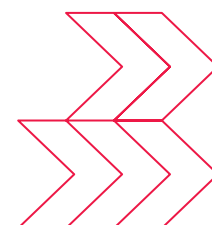
Moderator

Nan Li Collins, Director, Division of Investment and Enterprise

12–1 p.m.

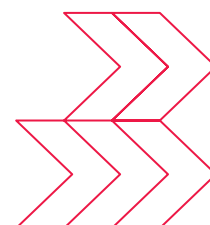
Ministerial meeting of African countries

Room III, Palais des Nations



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1.15–2.45 p.m.	Ministerial meeting of the group of small island developing States Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations
3–6 p.m.	General debate Room III, Palais des Nations
3–6 p.m.	Negotiations Room V, Palais des Nations
3–4.30 p.m.	Parallel event Reshaping progress: Moving beyond GDP for inclusive and sustainable transformation Concordia 1, Palais des Nations
3–4.30 p.m.	Ministerial roundtable Strategic priorities and emerging directions for investment and entrepreneurship policy Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations
Opening remarks	Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
Speakers	First panel • Tiroeaone Ntsima, Minister of Trade and Entrepreneurship, Botswana • Steven Collet, Vice Minister for International Cooperation, Netherlands • Eiman Bin Habbas Al-Mutairi, Vice Minister of Commerce, Saudi Arabia • María Amparo López Senovilla, Secretary of State for Trade, Spain Second panel • Diana Morales, Minister of Trade, Industry and Tourism, Colombia • Baboucarr Ousmaila Joof, Minister of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment, The Gambia • Zdenko Lucić, State Secretary for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Croatia • Febrian A. Ruddyard, Vice Minister of National Development Planning, Indonesia



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3–6 p.m. Digital for development forum

Room IX, Palais des Nations

- Opening remarks Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- Moderator Sven Callebaut, Senior adviser on trade, digital trade and e-commerce in Asia and the Pacific

4.30–6 p.m. Ministerial roundtable Regionalism in a time of uncertainty

Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations

- Opening remarks Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Speakers First panel

- Ryad Mezzour, Minister of Industry and Trade, Morocco
- Nazar Hahnazarovich Agahanov, Minister of Trade and Foreign Economic Relations, Turkmenistan
- Tekreth Kamrang, Secretary of State, Ministry of Commerce, Cambodia

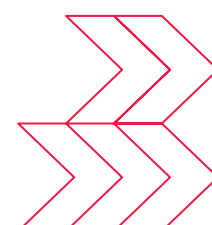
Second panel

- Lyonpo Namgyal Dorji, Minister for Industry, Commerce and Employment, Bhutan
- Atheer Dawood Salman Al Ghairi, Minister of Trade, Iraq
- Regina Akoth Ombam, Principal Secretary, State Department for Trade, Kenya

4.30–6 p.m. Parallel event Climate-resilient development: Finance, structural transformation and cooperation

Concordia 1, Palais des Nations

- Opening remarks Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- Moderator Nathalie Bernasconi-Osterwalder, Executive Director of IISD Europe





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9–10 a.m. **Dialogue with youth**
Room IX, Palais des Nations

9–10 a.m. **Ministerial meeting of the Global System of Trade Preferences (GSTP)**
Concordia 1, Palais des Nations

10 a.m.–1 p.m. **General debate**
Room III, Palais des Nations

10 a.m.–1 p.m. **Negotiations**
Room V, Palais des Nations

10–11.30 a.m. **Ministerial roundtable**
Towards resilient, sustainable and inclusive supply chains and trade logistics
Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations

Opening remarks Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Speakers **First panel**

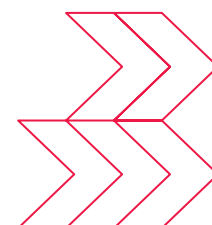
- Kamel Rezig, Minister of Foreign Trade and Export Promotion, Algeria
- Moustoifa Hassani Mohamed, Minister of Economy, Industry, and Investments, Comoros
- Mokhethi Shelile, Minister of Trade, Industry and Business Development, Lesotho
- Stéphane Graber, Director General, International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations

Second panel

- Ricardo Viegas d'Abreu, Minister of Transport, Angola
- Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry, India
- Julio Moltó, Minister of Commerce and Industries, Panama
- Saleh bin Nasser Al Jasser, Minister of Transport and Logistics Services, Saudi Arabia

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10–11.30 a.m.	Parallel event Inclusive trade and the creative economy Room IX, Palais des Nations
Opening remarks	Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
Moderator	Marisa Henderson, Chief, Trade and Creative Economy Section, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
Closing remarks	Luz Maria de La Mora, Director, Trade and Commodities Division, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
10–11.30 a.m.	Parallel event Igniting entrepreneurial potential: UNCTAD Empretec in the age of transformation Concordia 1, Palais des Nations
Closing remarks	Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Parallel event Inclusive trade in a changing global landscape: Making trade policy work for women Room IX, Palais des Nations
Opening remarks	Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
Moderator	Patricia Benedetti, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the World Trade Organization
11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Parallel event Future-ready ports: Energy and digital transition strategies Concordia 1, Palais des Nations
Opening remarks	UNCTAD Secretary-General/Deputy Secretary-General
Moderator	Lili Flour, Consultant, TrainForTrade, and Mark Assaf, Chief, Human Resources Development Section TrainForTrade
11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Global Commodities Forum Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations
Opening remarks	Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
Moderator	Luz María de la Mora, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities
1.15–2.45 p.m.	Ministerial meeting of the group of landlocked developing countries Room V, Palais des Nations
3–4.30 p.m.	Plenary session with the United Nations Secretary-General Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations
Speakers	António Guterres, Secretary-General, United Nations



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3–6 p.m.  **General debate**
Room III, Palais des Nations

3–6 p.m. **Negotiations**
Room V, Palais des Nations

4.30–6 p.m.  **Business leaders dialogue: Investing in the future**
Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations

Opening remarks Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Speakers **First panel**

- Julio Moltó, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Panama
- Ángela Pérez, Chairperson and CEO, COFIDES
- Alan Chan, CEO, Full Vision Capital, Executive Director of the Board, Hong Kong and China Gas Company (Towngas), and Chairman, EcoCeres
- André Hoffmann, Interim Co-Chair, World Economic Forum, and Vice Chairman, Roche Holding AG

Second panel

- Ahmad Mohammed A.Y. Al-Sayed, Minister of State for Foreign Trade Affairs, Qatar
- Shaikha Nasser Al Nowais, Secretary-General elect, UN Tourism (2026–2030)
- Boon Heong Ng, CEOs, Temasek Foundation
- Alfonso Libano Daurella, Vice Chairman, Cobega, and Chair, Family Business Network

Closing remarks Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

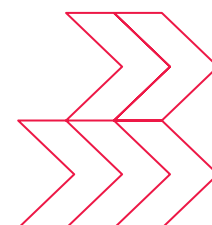
Moderator Damon Embling, Director, Headline Media UK

4.30–6 p.m.  **Parallel event**
Changemakers for sustainable trade: Advancing circular and biodiversity-based economies
Room IX, Palais des Nations

Opening remarks Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Moderator Lisa Emelia Svensson, Minister Counselor, Permanent Mission of Sweden

4.30–6 p.m. **Global Commodities Forum (continued)**
Concordia 1, Palais des Nations





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10 a.m.–1 p.m.



General debate

Room III, Palais des Nations

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Negotiations

Room V, Palais des Nations

10–11.30 a.m.

Dialogue with civil society

Concordia 1, Palais des Nations

10–11.30 a.m.



Global Services Forum

Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations

Opening remarks

Pedro Moreno, UNCTAD Deputy Secretary-General

Keynote address

Kunal Sen, Director, United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research

Moderator

Luz María de la Mora, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

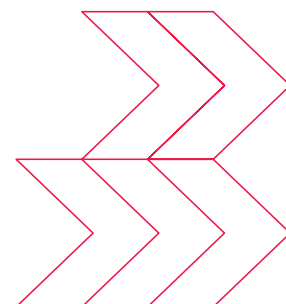
10 a.m.–1 p.m.

South-South Cooperation Forum

Room IX, Palais des Nations

Opening remarks

Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)



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11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Parallel event

Trade-related regulations for economic integration and sustainable development

Concordia 1, Palais des Nations

Opening remarks

Luz María de la Mora, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

Moderator

Marcelo Olarreaga, Professor of Economics, University of Geneva

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Youth Forum (Final session)



Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations

4–6 p.m.

Closing plenary and closing ceremony

Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations

