



**Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and  
Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable  
Development, tenth session**

**27 and 28 September 2023, Room XXVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva**

**Provisional Programme**

**Wednesday, 27 September 2023**

**10-11 a.m. Opening plenary session**

**Item 1.** Election of officers

**Item 2.** Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

**Item 3.** Recent developments, challenges, and opportunities in sustainable economic diversification

**Opening remarks:** **Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno**, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

**Keynote speech:** **Mr. Frank Neffke**, Team leader of the Science of Cities group at the Complexity Science Hub Vienna, Austria

**Introduction:** **Mr. Angel González Sanz**, Head of Technology, Innovation and Knowledge Development Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

**11 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal session 1: Opening green windows of opportunity.**

- What are the key steps to catch up with green innovation? How should developing countries formulate their strategies based on specific targeted sectors, their current socioeconomic structure and national innovation system?
- What are some successful stories that latecomers have benefited from green windows of opportunity and achieved significant progress in sustainable economic diversification?
- What should governments, the private sector, academia, civil society organizations and other stakeholders do to seize green windows of opportunity while minimizing risks and reducing inequalities?

## Panelists

- **Ms. Roberta Rabellotti**, Professor of Economics, University of Pavia, Italy
- **Mr. Teis Hansen**, Professor, Department of Food and Resource Economics, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- **Mr. Andreas Stamm**, Senior Researcher, German Institute of Development and Sustainability, Germany

## Interactive debate

### 3–6 p.m. Informal session 2: Development and deployment of renewable energy technologies

- What are the major barriers that hinder developing countries from adopting green technologies and harnessing their potential in renewable energy?
- What policy measures have proved most effective in accelerating the development and deployment of renewable energy technologies? How should policies be adapted to the specific sector and local context, especially for developing countries with lower levels of productive capabilities?
- How can governments improve the alignment of energy, industrial, environmental and science, technology, and innovation policies to promote the development and deployment of renewable energy technologies?

## Panelists

- **Mr. Frans Snijkers**, Program Director of G-STIC, Global Sustainable Technology & Innovation Community, Flemish Institute for Technological Research (VITO NV)
- **Ms. Evelina Trutnevyte**, Associate Professor and Head of the Renewable Energy Systems group, University of Geneva, Switzerland
- **Mr. Chetan Singh Solanki**, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology (Bombay) and Founder of Energy Swaraji Foundation, India

## Interactive debate

**Thursday, 28 September 2023**

**10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal session 3: Economic diversification and greening of global value chains**

- What are the key challenges and opportunities for developing countries to leverage technologies to diversify towards greener and more complex sectors as well as to green and move up the value chain?
- What are some successful examples and lessons learnt of policy interventions that promote economic diversification via digital and green transformations?
- How could governments, the private sector, academia, civil society organizations and other stakeholders support sustainable economic diversification and greening of value chains?

**Panelists**

- **Ms. Valentina De Marchi**, Associate Professor, Department of Society, Politics and Sustainability, ESADE Business School, Spain
- **Mr. Thomas Schwab**, Project Manager, Program for the future of Europe, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Germany
- **Ms. Aarti Krishnan**, Hallsworth Research Fellow, Global Development Institute, The University of Manchester, the United Kingdom

**Interactive debate**

**3–5 p.m. Informal session 4: International collaboration for sustainable economic diversification**

- What are the major challenges that developing countries face in implementing national policies for sustainable economic diversification and how could the international community help address these challenges?
- What are the key mechanisms in strengthening financial and technical support to empower developing countries to diversify their production in a sustainable manner? In particular, how to facilitate technology transfer and strengthen multilateral research collaboration to promote the deployment and development of green technologies?
- How to make international trade rules and intellectual property rights more consistent with international climate change agreements to support less technologically advanced developing countries to build cleaner and more productive sectors?

**Panelists**

- **Mr. Cristiano Pasini**, Director of the Division of Capacity Development, Industrial Policy Advice and Statistics, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- **Mr. Julio Raffo**, Head, Innovation Economy Section, Department for Economics and Data Analytics, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

**Interactive debate**

**5-6 p.m. Closing plenary session.**

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