

Trade and Development **BOARD**

71st executive session

16–27 September 2024
Geneva, Switzerland

Programme

16–27 September 2024, 10 a.m to 6 p.m. (CET)
Room XIX, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Monday, 16 September

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Opening plenary

- Item 1(a) **Election of officers**
- (b) **Adoption of the agenda**
(TD/B/71/1/Rev.1)

Opening remarks Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

The opening remarks will cover the following items:

- Item 4 **Annual report of the Secretary- General**
- Item 11 **Implementation of the outcomes of the fifteenth session of the United Conference on Trade and Development**
- Item 14 **UNCTAD contributions to the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields**

Followed by

- Item 3 **General Debate** – statements by regional groups and member States. The debate will resume on Wednesday afternoon, 18 September, if additional time is required.

Monday, 16 September

3–6 p.m. Plenary

Item 2 High-level segment: Towards UNCTAD XVI

and

Item 12 Preparatory process for the sixteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Introductory remarks Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Followed by Statements by regional groups and member States and Q&A

Tuesday, 17 September

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Plenary

Item 8 Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people (TD/B/71/3)

Introductory remarks Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Presentation of the report Mutasim A. Elagraa, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies

Followed by Statements by regional groups and individual delegations



Tuesday, 17 September

3–6 p.m. Plenary

Item 5 Investment for development: Investment facilitation and digital government

(UNCTAD/WIR/2024 and Overview)

Opening remarks	Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
Introduction by	Ms. Nan Li Collins, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise Latest foreign direct investment trends and policy developments
Followed by panel discussion	Panel: H.E. Mr. Wamkele Mene, Secretary-General, AfCFTA Secretariat (TBC) H.E. Mrs. Dato' Nadzirah Osman, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations and other international organizations (TBC) H.E. Dr. José R. Sánchez-Fung, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the WTO and UNCTAD
Followed by	Statements and Q&A

Wednesday, 18 September

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Plenary

Item 6 New trade dynamics: Realizing inclusive trade gains

Introductory remarks	Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
Presentation of the report	Ms. Luz Maria de la Mora, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD
Followed by panel discussion	Panel to be announced
Followed by	Statements and Q&A



Wednesday, 18 September

3–6 p.m. **Plenary**

Item 3 **General debate (continued)**
Statements by regional groups, member States and other individual delegations

Thursday, 19 September

10 a.m.–1 p.m. **Plenary**

Item 7 **Digital Economy Report 2024: Shaping an environmentally sustainable and inclusive digital future**
(UNCTAD/DER/2024 and Overview)

Introductory remarks Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Presentation of the report Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

Followed by panel discussion Panel to be announced

Followed by Statements by regional groups and member States and Q&A

Thursday, 19 September

3–6 p.m. **Plenary**

Item 10 **UNCTAD's strategy for Small Island Developing States**
(UNCTAD/ALDC/INF/2024/1)

Presentation by Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

Followed by Statements by regional groups and member States and Q&A



Friday, 20 September

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Plenary

Item 9 Activities undertaken by UNCTAD in support of Africa
(TD/B/71/2)

Presentation by Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

Followed by Statements by regional groups and member States and Q&A

Friday, 20 September

3–6 p.m. Plenary

Item 13 Report of subsidiary bodies:

- (a) **Report of the IGE on E-commerce and the Digital Economy**
- (b) **Report of the Trade and Development Commission**
- (c) **Report of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission**

Item 17 (a) 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 2023–2024 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of members of the Advisory Body

Followed by Q&A after each item

Followed by **Closing plenary**

Item 16 Provisional agenda of the seventy-sixth and seventy-seventh executive sessions of the Trade and Development Board.

Item 17 Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

- (b) **Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board**
- (c) **Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board**
(TD/B/71/R.1, R.2 and R.3)
- (d) **Review of the calendar of meetings**
- (e) **Review of the lists of States contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)**
- (f) **Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board. Realigning Debt with Development**

Item 1 (c) Adoption of the report on credentials

Item 18 Other business

Item 19 Adoption of the report



