

PROGRAMME

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day 1

12 June 2024 - Heads of State sessions

13.45 - 14.00

Group photo with UN Secretary-General, UN Trade and Development Secretary-General, Heads of State and Ministers.

14.00 - 15.30

Opening Ceremony - Leaders' voices in a Changing World

Opening video

Welcome remarks Ms. **Rebeca Grynspan**,
UN Trade and Development Secretary-General

Reflection on the world today and tomorrow

Statements by

- Mr. **Antonio Guterres**,
United Nations Secretary-General
- Mr. **Guy Parmelin**,
Federal Councillor and Head of the Federal Department of Economic Affairs,
Education and Research of Switzerland
- H.E. Mr. **Azali Assoumani**, President, Comoros
- H.E. Mr. **Andry Nirina Rajoelina**, President, Madagascar
- H.E. Mr. **Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão**, Prime Minister, Timor-Leste

15.30 - 15.40

Musical performance break

15.40 - 17.00

Leaders Dialogue I: Charting a New Development Course in a Changing World

Interventions by

- H.E. Mr. **Azali Assoumani**, President, Comoros
- H.E. Mr. **Andry Nirina Rajoelina**, President, Madagascar
- H.E. Mr. **Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão**, Prime Minister, Timor-Leste

Q&A session with the audience (7 minutes)

Moderator

- Ms. **Rebeca Grynspan**,
UN Trade and Development Secretary-General

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Leaders Dialogue II: Charting a New Development Course in a Changing World

Interventions by

- H.E. Mr. **Stephan Brunner**,
Vice President, Costa Rica
- Hon. Gen. **Odongo Jeje Abubakher**,
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Uganda
- H.E. Mr. **Celso Luiz Nunes Amorim**,
Chief Special Advisor to the President, Brazil
- Ms. **Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**,
Director General, WTO

Q&A session with the audience (7 minutes)

Moderator:

- Ms. **Rebeca Grynspan**,
UN Trade and Development Secretary-General

17.00 - 18.00

Musical performance - Closing

19.00 - 21.00

Reception for all delegates hosted by the Swiss Confederation, the Canton and the City of Geneva

Venue: Cour de l'Hôtel de Ville (Geneva Town Hall)
Rue de l'Hôtel-de-Ville 2, 1204 Genève

20.30

Official Dinner for Heads of State

Intercontinental Hotel

day 2

13 June 2024 - Ministerial sessions

08.00 - 09.30

High-level working breakfast

Hotel President Wilson (by invitation only)

Co-chaired

- Ms. **Rebeca Grynspan**, UN Trade and Development Secretary-General
- Mr. **John Denton**, Secretary-General International Chamber of Commerce

A moderated dialogue between Heads of State, State ministers and Chief Executive Officers of global multinational enterprises. Participants will exchange perspectives on major contemporary developments and their implications for sustainable development as well as share their vision in terms of investment and sustainable development.

The meeting is expected to develop new ideas and partnerships, and to launch new initiatives aimed at accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

10.00 - 10.15

Spotlight intervention

Mr. **Wang Shouwen**,
China International Trade Representative and Vice Minister of Commerce

10.15- 11.00

*Panel Dialogue***MAKING INDUSTRIAL POLICY WORK FOR TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT**

The resurgence of industrial policy worldwide presents both huge opportunities and critical risks to trade and development. They influence countries' competitiveness in international trade and may widen intercountry inequalities when many in the developing world are in debt distress and in no position to compete in a subsidy race. This session discusses a new narrative on trade, industrial policies, and development to rebuild trust among countries and work collectively towards sustainable and inclusive economic transformation of developing countries.

Speakers

- H.E. Mrs. **Karien van Gennip**,
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Social Affairs and Employment, Netherlands
- H.E. Mr. **Souleymane Diarrassouba**,
Minister of Trade and Industry, Côte d'Ivoire
- H.E. Mr. **Younes Sekkouri**,
Minister of Economic Inclusion, Morocco
- Ms. **Jessy Carmelle Petit-Frère**,
Former Minister of Trade and Industry, Haiti
- Mr. **John Denton**,
Secretary-General, International Chamber of Commerce

Moderator

- Mr. **Peter Ogbu Okwoche**,
Journalist

11.00 - 11.15

Spotlight intervention

Mr. **Volker Türk**,
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

11.15 - 12.00

*Panel Dialogue***SHAPING A DIGITAL FUTURE FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET**

The digital revolution has unleashed an unprecedented wave of technological, economic, social and political transformation. Whether the outcome of this uncertain process will be dominated by the opportunities, or the threats will depend largely on policy choices. This session will provide an opportunity for thought leaders and decision makers to discuss key actions needed to set a course for the digital revolution that works for all people and for the planet.

Speakers

- H.E. Dr. **Majid Al-Kassabi**,
Minister of Commerce, Saudi Arabia
- Mr. **Stefan Löfven**,
Co-Chair, High-level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism
- Ms. **Doreen Bogdan-Martin**,
Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union
- Mr. **Ian Saunders**,
Secretary-General, World Customs Organization
- Ms. **Thea Lee**,
Deputy Undersecretary for International Affairs, United States of America

Moderator

- Mr. **Amandeep Singh Gill**,
Envoy of the UN Secretary-General on Technology

12.00 - 12.15

Spotlight intervention

H.E. Dr. **Sok Siphana**,
Senior Minister, Cambodia

12.15 - 13.00

*Panel Dialogue***PREPARING FOR THE ECONOMIES OF TOMORROW –
THE URGENCY OF OPTIONS AND ACTIONS**

Against a turbulent global economy, it is time now to ask the hard questions and fill in the missing links that would help countries prepare for the economies of the future. The dialogue aims to build consensus and coalesce multilateral support for a new development narrative centred on fostering productive capacities and structural transformation as key to addressing multiple development challenges. Only by building productive capacities and fostering economic diversification can countries accelerate growth and development, making it inclusive and sustainable.

Speakers

- H.E. Mr. **Rui Miguêns de Oliveira**,
Minister of Industry and Commerce, Angola
- Ms. **Nguyen Minh Hang**,
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Viet Nam
- Ms. **Eva Granados Galiano**,
State Secretary for International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain
- Mr. Md. **Selim Uddin**,
Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh
- Mr. **Pasi Hellman**,
Under-Secretary of State for International Development, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland

Moderator

- Mr. **Claver Gatete**,
Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, United Nations

LUNCH BREAK

14.30 - 14.45

Spotlight intervention

Professor **Richard Baldwin**,
Professor of international economics, International Institute for Management Development

14.45 - 15.30

*Panel Dialogue***RESHAPING FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT AND GLOBAL
VALUE CHAINS FOR DEVELOPMENT**

The long-term stagnation of investment in global value chains and the sectoral shifts in investment patterns fundamentally alter the development paradigm based on promoting investment in manufacturing export-led growth. These shifts affect the prospects for developing countries to increase their participation in global value chains and to gradually upgrade to higher value added industrial activities. This session aims to explore the implications of global value chain transformations for a future investment- development path for global value chain.

Speakers

- H.E. Ms. **Kalthoum Ben Rejeb Guezzah**,
Minister of Trade and Export Development, Tunisia
- Mr. **Sahib Mammadov**,
Deputy Minister of Economy, Azerbaijan
- Mr. **Nuno Sampaio**,
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Portugal
- Dr. **Mohammed Alzarooni**,
Chair, World Free Zones Organization

Moderator

- Ms. **Tatiana Molcean**,
Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe, United Nations

15.30 - 15.45

Spotlight intervention

Mr. **Mahendra Siregar**,
Chief of Financial Services Authority, Indonesia

15.45 - 16.30

*Panel debate***CATCHING UP IS HARD: DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES IN A WORLD OF CASCADING CRISES**

The economic future of developing economies is intrinsically linked to advancing their industrial capacity in a world troubled by overlapping crises. This cluster of interrelated threats –high indebtedness and rising interest rates, inflation, and a cost-of-living crisis, increasing geopolitical conflicts and an onrushing climate catastrophe –is aggravating fragmentation, threatening the integrity of the multilateral system and posing profound policy challenges. Speakers will discuss domestic, regional and global strategies to mobilize finance, restructure production and trade dynamics, and help developing countries to deliver on their aspirations for sustainable development.

Speakers

- Hon. Mr. **John Mutorwa**,
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Transport, Namibia
- H.E. Mr. **Javier González-Olaechea**,
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Peru
- H.E. Ms. **Marie Paulette Parfaite Amouyeme Ollame Epse Divassa Boffi**,
Minister of Commerce and SMEs, Gabon
- Hon. Dr. **Jean-Chrysostome Ngabitsinze**,
Minister of Trade and Industry, Rwanda
- Mr. **Vladimir Ilichev**,
Deputy Minister of Economic Development, Russia

Moderator

- Mr. **José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs**,
Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations

16.30 - 17.00

Closing session: Forward together

- Ms. **Rebeca Grynspan**,
UN Trade and Development Secretary-General

17.00 - 17.30

Musical performance - Closing

10.00 - 12.00

*Panel Debate***GLOBALIZATION, INFLECTED: DEVELOPMENT AND REPOSITIONING IN THE CHANGING GLOBAL CONTEXT**

Speakers

- Prof. **José Antonio Ocampo**,
School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University
- Prof. **Célestin Monga**,
John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- Prof. **Isabella Weber**,
University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Prof. **James K. Galbraith**,
Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs and Professorship in Government,
University of Texas

Moderator

- Ms. **Rebeca Grynspan**,
UN Trade and Development Secretary-General

12.00 - 12.15

CLOSING OF THE GLOBAL LEADERS FORUM

12.15 - 12.30

Musical performance - Closing**María Ramos**,

TV News Anchor of TRT World, facilitated the Global Leaders Forum (12-14 June)
as Master of Ceremony