



# TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

**18–21 October 2022**  
Palais des Nations, Geneva

## PROGRAMME

**Tuesday, 18 October**

**10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

### **Opening plenary**

**Item 1** – Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session  
(TD/B/EX(72)/1)

**Item 7** – Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people  
(TD/B/EX(72)/2)

Introductory remarks by Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD  
Secretary-General of UNCTAD (video)

Presentation by Mr. Mutasim Elagraa, O-in-C, Assistance to the Palestinian people Unit,  
Division on Globalization and Development Strategies

Remarks by the H.E. Dr. Mohammad Shtayyeh, Prime Minister of the State of Palestine  
(remote or video)

*Followed by statements by Regional Groups and member States*

**3 to 6 p.m.**

**Item 6** – Activities carried out in the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of  
Action for the Least Developed Countries  
(TD/B/EX(72)/3)

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

Followed by statements by regional groups, member States and Q & A

**10:00 a.m. Plenary**

Item 8 – Report of the Working Party on the Programme Plan and Programme Performance

Item 10 – 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 2021–2022 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of members of the Advisory Body

**3:00 p.m.**

**Item 4 – Investment for development: International tax reforms and sustainable investment (UNCTAD/WIR/2022 and Overview)**

Opening remarks by Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD (video)

**Keynote Speech**

H.E. Sok Chenda Sophea, Minister attached to the Prime Minister Office, Government of Cambodia and Chair, ASEAN Investment Area Council

Presentation of the report by Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

**Panel:**

- **Liselott Kana**, Co-Chair, United Nations Tax Committee and Head, International Tax Legislation Department of the Revenue Administration, Ministry of Finance of Chile
- **Thulani Shongwe**, Senior Manager, International Tax, African Tax Administration Forum
- **Pascal Saint-Amans**, Director, Tax Policy Centre, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- **Lorraine Eden**, Professor Emerita of Management, Mays Business School, Texas A&M University (*virtual*)
- **Michael Keen**, Ushioda Fellow, University of Tokyo and Former Deputy Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund (*virtual*)

*Followed by discussion, statements or comments by regional groups and delegations*

**10:00 a.m. Plenary**

**Item 5**– Economic development in Africa: Rethinking the foundations of export diversification in Africa – The catalytic role of business and financial services (UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2022 and TD/B/EX(72)/4)

Opening remarks by Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD (video)

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

*Followed by statements by regional groups, member States*

**3 to 5 p.m.**

**Plenary**

**Item 2** – High-level segment: Getting the global economy back on track and addressing the most pressing challenges  
(*Concept Note*)

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

**Panel discussion:**

- Ms. Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados
- Ms. Sigrid Kaag, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of the Netherlands (tbc)
- Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

Followed by interactive debate with Member States

Closing remarks: Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

**10:00 a.m.**

**Closing plenary**

**Item 5** – Economic development in Africa

- Adoption of draft agreed conclusions

**Item 9** – Provisional agenda of the seventy-third executive session of the Trade and Development Board

- Approval of draft provisional agenda

**Item 11** – Other business.

**Item 12** – Report of the Trade and Development Board on its seventy-second executive session