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Economic Environment at All Levels in Support of Inclusive
and Sustainable Development, and the Promotion
of Economic Integration and Cooperation**
Sixth session
Geneva, 30–31 October 2023
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Item 1 Election of officers

1. It is recommended that the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Enhancing the Enabling Economic Environment at All Levels in Support of Inclusive and Sustainable Development, and the Promotion of Economic Integration and Cooperation elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur.

Item 2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. The provisional agenda for the expert meeting is reproduced in chapter I above. A detailed programme will be available one week before the meeting.



Documentation

TD/B/C.I/MEM.8/16 Provisional agenda and annotations

Item 3**Transitioning to a clean energy growth model: Challenges, opportunities and solutions**

3. The sixth session of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Enhancing the Enabling Economic Environment at All Levels in Support of Inclusive and Sustainable Development, and the Promotion of Economic Integration and Cooperation will be held on the topic approved on 15 February 2023 by the Trade and Development Board at its seventy-third executive session (see TD/B/EX(73)/2, annex I): transitioning to clean energy growth model: challenges, opportunities and solutions. The objective of the session is to discuss how countries can build industrial capacity in a climate-constrained world. At the meeting, participants will discuss both national and international dimensions.

4. A series of interconnected and cascading crises facing developing countries, along with an increasingly fractured global economy, raises the question of how to rethink development strategies in a climate-constrained world. As in the past, and for many of the same reasons, successful development pathways will continue to rely on building industrial capacity. However, climate change is not only adding additional challenges in the twenty-first century but a growing anxiety among many Governments in the South that they will be left stranded in an increasingly inhospitable world. As a result, developmental states today need to be able to balance the threat of climate change with the longstanding goals of economic diversification, employment creation and technological catch up. This can only be done by building industrial capacity around a sustainable energy system. Addressing climate change thus makes structural transformation a global task, where advanced economies need to take the lead, but where significant structural and technological changes are also needed even in the least developed countries. Aligning these global and national challenges is neither straightforward nor automatic but requires strategic planning, active policy intervention and effective multilateral cooperation.

5. The sixth session of the multi-year expert meeting will discuss national and international dimensions of building industrial capacity in a climate-constrained world and propose directions for policymaking to steer the global economy towards a more sustainable future. Experts are expected to bring to the meeting their own perspectives and to highlight specific issues in connection with their areas of expertise.

6. To facilitate discussion, the UNCTAD secretariat has prepared a background note. In addition, experts are encouraged to prepare articles on the subject under discussion. These papers will be made available at the meeting in the form and language in which they are received.

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

7. The report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Enhancing the Enabling Economic Environment at All Levels in Support of Inclusive and Sustainable Development, and the Promotion of Economic Integration and Cooperation on its sixth session will be submitted to the Trade and Development Commission at its next session. The multi-year expert meeting may wish to authorize the Rapporteur, under the authority of the Chair, to prepare the final report after the conclusion of the meeting.

Input from experts

Experts nominated by member States are encouraged to submit brief papers (approximately 5–12 pages) as contributions to the work of the meeting. The papers will be made available at the meeting in the form and language in which they are received. They should be submitted to the UNCTAD secretariat in advance of the meeting and addressed to Mr. Igor Paunovic, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Palais des Nations, CH-1211, Geneva, Switzerland; phone: +41 22 917 5902; fax: +41 22 917 0050; email: igor.paunovic@un.org.
