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Item 1

Election of officers

1. It is recommended that the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur.

Item 2

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. The substantive topic for the eleventh session of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development was approved by the Trade and Development Board, on 30 January 2024, at its seventy-fourth executive session.

Documentation

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Item 3

Trade in creative services

3. The eleventh session of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development will focus on trade in creative services. The meeting will provide an opportunity for experts to exchange views and good practices on new and emerging issues related to trade in creative services. At the session, discussions will focus on trends in the international trade of creative services and the impact of digitalization and artificial intelligence on creative services, including opportunities, challenges and implications for policy.

4. The overall focus of sessions of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development is on harnessing trade in services for economic diversification, one of the four transformations highlighted in the Bridgetown Covenant. Findings from the discussion will contribute to answering the call in subparagraphs 127 (ee) and (ff) of the Bridgetown Covenant on promoting activities in developing countries through trade in services.

5. To facilitate discussion, the UNCTAD secretariat has prepared a background note entitled “Trade in creative services” (TD/B/C.I/MEM.4/32).¹

6. Member States are invited to nominate experts from public and/or private sectors. Nominated experts are encouraged to participate throughout the eleventh session of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development to ensure continuity. Each member State is encouraged to nominate up to five experts to participate.

Documentation

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Item 4

Adoption of the report of the meeting

7. The report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development on its eleventh session will be submitted to the Trade and Development Commission for consideration at its next session. Participants at the expert meeting may wish to authorize the Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur, under the authority of the Chair, to prepare the final report after the conclusion of the meeting.

Inputs 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 session in the form and language in which they are received.

Papers should be submitted to the UNCTAD secretariat in advance of the meeting, addressed to tsee@un.org.

¹ As at the ninth and tenth sessions of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development, a follow-up meeting of an informal working group will be held on the margins to discuss data needs and gaps and identify funding and support for developing countries.