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NOTIFICATION

Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy Fourth session Geneva, 14–16 October 2020

The fourth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy will be held from 14 to 16 October 2020 in room XIX of the Palais des Nations. The meeting will open at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 14 October and close at 5 p.m. on Friday 16 October 2020 (Geneva time). Both in-person attendance and remote participation using an online platform will be possible with interpretation in all UN languages. Sessions will take place between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. each day. Further information on the modalities will be sent in due time.

Background and purpose of the meeting

Based on the topic approved by the Trade and Development Board at its sixty-eighth executive session and the decision to establish a Working Group on Measuring E-commerce and the Digital Economy, the substantive agenda items for the fourth session are as follows:

- (a) Digital platforms and value creation in developing countries: Implications for national and international policies.
- (b) Working Group on Measuring E-commerce and the Digital Economy.

Further information and documentation for this session can be found on the [website for the session](#).

Written contributions

In order to facilitate deliberations and the informal exchange of experiences and best practices on the topics to be discussed, member States and observers are requested to submit written contributions to the UNCTAD secretariat by Friday, 2 October 2020.

Participation

This session is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Other organizations, including specialized agencies, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations in the general and special categories, as well as academia and the private sector, may participate as observers.

Online registration is mandatory for all those wishing to attend the meeting and is required in order to be included in the list of participants. Experts intending to participate remotely are requested to register before 23 September 2020 to allow the secretariat enough time to provide the necessary information on how to participate.

Please register for this session on the following website: [IGE on E-commerce and the Digital Economy, 4th session](#). Registration requires uploading an official letter of nomination to represent an organization at this meeting. For government representatives, a note verbale or an email from the permanent mission in Geneva will suffice.

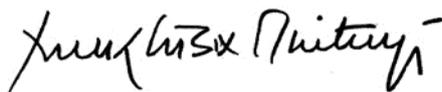
Further inquiries regarding registration should be addressed to meetings-unctad@un.org.

Logistics

For in-person attendance, before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges from the United Nations Security Service, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 Avenue de la Paix. The Security Service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Because of the security measures in force, participants are strongly advised to arrive before 9 a.m. to complete entry procedures in good time and proceed to the meeting in Building E of the Palais. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card with them. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations; visitors should therefore be dropped off at the indicated entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service gives special clearance.

Further information and contact details

Substantive inquiries should be addressed to the Information and Communications Technology Policy Section of the Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD, tel: 41 22 917 6235; email: ict4d@unctad.org.



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