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UNCTAD

at a glance

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) was established almost six decades ago in 1964.



Our mission
Prosperity for all

UNCTAD'S WORK

can be
summed up in
3 words

UNCTAD helps
developing countries
participate more equitably
in the global economy.

It also supports
developing countries
efforts to use trade, investment,
finance, and technology
as vehicles for inclusive and
sustainable development.

Think

Daily UNCTAD operates as a think tank, producing reports, policy reviews, insights and more. UNCTAD also carries out economic research and analysis published in several flagship reports:

- *Trade and Development Report*
- *World Investment Report*
- *The Least Developed Countries Report*
- *Economic Development in Africa Report*
- *Information Economy Report*
- *Technology and Innovation Report*
- *Review of Maritime Transport*

Debate

UNCTAD is also a forum where representatives of all countries can freely engage in dialogue, share experiences, tackle critical issues affecting the global economy and build multilateral consensus. UNCTAD holds quadrennial ministerial conferences and several board, multi-year and expert meetings throughout the year on a wide range of topics driven by an intergovernmental machinery. It also hosts high-profile events such as the World Investment Forum, eCommerce Week, and the UN Trade Forum.

Deliver

UNCTAD provides on-the-ground technical assistance and several turnkey tools such as the ASYCUDA customs software, and programmes, such as Empretec, UNCTAD's flagship capacity-building programme, while also making policy recommendations to support government decision-making.



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about unctad

As the UN's main body dealing with trade and development, UNCTAD holds a unique position within the United Nations family and beyond, taking to heart the needs of developing countries.

As part of the United Nations secretariat, UNCTAD reports to the UN General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council but has its own membership, leadership, and budget. It is also part of the UN Sustainable Development Group and supports the implementation of the Financing for Development process.

UNCTAD works with member states, international organizations, academics, non-governmental organizations, media, civil society and youth.

The UN General Assembly held the first United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in 1964. The UN institutionalized the conference and gave it a mandate to meet every four years, with intergovernmental bodies meeting between sessions and a permanent secretariat providing the necessary substantive and logistics support. There have been 15 quadrennial conferences since 1964. The fifteenth (UNCTAD15) is in Bridgetown, Barbados in October 2021.

KEY

UNCTAD facts



68 million
annual regular
budget from UN



Headquarters:
Geneva
Switzerland



Secretary-General:
Rebeca Grynspan
(Costa Rica),
since 13 September 2021



Deputy Secretary-General:
Isabelle Durant
(Belgium),
since July 2017



195
member States



456+
staff members



218
projects in 80 countries



42 million
extrabudgetary from
technical assistance



57 years.
Established in 1964 as an
organ of the United Nations
General Assembly

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