

# UNCTAD

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## About UNCTAD

- Globalization, including a phenomenal expansion of trade, has helped lift millions out of poverty. But not nearly enough people have benefited. And tremendous challenges remain.
- UNCTAD supports developing countries to access the benefits of a globalized economy more fairly and effectively and help equip them to deal with the potential drawbacks of greater economic integration.
- Together with other UN departments and agencies, UNCTAD measures progress by the Sustainable Development Goals, as set out in Agenda 2030.
- UNCTAD also supports implementation of Financing for Development, as mandated by the global community in the 2015 Addis Ababa Agenda, together with four other major institutional stakeholders: the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization, and the United Nations Development Programme.

## UNCTAD Working at the national, regional, and global level, our efforts help countries to:

- Comprehend options to address macro-level development challenges
- Achieve beneficial integration into the international trading system
- Diversify economies to make them less dependent on commodities
- Limit their exposure to financial volatility and debt
- Attract investment and make it more development friendly
- Increase access to digital technologies
- Promote entrepreneurship and innovation

- Help local firms move up value chains
- Speed up the flow of goods across borders
- Protect consumers from abuse
- Curb regulations that stifle competition
- Adapt to climate change and use natural resources more effectively

### **UNCTAD in the UN system**

- UNCTAD is a permanent intergovernmental body established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1964.
- Our headquarters are located in Geneva, Switzerland, and we have offices in New York and Addis Ababa.
- UNCTAD is part of the UN Secretariat.

### **UNCTAD produces a number of topical reports, including:**

- The Trade and Development Report
- The Trade and Environment Review
- The World Investment Report
- The Economic Development in Africa Report
- The Least Developed Countries Report
- UNCTAD Statistics
- The Information Economy Report
- The Review of Maritime Transport
- The International Accounting and Reporting Issues Annual Review
- The Technology and Innovation Report