

# 15<sup>th</sup> Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development

14 – 16 October 2024

Room XVII Palais des Nations Geneva

## 14 October

10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

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## 16 October

10.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

1.15 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.

ROOM XXI

3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.



➤ **Recent developments, challenges, and opportunities in commodity markets**

➤ **Structural transformation through domestic value addition in commodity-producing developing countries**

### **Agricultural products:**

This session will explore the evolving dynamics in the global agricultural market, driven by emerging economies, productivity improvements, and various geopolitical and logistical challenges. It will examine the interplay between production, consumption, trade, and environmental concerns that continue to shape the agricultural landscape, highlighting the need for balanced and sustainable approaches to ensure food security and rural livelihoods while addressing environmental challenges..

Developing country governments face complex challenges in fostering domestic value-added industries and promoting diversification across all stages of commodity value chains. This discussion will explore how governments, the private sector, the international community, and other key stakeholders can work together to support up-, down-, and mid-stream diversification, offering insights on collaborative solutions for sustainable growth.

### **Minerals, ores and metal commodities:**

In this session, panellists will delve into the drivers of price and trade trends in recent years and debate how minerals commodity-dependent developing countries can harness the opportunities and overcome the challenges arising from it.

Governments face both opportunities and challenges in promoting domestic value addition and diversification within mineral value chains. This discussion will explore the roles of governments, the private sector, and other stakeholders in supporting local industries and enhancing value addition in developing countries. It will also consider potential actions the international community can take to assist these efforts, fostering sustainable development and economic growth.

### **Energy commodities:**

In this session, experts will discuss what has influenced price and trade trends in energy markets. In doing so, they will look at the opportunities and challenges faced by developing countries that rely on energy commodities, as well as the difficulties they encounter in diversifying their economies and shifting to cleaner energy in a fair and inclusive way.

### **Special Session:**

#### **Insights from Brazil's Port of Suape Study on Economic Complexity**

#### **Leveraging economic complexity for diversification and investments**

In partnership with SENAI and the port of Suape, UNCTAD will present a recent study on economic complexity carried out at the Suape Industrial Port Complex in Recife, Brazil. The session will look at key takeaways from the study and how it can be used to identifying sectors to diversify, add value, and boost exports in commodity dependent countries.

### **Energy commodities:**

The panel discussion will focus on strategies for energy commodity-dependent developing countries to shift from exporting raw materials to domestically processing and manufacturing higher value-added products. It will address how to align it with global carbon reduction efforts while achieving structural transformation, economic diversification, resilience, and a just energy transition.

**Website, Programme, Reports and Registration:**

<https://unctad.org/meeting/multi-year-expert-meeting-commodities-and-development-fifteenth-session>