

Dear Parliamentarians,

We are pleased to announce the **2011 UNCTAD Public Symposium** which will address: **Making Trade and Finance Work for People and the Planet**. The Symposium will be convened on **22-24 June 2011**, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

At the Symposium, civil society, parliamentarians, academics, private sector entities, the media, UN agencies, and UNCTAD member States will share their perspectives on topics likely to dominate the global political agenda in 2011 and 2012.

As you may know, UNCTAD has a distinguished history of debate and consensus-building. With the Symposium — now in its third year — we are striving to broaden that process so as to better reflect the ideas and opinions of different development actors on the themes below:

- **Financial and monetary reforms for sustainable development: Global and regional initiatives (22 June)**
What are the global and regional initiatives needed to avert new crises and make trade and finance work for full and productive employment, reduce inequalities and promote sustainable development?
- **Making the transition to a green economy fair and equitable (23 June)**
How can the move to a green economy, in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, be fair — in terms of finance, trade, investment and technology — between and within countries?

The programme will include a combination of plenary and parallel breakout sessions organized by UNCTAD and partner organizations.

On 24 June, civil society groups will have an opportunity to organize strategy sessions related to key political processes underway, including the upcoming United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD XIII, 2012); the G20 Summit (2011) and the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio +20, 2012).

Please note that the registration process is now open at www.unctad.info/en/Public-Symposium-2011/Registration-Form/. Additional information, including guidelines for the submission of written contributions/papers will be sent in a follow up email, and will also be soon available online at www.unctad.org/publicsymposium.

Please find attached the flyer for the Symposium in Arabic, English, French and Spanish.

We look forward to your participation and to welcoming you in Geneva.

Best regards,

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