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BREAKING THE CHAINS OF COMMODITY DEPENDENCE

15–16 JULY 2016

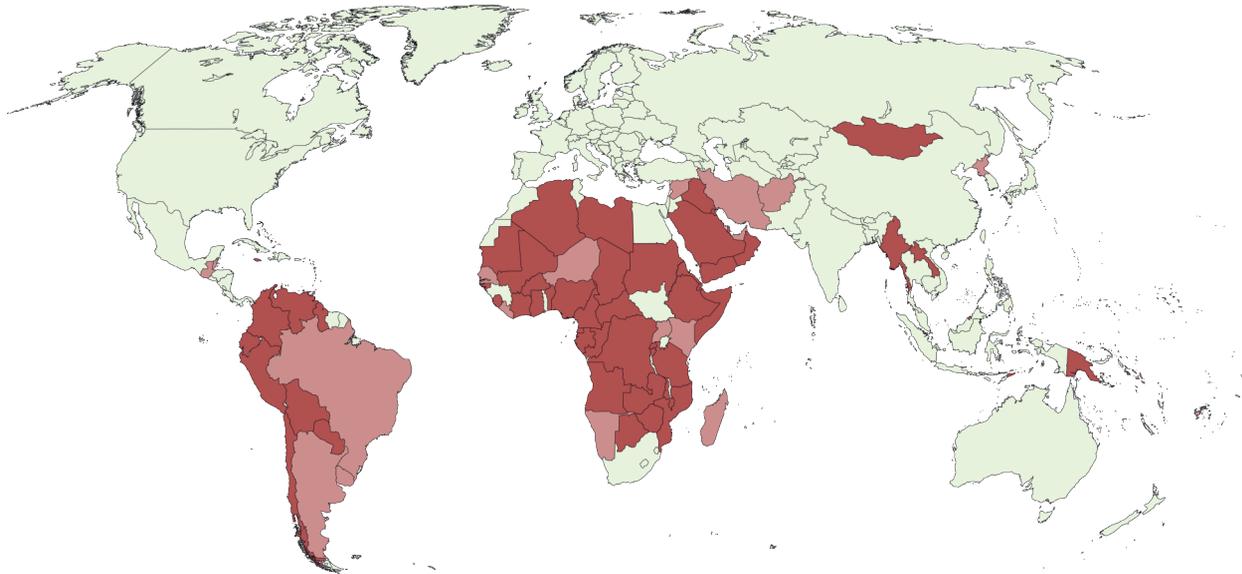
Amphitheatre, Kenyatta International Convention Centre

The Global Commodities Forum is co-organized with the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

UNCTAD will hold the seventh Global Commodities Forum on 15 and 16 July in Nairobi, as an integral part of UNCTAD 14.

Under the theme entitled “Breaking the chains of commodity dependence”, participants will discuss how commodity-dependent developing countries can adapt to the twin shocks of lower commodity prices and shrinking demand from emerging economies, so as to realize their national objectives and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

MAP OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DEPENDENT ON COMMODITY EXPORTS, 2014



Commodities' share of total exports:
 60<79% >80%

Source: UNCTAD calculations, from UNCTADStat data.

The Forum is a free, public platform to debate critical issues at the intersection of commodities and development. It will help to frame international policy discussions on commodities, featuring challenges and opportunities for developing countries.

As a multi-stakeholder dialogue, the Forum attracts high-level decision makers and experts from the public, private and civil society sectors.





OBJECTIVES

The Forum's overall objective is for participants to take away policy and strategic options that they can use in their countries. The intention is also for participants to continue policy debates and recommendations from the Forum in relevant multilateral processes.

As for specific outcomes from the 2016 Forum and its theme, the aim is for the following:

- A policy checklist for establishing higher value added local content activities;
- Success criteria for public–private collaborations on local content;
- Details of innovative partnership models to improve market access and productivity among family farms;
- A road map of the energy mix that will lead to “sustainable energy for all in Africa”.

As usual, UNCTAD will remain alert for any other potential outcomes, arising in the course of the Forum, which could be pursued with its partners.

GLOBAL COMMODITIES HUB

Alongside the Forum, UNCTAD will host the Global Commodities Hub exhibition from 15 to 22 July. At the Hub, the work of exhibitors will be featured for the benefit of high-level participants of the Forum and UNCTAD 14.

HOW TO FOLLOW THE FORUM

The Forum is open to all registered UNCTAD 14 participants. In addition to attending the sessions, the discussions can be followed on Twitter at #UNCTADgcf or #UNCTAD14.

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