



**COURSE ON KEY ISSUES
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Short courses for Permanent Missions in Geneva
Organised by the Division on Technology and Logistics

**The contribution of structural transformation to meeting sustainable
development goals**

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PROGRAMME

Geneva, Palais des Nations		Room XXVI
10:00 - 10:05	Welcome address by Geneviève Féraud, Head Knowledge Development Branch Division for Technology and Logistics The session will be moderated by Mohan Panicker	
10:05 - 11:15	Session 1 "Reconnecting economic and human development – the role of structural transformation" Presented by Rolf Traeger Q&A session	
11.15 - 11.30	Coffee break	
11.30 - 12.30	Session 2 "Industrial policy for structural transformation – a new policy tool" Presented by Piergiuseppe Fortunato Q&A session	
12.30 - 13.00	Session 3 "Harnessing structural transformation for human development – the importance of rural development" Presented by David Woodward Q&A session	

The contribution of structural transformation to meeting sustainable development goals

This course will focus on the linkages between structural transformation, economic growth and the attainment of internationally agreed development goals. It will offer an analysis of recent progress in these three areas, using examples from developing countries and least developed countries, and present some concrete policy tools for accelerating the process of structural transformation. In Session 1, the interdependence between economic and human development will be discussed, and some recent evidence on the critical role of structural transformation and labour productivity growth in effecting this nexus will be presented. Session 2 will address more practical industrial policy concerns and present an innovative policy tool designed to guide the evolution of an economy towards the production of progressively higher value-added goods. Session 3 will focus on the central contribution of agricultural upgrading and rural diversification to the entire process of structural transformation in developing countries.