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**Digital Economy Report 2024: Shaping an Environmentally Sustainable and Inclusive Digital
Future**
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PROGRAMME

Geneva, Palais des Nations		Room XXIV
10:00–10:15	<p>Welcome address: Mr. Angel Gonzalez, Head, Technology, Innovation and Knowledge Development Branch, UNCTAD</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Randa Jamal, Economic Affairs Officer, Policy Capacity Building Section/P166, Technology, Innovation and Knowledge Development Branch, DTL</p>	
10:15–11:20	<p>Session 1 – UNCTAD’s Digital Economy Report 2024 – The digitalization life cycle</p> <p>The first session will first provide a brief overview of UNCTAD’s work on e-commerce and the digital economy.</p> <p>This will be followed by an overview of Digital Economy Report 2024, zooming in on the direct environmental effects from different stages of the life cycle of digitalization, from mining and production to use of digital devices and ICT infrastructure to their end-of-life phase. It will outline global trends in digitalization, explain the digitalization and environmental sustainability nexus along with policy options at hand. The session will address environmental dimensions of digitalization and how they affect countries at various levels of development.</p> <p>Presented by: Mr. Torbjörn Fredriksson, Head, E-commerce and Digital Economy Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD Ms. Laura Cyron, Economic Affairs Officer, E-commerce and Digital Economy Branch</p> <p>Q&A</p>	
11:35–13:00	<p>Session 2 – UNCTAD’s Digital Economy Report 2024 – Environmental sustainability of e-commerce and the role of Government and other stakeholders in making digitalization more environmentally sustainable</p> <p>The second session will shed light on environmental sustainability of the growing e-commerce sector.</p> <p>It will further discuss the policy implications from the digitalization and environment nexus and the role of governments and relevant stakeholders in ensuring sustainable</p>	

and inclusive outcomes from digitalization for countries at all levels of development. It will also discuss international cooperation opportunities to shape the digital economy in a more sustainable and inclusive manner, including through the Summit of the Future and the General Assembly's review of the outcomes of the World Summit for the Information Society in 2025.

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