



# Journal

## GENERAL CONFERENCE

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Vienna, 27 November – 1 December 2023

### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

THURSDAY, 30 November 2023

<b>10 a.m.–1 p.m.</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting</b> General debate Credentials of representatives to the Conference Appointment of an External Auditor	<b>Plenary Hall</b> <i>(M-building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)</i> <b>Interprefy online platform</b>
<b>2–3.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Thematic Event</b> <i>AIM Global: Inclusive AI – Bridging the digital divide in industry and manufacturing</i>	<b>Plenary Hall</b> <i>(M-building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)</i> <b>Microsoft Teams</b>
<b>3.30–6.30 p.m.</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting</b> General Debate <i>(if required)</i>	<b>Plenary Hall</b> <i>(M-building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)</i> <b>Interprefy online platform</b>
<b>5–8 p.m.</b>	<b>Main Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> meeting <i>(if required)</i></b>	<b>Board Room A</b> <i>(M-building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)</i> <b>Interprefy online platform</b>

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## FORECAST OF MEETINGS

FRIDAY, 1 December 2023

**10 a.m. – 1  
p.m.**

**9<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting**

General Debate (*if required*)

**Plenary Hall**

(*M-building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*)

***Interprefy online platform***

**3.30–6.30  
p.m.**

**10<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting**

*Consideration and adoption of decisions  
and resolutions*

*Closure of the session*

**Plenary Hall**

(*M-building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*)

***Interprefy online platform***

## SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

**WEDNESDAY, 29 November 2023**

### **5<sup>th</sup> PLENARY MEETING (morning)**

#### **General Debate – Items 7 to 25**

With the President in the Chair, statements were made by Mr. José Prado Vásquez, Vice Minister of Investment and Competitiveness, Ministry of Economy of Guatemala; Mr. Asad Rehman Gilani, Federal Secretary, Ministry of Industries and Production of Pakistan.

Additional statements were made by representatives of India, United Arab Emirates, Panama, Myanmar, Colombia, Syrian Arab Republic, Qatar, Iraq, Bangladesh, Mexico, Switzerland, Italy, State of Palestine, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Algeria, Nepal, Azerbaijan, Zambia, Sweden, Argentina, Romania, and Côte d'Ivoire.

### **6<sup>th</sup> PLENARY MEETING (afternoon)**

#### **General Debate – Items 7 to 25**

With the Vice-President in the Chair (Algeria), statements were made by Kenya, Malaysia, South Africa, Bulgaria, Türkiye, Indonesia, Mongolia, Jordan, Republic of Moldova, and Kuwait.

The following countries exercised their right of reply: Israel, the Russian Federation, State of Palestine, and Ukraine.

#### **Thematic Event: Industrial policy for a fair globalization: Insights from the Industrial Development Report 2024**

Opening remarks were made by Mr. Gerd Müller, Director General of UNIDO.

Ms. Gillian Joseph moderated the discussion.

Mr. Cristiano Pasini, Director of the Division for Capacity Development, Industrial Policy Advice and Statistics, UNIDO delivered a presentation.

A keynote speech was made by Mr. Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University.

**The panellists of the discussion encompassed in this event were:** H.E. Mr. Melaku Alebel, Minister of Industry of Ethiopia, Mr. José David Prado Vásquez, Vice-Minister for Investment and Competition of Guatemala; Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD; Ms. Phyllis Wakiaga, Senior Advisor and Global Lead for Commerce and Industry at Tony Blair Institute for Global Change.

The closing remarks were delivered by Mr. Ciyong Zou, Deputy to the Director General and Managing Director, Directorate of Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Industrial Development of UNIDO.