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The Outlook

Economic ([jump to](#))

Global leaders meet to discuss investment and digital economy, focusing on sustainable development.

Experts convene to assess international trade carried out by state-owned companies, improving understanding of their impact on global economy.

Tech trade leaders converge to reboot the digital economy, tackling tariffs and trade barriers in the fast-paced IT sector.

Stakeholders in European gas markets come together to build resilience in a transitioning energy landscape.

Digital economy takes center stage as global experts debate sustainable development and how to measure e-commerce.

Global innovators and financiers explore the value of intangible assets, debating how best to appreciate and value intellectual property as an asset and collateral.

As tariffs on goods and access to markets makes global headlines, trade officials tackle tariffs, quotas and data management.

Global intellectual property framework is scrutinized by governments from a budgetary and programmatic angle - if the United States want to target this UN agency, this would be the moment.

Arms treaty discussions heat up as stakeholders address implementation, transparency and progress.

Communications ([jump to](#))

New ideas surface on how to govern the world's data. The first gathering of a UN working group raises big questions about shared accountability, power, and equity in the digital age.

Development experts debate whether digital transformation is on track across levels of development. A high-level meeting weighs youth inclusion, program realignment and strategic targets for global connectivity.

Radio enthusiasts and spectrum engineers confront interference head-on. Upcoming debates dive

into disaster communication upgrades, new tech standards and how to handle the skies above.

Wireless engineers tackle questions no cable can answer. Critical talks dive into terahertz experiments, interference challenges and the future of fixed connectivity.

Predicting radio waves becomes a geopolitical sport. Scientists and policy-makers sharpen the models that power everything from smartphones to satellites.

Regulatory ([jump to](#))

The next generation of vehicles will require a new generation of regulation. A working party convenes to do just that.

How great it would be if the batteries fit? Experts meet to discuss lithium-ion batteries fitted to road vehicles and more.

A central motor registry exists, but does it work? Electronic central motor registry is the focus of this meeting where a critical report on the subject is finalized.

The Digital Automatic Coupler could be a game changer for rail transports. Experts meet to discuss.

Climate change is a real challenge to inland transport - think infrastructure, transition to electric, weather events. Experts address these implications and look for adaptations.

The Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group is officially up and running! Their first meeting is here.

Health ([jump to](#))

Reviews roll in, lists get a makeover and medicine meets mission as experts update the essentials for global health equity.

Innovation pops, tech trades hands and bold ideas buzz to take on global health challenges.

Global minds click into gear to fast-track assistive tech—no roadblocks, just ramps to equity.

Budgeting brains, bucks and boldness to outmaneuver the big three: HIV, TB and malaria.

Makes a splash on sanitation, surfs the waves of policy planning and keeps the pipeline flowing toward healthier, cleaner futures—no leaks allowed.

Puts its heart into global health—uniting leaders to beat the clock on cardiovascular disease, pump up innovation and keep the world's pulse strong.

The top gathering of health principals amid new global agreement to be adopted by all minus two: Keeps the mission alive—big goals, tight budgets and one world for health.

Opens the floor to fresh ideas, frontline voices and game-changing solutions on health.

Environment & Sustainability ([jump to](#))

Can trade help feed the planet? Global discussions explore how sustainable agriculture can balance market access, environmental protection and food security.

Mongolia opens the door to environmental scrutiny. Experts review the country's progress on climate, land, waste, and water and where challenges remain.

Conservation leaders chart the road ahead. Strategic talks set priorities for biodiversity, governance and funding in the lead-up to the next global congress.

Hidden hazards take center stage. Delegates wrap up two weeks of negotiations on chemical safety and waste management, aiming to strengthen global protections.

Clean water and public health stay in focus. Officials weigh how to keep sanitation goals on track and address emerging threats in Europe and beyond.

Social ([jump to](#))

From counterfeits to culture, global experts chart new strategies to make intellectual property work for inclusive, sustainable development.

Experts lay the groundwork to turn recycling jobs from informal and unsafe to dignified, protected and valued.

Statisticians welcome a new player: generative AI. But is it ready for prime time?

At the crossroads of heritage and progress, negotiators shape protections for Indigenous wisdom and culture.

Science & Technology ([jump to](#))

Europe's leaders in media distribution gather to debate both the challenges and opportunities facing the ways in which we share information.

Cyber: As governments and digital technology experts face rising threats that test the limits of resilience, they meet to consider their real-time responses to cyber incidents, aiming to move from frameworks to action.

Global cyber leaders reimagine capacity building to meet a fast-changing international threat landscape.

Youth & Sports ([jump to](#))

Don't leave the kids behind!

Sustainable education is pushing to the front of the classroom.

Humanitarian & Human Rights ([jump to](#))

Everyone's right to development - how does it work, what does it cost, where is it discussed? Here: experts gather to advance a legal framework for the right to development, tackling climate justice, inequality and global governance.

Global leaders and businesses convene to advance corporate accountability and human rights.

Racial discrimination exists, unfortunately, and experts convene to mark the 60th anniversary of their work on the topic and advance new global standards to combat modern forms of racism and xenophobia.

Economic

The United Nations Trade and Development ([UNCTAD](#)) Board's 15th session of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission takes [place](#) from 5-9 May. This session aims to discuss key issues in investment, enterprise and technology, focusing on their implications for sustainable development and policy solutions. A significant part of the discussion centers on investing in the digital economy, exploring the relationship between digital economy and international investment for development. The session includes a high-level panel to examine drivers and determinants of digital foreign direct investment and national policy frameworks for promoting and regulating international investment in the digital economy.

The World Trade Organization ([WTO](#)) Working Party on State Trading Enterprises ([STE](#)) meets on 5 May with a mandate to review STE notifications and counter-notifications, assess the adequacy of the STE notification questionnaire and develop guidelines on relationships between governments and STEs. The Working Party's work aims to clarify and improve understanding of STEs' activities and their implications for international trade.

The World Trade Organization ([WTO](#)) Committee of Participants on the Expansion of Trade in Information Technology Products ([ITA Committee](#)) meets on 7 May to review the status of implementation of the Information Technology Agreement (ITA), discuss trade concerns and explore expanding product coverage to new items in response to rapid technological developments in the information and communication technology (ICT) sector. The committee also addresses divergences in ITA product classification, encourages new participation and works to reduce non-tariff barriers on IT products, building on previous agreements and guidelines, such as those on electromagnetic interference/compatibility.

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe ([UNECE](#)) “European gas markets: building resilience amidst transition” [event](#) takes place on 7 May. This event assesses the European natural gas sector, focusing on market fundamentals, regulatory risks and gas’s role in the energy transition. Sessions cover the outlook for gas supply, the changing role of gas in Europe, and European Union (EU) decarbonization policies and regulation, featuring expert discussions and analysis. The event is followed by an open discussion involving the UNECE Group of Experts on Gas and representatives from United Nations (UN) member states and energy organizations.

The United Nations Trade and Development’s ([UNCTAD](#)) 8th session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy [takes](#) place from 12-14 May. The session focuses on two main agenda items: “Making digitalization work for inclusive and sustainable development” and “Working Group on Measuring E-commerce and the Digital Economy.” Discussions center on environmental impacts of digitalization, sustainable development gains and policy-making contributions, as well as progress in measuring e-commerce and digital economy, including measurement of e-commerce value and capacity development.

The World Intellectual Property Organization ([WIPO](#)) meeting “IP Finance Dialogue: The Value of Intangible Assets” takes [place](#) on 13 May. The event’s agenda includes keynote addresses, followed by three panels: Perspectives on Best Practices Supporting IP Finance, Transparency in IP - Enhancing Intangible Asset Disclosure, and The Value of Intangibles - The Role of Valuation in IP Finance. Additionally, there are presentations on WIPO’s Action Plan, including a recap, country reports and a hands-on guide, as well as findings on international practice on intangible asset disclosure. The event also features a discussion on IP Finance in the Creative Sector and an update on WIPO’s IP Financing Pilot Project.

The World Trade Organization ([WTO](#)) Committee on Market Access ([CMA](#)) meeting takes place on 13 May, focusing on the overview and implementation of tariffs and non-tariff measures. The CMA oversees the implementation of concessions, notifications of import and export restrictions, and updates to WTO Goods Schedules. Key areas of discussion include rectifications and modifications of Schedules, notification and analysis of tariff and import data, and the operation of the Integrated Data Base (IDB) and Consolidated Tariff Schedules (CTS). The meeting also considers notifications and reports related to quantitative restrictions and tariff concessions.

The World Intellectual Property Organization's ([WIPO](#)) 38th session of the Program and Budget Committee takes [place](#) from 19-23 May. The agenda includes discussions on audit and oversight, performance and financial review, planning and budgeting, and other items, such as: adoption of the agenda, progress report on the Joint Inspection Unit's recommendations, WIPO Performance Report 2024, Proposed Program of Work and Budget for 2026/27, draft terms of reference for the evaluation of WIPO External Offices, and methodology for allocation of income and expenditure by Union, before closing the session.

The Arms Trade Treaty ([ATT](#)) Informal Preparatory Meeting for CSP11 takes [place](#) on 20-21 May, with sessions on progress reports of ATT subsidiary bodies and CSP11 preparatory arrangements. Previous meetings of working groups, including the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation, Working Group on Treaty Universalization, and Working Group on Transparency and Reporting, discuss implementation issues, universalization and transparency, with submitted working papers addressing topics such as diversion of arms and gender-based violence.

Communications & Digital

From 1-2 May, the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development ([CSTD](#)) convenes the first meeting of its multi-stakeholder working group on data governance. Established under UNGA Resolution 79/1, the group includes 54 members from State and non-State stakeholders. The agenda focuses on setting the group's workplan, discussing the Global Digital Compact and aligning on key priorities for the 2026 General Assembly report. Sessions also examine governance methods, international coordination and progress reporting. Interested parties can register [here](#).

From 12-16 May, the 32nd meeting of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group ([TDAG-25](#)) convenes in hybrid format to assess the alignment of ITU-D programs with the Kigali Action Plan and the Union's Strategic Plan. Participants review regional forum outcomes, new initiatives and evolving partnerships. The meeting also covers preparations for WTDC-25 and includes updates from two TDAG working groups on study questions, youth engagement and operational plans for 2026-2029. Interested parties can register [here](#).

From 12-22 May, ITU-R Working Party 5A ([WP 5A](#)) meets to advance standards for the land mobile service (excluding IMT), wireless access systems, and amateur and amateur-satellite services. The agenda includes revisions to disaster communications guidance, updates to the amateur radio

handbook and coordination on WRC-27 topics. Contributions from Germany, the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), APT and World Meteorological Organization (WMO) inform discussions on interference management, spectrum sharing and regional technology deployment. Interested parties can register [here](#).

From 12-22 May, ITU-R Working Party 5C ([WP 5C](#)) meets to shape standards for fixed wireless and high-frequency systems in fixed and land mobile services. Topics include protection for services in high bands, power flux-density mask assessments and spectrum sharing models under WRC-27. Contributions address THz fixed systems, free-space optical communication and transport network alignment, with inputs from the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, APT and ITU-T Study Group 15. Interested parties can register [here](#).

From 26 May to 5 June, ITU-R Study Group 3 ([SG3](#)) and its four Working Parties meet to refine propagation models for terrestrial, atmospheric and space-based systems. [WP 3J](#) examines fundamentals of radio-wave behavior, [WP 3K](#) focuses on mobile and broadcasting links, [WP 3L](#) covers ionospheric impacts, and [WP 3M](#) addresses satellite and point-to-point communications. Liaison contributions include clutter loss modeling and optical communication links between satellites, with an eye on WRC-27 requirements. Interested parties can register [here](#).

Standards & Regulatory

From 5-9 May, the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations Working Party on Passive Safety **meets** for its 77th session. The Working Party **evaluates** over a dozen United Nations (UN) regulations including those dealing with door locks, electric vehicle safety and hydrogen fuel cells. Other matters for discussion include regulations on safety belts, pedestrian safety and door hinges. Attendees also exchange other information on national and international requirements on passive safety. More information on the discussed regulations is available [here](#).

From 6-8 May, the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods **convenes** in Geneva for its 117th session. First, it **discusses** the Status of the Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) and related issues which is followed by the introduction of proposals for amendments to annexes A and B of ADR. Specifically, amendments are related to the construction and approval of vehicles. Finally, experts interpret a rule on lithium-ion batteries fitted to road vehicles for equipment to be used at its destination.

From 5-7 May, the Working Party on Road Transit is assembled in Geneva. Specifically, the Group of Experts on the Operationalization of Electronic Central Motor Registry (eCMR) meets for its eighth session. After adopting an agenda, the group moves to complete its main task: finalization of the report of GE.22. This report is in four parts, all related to eCMR and with important details on their use by customs authorities. Finally, the group decides on dates for future sessions and discusses any final business related to eCMR.

On 9 May, the Working Party on Rail Transport meets to discuss the implications of developments with the Digital Automated Coupler for rail transport. Specifically, the experts plan to hold a workshop on the Digital Automated Coupler across the European Region.

From 19-20 May, the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics Group of Experts on Assessment of Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for Inland Transport holds its 29th session. After adopting an agenda, the group discusses initiatives in climate change impact assessment and adaptation for inland transport as well as climate change and transport assets data. Other business includes a discussion of guidelines for integrating climate change considerations in planning and operational processes.

The first meeting of the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) is set to take place from 26-30 May. Following opening remarks, the group organizes their work for the 2025-2028 study period and approves of the TSAG structure. They appoint additional TSAG representatives and conduct further preparatory measures for study groups and the drafting of reports.

Health

The 25th meeting of the World Health Organization (WHO) Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines takes place from 5-9 May. The Committee reviews applications and updates the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines (EML) and the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines for Children (EMLc). The Expert Committee provides independent, evidence-based recommendations to support countries in selecting essential medicines that address priority health needs and promote equitable access to care.

The **International Conference** on Intellectual Property and Development, titled “The Role of IP and Innovation in Addressing Global Public Health Challenges: Fostering Technological Transfer and Collaborations,” takes place on 5 May. Organized as part of the ongoing work of the **Committee on Development and Intellectual Property** (CDIP), the event explores how intellectual property and innovation support global public health efforts, with a focus on technology transfer and cross-sector collaboration. CDIP, which leads the implementation of **WIPO’s Development Agenda**, convenes the conference to advance dialogue on the intersection of intellectual property and sustainable development.

The **Global Cooperation on Assistive Technology (GATE) Summit 2025** takes place from 7-8 May and brings together government representatives, United Nations (UN) agencies, civil society, service providers and other key stakeholders. Hosted by WHO under the **GATE Initiative** in collaboration with UNICEF, the Summit focuses on accelerating equitable access to assistive technology through a consensus-driven global roadmap for investment and action. Participants discuss national, regional and global strategies to improve access, share evidence-based practices, explore emerging opportunities such as digital health technologies and address persistent gaps, especially in low- and middle-income countries.

The **53rd Board Meeting** of the **Global Fund** takes place from 7-9 May. The Board, which meets twice a year, governs the institution, sets strategy and approves all funding decisions to support the Global Fund’s mission to defeat HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria. During the meeting, Board members from donor and implementer governments, civil society, the private sector, foundations and affected communities discuss progress, strategic priorities and resource allocations to strengthen health systems and scale up the impact of investments in more than 100 countries.

The **15th meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health** under the Protocol on Water and Health takes place from 13-14 May. The Working Group reviews the implementation of the **2023-2025 program of work**, discusses the draft program for 2026-2028 and related resource needs, and prepares for the upcoming Meeting of the Parties in November 2025. Participants also consider recent global and regional developments in water and sanitation, including preparations for the 2026 United Nations Water Conference.

The 10th edition of the World Heart Summit takes place from 17-18 May 17, ahead of the 78th World Health Assembly. The Summit brings together leaders from government, civil society, academia and the private sector to address urgent global challenges in cardiovascular health. Discussions focus on topics including multimorbidity, primary care, innovations in drug interventions, financial protection and the launch of a new World Heart Federation report, with the goal of advancing solutions to reduce the global burden of cardiovascular disease.

The 78th World Health Assembly (WHA78) is scheduled to take place from 19-27 May. Under the theme “One World for Health,” this assembly serves as the WHO’s principal decision-making body, bringing together delegates from 194 member states to determine organizational priorities, set global health strategies and assess progress on key initiatives. Key topics include health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, antimicrobial resistance, the scale of assessments for 2026-2027 and the status of member state contributions, including those in arrears. Additional items include the report of the United Nations (UN) Joint Staff Pension Board, agreements with intergovernmental organizations such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and collaboration within the UN system. Information documents cover awards, voluntary contributions by fund and contributor for 2024, and an independent evaluation of the global coordination mechanism on noncommunicable diseases.

The Geneva Health Forum (GHF) takes place from 20-23 May, offering a platform for scientists, health care professionals and field actors to share perspectives on global health challenges and solutions. The Forum focuses on amplifying voices from low- and middle-income countries, fostering multidisciplinary collaboration and facilitating practical, community-driven discussions. Through its sessions, the GHF promotes evidence-based dialogue and scalable approaches to strengthen health systems and advance global health equity.

Environment & Sustainability

On 5 May, the World Trade Organization (WTO) hosts a retreat on sustainable agriculture within the multilateral trading system. Stakeholders explore how trade frameworks can advance food security, incentivize sustainable production and align agricultural trade with environmental goals. The retreat highlights collaboration opportunities to strengthen global value chains and support climate-resilient farming practices. Sessions delve into policy coherence across trade and environmental regimes, with emphasis on supporting developing countries through technical assistance and inclusive market access strategies.

From **6-8 May**, the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) convenes its 39th session of the Expert Group on Environmental Performance Reviews. Delegates assess Mongolia's second Environmental Performance Review, with discussions spanning climate policy, air quality, sustainable land and forest management, and public access to environmental justice. The group also considers future activities under the EPR Programme and prepares input for the Committee on Environmental Policy's upcoming session.

From **7-9 May**, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Council holds its 113th meeting at IUCN Headquarters. Council members review progress on the IUCN Programme, assess its financial outlook and evaluate strategic priorities for global biodiversity conservation. The meeting provides guidance on organizational governance and prepares for upcoming sessions of the World Conservation Congress and regional member consultations.

From **28 April to 9 May**, delegates gather for meetings of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions. Centered on the theme "Make visible the invisible: sound management of chemicals and wastes," the conferences focus on global efforts to regulate hazardous substances, strengthen compliance and improve environmental governance. The agenda highlights international cooperation to safeguard health and ecosystems through more transparent and sustainable waste and chemical policies.

From 15-16 May, the Bureau of the Protocol on Water and Health convenes to advance environmental and public health priorities under the Water Convention. Delegates discuss regional progress on equitable access to water and sanitation, address emerging threats to water safety, and coordinate actions to support health-focused water governance across Europe and beyond. The meeting also serves as a platform to prepare for the upcoming Meeting of the Parties and review national targets, compliance procedures and technical assistance initiatives.

Social

The **34th session** of the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property takes place from **5-9 May**. The Committee, established by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), works to integrate intellectual property (IP) into national development strategies and multilateral frameworks. Member states and observers examine ongoing and new initiatives aimed at enhancing the development impact of IP systems. Topics include efforts to combat

counterfeiting, promote cultural industries through festival tourism, expand women's participation in IP systems and leverage IP data for evidence-based policymaking. The session also contributes to broader goals such as innovation-driven growth and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. The agenda for more details can be found [here](#).

A **meeting** of experts on policy guidelines for promoting decent work in recycling takes place from 5-9 May. Organized by the **International Labour Organization**, the meeting brings together representatives from governments, employers, workers and international institutions to refine and adopt draft policy guidelines. The **agenda** seeks to guarantee that recycling jobs are safe, inclusive and properly integrated into national labor frameworks and circular economy strategies. The outcomes are expected to help countries create dignified, green jobs in one of the world's fastest-growing sectors.

The **Workshop on Generative AI and Official Statistics** takes place from 12-14 May. Hosted by the **United Nations Economic Commission for Europe** (UNECE), the workshop brings together data scientists, statisticians, methodologists and subject matter experts to evaluate the role of generative artificial intelligence (AI) in producing and supporting official statistics. The event provides a platform to assess both the potential and the risks of using generative AI, including concerns over data privacy, quality assurance, model transparency and accountability. Participants aim to identify emerging use cases, define guardrails for responsible adoption, and lay the groundwork for future standards and shared principles. The agenda can be found [here](#).

The **51st session** of the **Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore** takes place from 30 May to 5 June. Hosted by the **World Intellectual Property Organization** (WIPO), the session focuses on developing international legal tools to protect traditional knowledge and cultural expressions. Delegates review draft articles, technical documents and a glossary of key terms. They also consider human rights issues related to genetic resources and prepare recommendations for the WIPO General Assembly.

Science & Technology

From 6-7 May, the European Broadcasting Union (**EBU**) hosts **Horizons 2025**, where Europe's leading stakeholders in broadcasting, media and platform technology discuss the future of

information-sharing. The group discusses the challenges posed by accelerating developments, how to best react to geo-political waves and the continued need for sector innovation.

On 12 May, the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research ([UNIDR](#)) hosts its [Cyber Stability Conference](#) under the theme “Crisis Averted: Cyber Resilience in Action.” Guided by the Cyber Intrusion Pathway framework, the agenda follows the life cycle of a cyberattack, focusing on incident response, practical resilience, and application of the UN framework for responsible state behavior. Anchoring [Geneva Cyber Week](#), experts from government, civil society, academia and the private sector explore how resilience strategies play out in practice.

From 13-14 May, the Global Conference on Cyber Capacity Building ([GC3B](#)) convenes to strengthen cyber resilience through global cooperation. Hosted by the [Government of Switzerland](#) and the Global Forum on Cyber Expertise ([GFCE](#)), cyber experts look to the future for elevating cyber capacity building discussions, determining upcoming threats and ideating optimal solutions. Participants embrace expert speakers, roundtable discussions and practical workshops.

Youth & Sports

On 16 May, the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the World Health Organization (WHO) [bring together](#) member states, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to discuss child- and youth-friendly mobility. The meeting encourages implementation of agreed measures, creates opportunities for the exchange of knowledge and good practices, and develops guidelines, toolboxes and a summary of good practices. It also aims at creating a pan-European master plan on child-and youth-friendly mobility.

On 28-30 May, the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) holds the [20th meeting](#) of the Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). Experts discuss “Whole institution approach and ESD”; and implementing the “Digital education, ICT and ESD”. The overall ESD Strategy is spotlighted, as well as the cooperation between UNECE and UNESCO on the topic. The ESD Youth Platform enables young people and students to engage with the session. Find the full agenda [here](#).

Humanitarian & Human Rights

The 26th session of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Right to Development (IGWG RTD) takes place from 12-15 May, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. This session focuses on advancing negotiations on the draft international legal standard for the right to development. Delegates engage in article-by-article discussions of the revised draft convention, examine its relationship with other international instruments and consider its implementation mechanisms. The session also includes a high-level segment and expert roundtables exploring climate justice, economic inequality and global development governance—with the aim of anchoring development firmly within the international human rights framework. Please find the draft program of work [here](#) and the registration [link here](#).

The 41st session of the Working Group on Business and Human Rights takes place 19-23 May. This session will focus on advancing the [UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights](#), which aim to prevent, address and remedy human rights abuses in business operations. The session provides a platform for stakeholders to discuss challenges, share best practices and explore strategies to enhance corporate responsibility and state duty in protecting human rights. It is an opportunity for global leaders, businesses and civil society to collaborate on ensuring that economic activities align with human rights standards.

The 15th session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) convenes in two parts: 9-11 April and 26-30 May, in Geneva. This session marks the 60th anniversary of the adoption of ICERD and continues detailed negotiations on a draft additional protocol addressing contemporary forms of racism and xenophobia. Topics include the criminalization of racial profiling, acts of hate online, and non-criminal preventive measures such as reconciliation, education and rehabilitation. The session also evaluates state and individual responsibilities and aims to finalize conclusions and recommendations for strengthening international legal standards on racial discrimination. Please find the draft program of work [here](#), the [Chairperson's Draft here](#) and the registration [link here](#).

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