

Glossary:United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Statistics Explained

The **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development** , abbreviated as **UNCTAD** , was established in 1964. As the main organ of the [United Nations \(UN\)](#) General Assembly dealing with trade, investment and development, its mission is to integrate developing countries into the world economy, with a particular focus on ensuring that domestic policies and international action are mutually supportive in bringing about [sustainable development](#) .

UNCTAD fulfils its mandate by carrying out three key functions:

- acting as a forum for intergovernmental deliberations, with a view towards consensus building;
- undertaking research, policy analysis and data collection for databases of government representatives and experts;
- providing technical assistance tailored to the specific requirements of developing countries, cooperating where appropriate with other organizations and donor countries.

Further information

- [UNCTAD website](#)

Related concepts

- [United Nations \(UN\)](#)