











## Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Day

## Unlocking the potential of MSMEs to contribute to the SDGs

Thursday 27 June 2019, 10:00 - 17:00

Venue: Economic and Social Council Chamber United Nations Headquarters, New York

Join us on Thursday, 27 June 2019 to celebrate Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSME) Day and recognise the contribution that MSMEs make to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

## RSVP here by 20 June

9am — 10am	Arrival and registration
10am — 11am	High-level opening session with keynote speeches
	Including the OFFICIAL REPORT LAUNCHES for:
	<ul> <li>ITC's 2019 SME Competitiveness Outlook and</li> </ul>
	- ICSB's Global MSMEs Report
11am — 12pm	Investing in MSMEs
	Access to finance is often cited as the biggest impediment to MSME growth. How should this "investment gap"
	be addressed? How can the financial inclusion of MSMEs also help achieve of the SDGs?
12pm — 1pm	Capacity building, knowledge, education, and innovation
	How can learning tools for MSMEs be used to improve impact? How can education be used to help more people
	harness the power of MSMEs for themselves and for their wider communities?
1pm — 2pm	Lunch break
2pm — 3pm	Around the World with Entrepreneurs' Experiences
	What makes a successful entrepreneur? What are the challenges entrepreneurs are faced with? This session of
	informative storytelling will answer these questions and more.
3pm — 4pm	MSMEs and the Future of Work
	The digital age is changing how we define "work". What role do MSMEs have in addressing the challenges, and
	taking advantage of the opportunities, of this changing working landscape?
4pm — 5pm	Building Ecosystems and Policies to support MSMEs
	What kind of environment best fosters innovation and entrepreneurship? Which institutions are necessary and
	how should they adapt to help MSMEs grow? What policies work best to support an MSME-friendly
	environment?
5pm — 5:30pm	Closing