



19 May 2026

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to inform you that Ms. Mila Mitreva Pandeva has been selected to participate in the 53rd Regional Course on Key Issues on the International Economic Agenda that will be held online from 6 to 10 July 2026 and in-person in Skopje, North Macedonia, from 13 to 17 July 2026. UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) secretariat will provide a stipend for Ms. Mila Mitreva Pandeva for local expenses for the week from 13 to 17 July 2026..

The two-week program is based on three modules and include presentations, debates, group discussions and simulation exercises, all related to economic aspects of trade, finance, investment, technology, and their impact on development and building economic resilience. Ms. Mila Mitreva Pandeva will undertake an on-line induction course on UNCTAD, followed by preparatory work which will include reading, research and essay writing before the course starts. The course will be held five days per week and may exceed 5:00 pm on working days. Full attendance and participation are therefore required to ensure that the objectives of the course are met.

Ms. Mila Mitreva Pandeva should complete, sign, and return to UNCTAD the attached form as soon as possible to start the preparatory and administrative processes.

I wish to thank you and your government for your interest in the 53rd regional course organized by UNCTAD.

Yours sincerely,



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Fifty-Third UNCTAD REGIONAL COURSE ON KEY ISSUES ON THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AGENDA

6- 10 July 2026 (Online) and 13-17 July 2026

Faculty of Economics, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University-Skopje

Introduction: The UNCTAD flagship programme is derived from the tenth UNCTAD Conference, held in 2000. Since then, the programme's mandate has been reaffirmed at every UNCTAD conference:

- (a) São Paulo Consensus, UNCTAD XI, 2004;
- (b) Accra Accord, UNCTAD XII, 2008;
- (c) The Doha Mandate, UNCTAD XIII, 2012;
- (d) Nairobi Maafikiano, UNCTAD XIV, 2016;
- (e) The Bridgetown Covenant, UNCTAD XV, 2021.
- (f) Shaping the future: Driving economic transformation for equitable, inclusive and sustainable development, UNCTAD XVI, 2025.

Up to now, the programme has trained approximately 1170 trade and development officials along with academics in five developing regions. The programme enjoys high recognition from member States and regional groups taking part in the Trade and Development Board meetings. This is the UNCTAD flagship course.

Online—

Opening remarks by Angel Gonzales

Providing the Road Map for the curriculum of two weeks: Faculty of Economics and UNCTAD P166

Module I Interrelated
Development, transition, development policies, and the role of
international trade and finance in a globalized world
Implications for economies of Eastern Europe

This module is closely related to and overlaps with economic themes, highlighting topical economic issues at the global level and exploring their implications for national development strategies. It uses the UNCTAD integrated approach to discuss development challenges, examining the interdependence between different policy areas, including macroeconomic policies and management, international trade and finance, as well as new views regarding the nature and role of the developmental state. The module will also address the interdependence between national, regional, and international economic realities and their policy implications. The pursuit of national and international development policies and strategies is situated within the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which provide the overarching framework for sustainable development policies during 2015–2030.

Opportunities to discuss national and regional experiences with country-specific responses to address economic challenges and mitigate their impact will promote knowledge sharing among participating countries in both the hybrid and online formats.

Objectives. The three principal objectives of the module are:

1. To examine global economic dynamics and the attendant challenges faced by developing countries – including those related to macroeconomic and financial trends, trade, and inclusive growth.
2. To enhance participants' understanding of current economic debates, the SDGs, and what this implies for policymakers in developing countries.
3. To help participants recognize the opportunities for development emanating from globalization, and the national policy approaches that can help create an enabling environment for trade, investment, and growth.

The module will be delivered by Penelope Hawkins and Randa Jamal (UNCTAD experts), Katerina Tosevska and other National Experts from North Macedonia.

Expected outcome. At the end of this Module, participants will have deepened their understanding of the implications of trade and financial integration for inclusive economic growth, structural change, and technological upgrading. They should also be able to understand the key challenges in development policies aimed at achieving both economic and human development, as well as economic growth. Participants will thus develop their capacities to pursue appropriate policies and strategies in these areas, and to respond to crises, at the national, regional, and international levels, with a deepened knowledge of the 2030 Agenda and its SDG

Monday 6 July 2026	Part I – Introduction – Development Objectives, Principles and Policies
Online	
10:30 - 10:45 hrs	Course Opening Ceremony of the 53 rd regional course Ss. Cyril and Methodius University and UNCTAD-Online, remarks online
10:45 - 12:00 hrs	Session 1: Resilient Policies and strategies for economic development, the 2030 Agenda, and the P166 Road Map This session provides a broad overview of international development policies, including the generations of reform of the Washington Consensus and the global development agendas under the MDGs and the SDGs, and critically evaluates them. It analyses what has changed as a result of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda. The session also introduces the P166 Road Map and contextualizes the different types of development policies that are discussed throughout the programme. Additionally, the session will zoom in on institutional thinking, trade-offs, and adopting inclusive policies. {Randa Jamal} Q&A
12:00 – 14:00 hrs	Lunch break
14:00 - 15:30 hrs	Session 2: Changing dynamics in the global economy: How to respond? This session discusses the main systemic changes in the world economy. It addresses the changing shares of global GDP held by economies at different levels of development and changes in the composition of demand (e.g., the relative shares of investment, private consumption, public expenditure, and net exports). It also examines how the current shift in the center of gravity towards developing economies affects, or is reflected in, the level and direction of international trade and capital flows, with particular focus on Eastern European economies. The session then discusses the world economy and the uncertainties looming in the post-crisis era and other disruptions. {National Expert and Randa Jamal}
15:30 – 16:00 hrs	Wrap Up (Randa Jamal) and Introduction of MII

Monday 13 July 2023 In-person	Module I- Interrelated—Continuation Development, transition, development policies, and the role of international trade and finance in a globalized world-Implications for economies of Eastern Europe
09:00 – 10:00 hrs	Opening –programme TBD by Ss. Cyril and Methodius University
10:00 – 11:00 hrs	Session 11: North Macedonia’s Experience in Economic Development This session highlights North Macedonia's experience in economic development and its efforts to diversify its productive base. What have been the main challenges? It also discusses economic policies and reforms undertaken by the Government and their response to various shocks, including economic ones. (National Expert)
11:00 – 11:30 hrs	Break
11:30 – 12:30 hrs	Session 12: Industrial policy, structural transformation, diversification, and development in Eastern Europe’s economies This session discusses trends in the structural transformation of economies in Eastern Europe, especially changes in the composition of output, employment and trade, and trends in labour productivity. {National Expert and Randa Jamal}
12:30 – 14:00 hrs	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30 hrs	Session 13: Working Group, I- Industrial policy in Eastern Europe: Building on the previous session, this will be an interactive debate- participants will share the national experience of specific countries in industrial policy, structural transformation, diversification and development. {Led by Faculty of Economics, Randa Jamal and Participants}
15:30 – 16:00 hrs	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:30 hrs	Session 14: Migration Causes, consequences, and its relationship with the development of productive capacities Domestic, regional, and international migration are a major feature of economic and social life in transition economies. It has deep-rooted causes, and some current developments are accelerating population movements. Migration brings both positive and negative effects to source countries’ economies. Policies to maximize the former and minimize the latter are then discussed. {Randa Jamal}

