



**United Nations Conference
on Trade and Development**

Distr.: General
8 November 2011

Original: English

Trade and Development Board
Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission
Multi-year Expert Meeting on Enterprise Development Policies and
Capacity-building in Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)
Fourth session
Geneva, 16–18 January 2012
Item 2 of the provisional agenda

Provisional agenda and annotations

I. Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
3. Pro-poor technology, innovation and entrepreneurship policies
4. Adoption of the report of the meeting

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1. Election of officers

1. It is recommended that the expert meeting elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. The provisional agenda for the expert meeting is reproduced in chapter I above. A detailed programme will be available one week before the meeting.

Documentation

TD/B/C.II/MEM.1/11 Provisional agenda and annotations

Item 3. Pro-poor technology, innovation and entrepreneurship policies

3. For the concluding session of the Multi-year Expert Meeting, experts selected the topic “Leveraging innovation and technology for development: pro-poor entrepreneurship, innovation and technology – particularly for women and the next generation of leaders – and examination of the roles of business linkages and global value chains to support pro-poor measures”. To facilitate the discussion, the UNCTAD secretariat has prepared an issues note entitled “Pro-poor technology, innovation and entrepreneurship policies”. The issues note highlights the important role of technology and innovation policy and of entrepreneurship policies in spurring the development of people and communities living in poverty in developing countries. It raises awareness about the potential of innovation-driven development and the role of business linkages. In particular, this issue note covers creating pro-poor entrepreneurial opportunities by improving access to global value chains. It highlights the importance of developing capacities to identify and adapt technologies for local innovative uses, in order to alleviate poverty and improve the development opportunities in poor, and especially rural, communities.

4. While policies and practice from developed countries will provide some examples, the expert meeting will mainly focus on strategies and programmes for developing countries. The ultimate goal of the meeting is to present an overview of approaches to pro-poor entrepreneurship and technology and innovation that can assist policymakers in developing and implementing national policies addressing poverty alleviation. Experts will discuss practical and implementation-level challenges that development institutions face in developing countries with regard to their role as stakeholders in entrepreneurship and innovation-led development. In this respect, the expert meeting will benefit from the lessons learned from UNCTAD’s technical assistance projects and research and analysis in these areas. In addition, experts are encouraged to prepare brief papers on the subject under discussion. These papers will be made available at the meeting in the form and language in which they are received.

Documentation

TD/B/C.II/MEM.1/12 Pro-poor technology, innovation and entrepreneurship policies

Item 4. Adoption of the report of the meeting

5. The report of the expert meeting will be submitted to the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission at its next session. The expert meeting may wish to authorize the

Rapporteur, under the authority of the Chair, to prepare the final report after the conclusion of the meeting.

Inputs from experts

Experts nominated by member States are encouraged to submit brief papers (approximately five pages) as contributions to the work of the meeting. The papers should be submitted to the UNCTAD secretariat in advance of the meeting. Papers, which will draw on national and private sector experience, will be made available at the meeting in the form and language in which they are received.

Experts are requested to submit papers by 6 January 2012. Papers related to enterprise policies and indicators should be forwarded to Ms. Fulvia Farinelli, Enterprise Development Branch, Division on Investment and Enterprise, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland; fax: +41 22 917 0122; e-mail: fulvia.farinelli@unctad.org. Papers related to technology and innovation policies should be forwarded to Mr. Dimo Calovski, Technology and ICT Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics; fax: +41 22 917 0052; e-mail: dimo.calovski@unctad.org.
