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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

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Item 3. Using South–South linkages to build productive capacities in developing countries

3. The Trade and Development Board, at its fiftieth executive session, in July 2010, approved the Multi-year Expert Meeting on International Cooperation: South–South Cooperation and Regional Integration with the following topics:

(a) Promoting South–South cooperation to build productive capacities, including in the agricultural sector, in developing countries and transition economies; and

(b) Trade financing and the role of regional financial institutions in promoting.

4. There is a growing interest among policymakers in rethinking development strategy around the challenge of building productive capacities. In this context, the crucial challenge faced by developing countries is how to use trade, investment and technology flows to support strong productivity growth, increased productive employment and rising real wages, without generating external imbalances and distortions that could slow the catch-up process.

5. The expert meeting will explore these issues in the context of growing economic linkages among developing countries and consider how South–South cooperation can ensure these linkages complement efforts to build productive capabilities in countries with different initial endowments, institutional histories and policy capacities.

6. The meeting will provide a forum to:

(a) Examine the ongoing development of South–South cooperation and its implications for inclusive development and improvement of productive capabilities;

(b) Present good practice and compare notes on innovative approaches in critical policy areas;

(c) Review issues and challenges to policy design at the national and international levels; and

(d) Identify opportunities to further inter-agency collaboration, knowledge-sharing and policy debate in the areas of UNCTAD's expertise.

7. To facilitate the discussion, the UNCTAD secretariat has prepared a background note. Experts and panellists will share their national or regional experiences on the topic of the meeting. In addition, experts are encouraged to prepare brief papers on the subjects under discussion. The papers will be made available at the meeting, in the form and language in which they are received.

Documentation

TD/B/C.II/MEM.2/8 Strengthening productive capacities: A South–South agenda

Item 4. Adoption of the report of the meeting

8. 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 Vice-Chair-cum-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. The papers will be made available at the meeting in the form and language in which they are received.

Experts are requested to submit papers to the UNCTAD secretariat by 9 February 2010, addressed to Mr. Piergiuseppe Fortunato, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland; fax: +41 22 917-0055; e-mail: piergiuseppe.fortunato@unctad.org.
