



Programme of meetings

Monday, 1 October 2007

10 a.m. **Plenary (1005th meeting)** Room XIX

Opening of the session

Item 1 Procedural matters

- (a) Election of officers
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session (TD/B/54/1)
 - Statement by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD
 - Statements by regional groups and individual member States
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3 p.m. **Plenary (1006th meeting)** Room XIX

Item 2 High-level segment: Globalization and inclusive development

Opening

- President of the Trade and Development Board
- Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Keynote speakers

- Ms. Kim Campbell, former Prime Minister of Canada and founding member of the Club of Madrid
- Honourable Joe Baidoe-Ansah, Minister of Trade, Industry, Private Sector Development & PSI of Ghana
- Mr. Richard Samans, Managing Director, World Economic Forum

Followed by

- Lead discussants
- Interactive debate
- Answers and comments by keynote speakers
- Closing remarks

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

6.15 p.m.– **Cocktail**
7.30 p.m. Hosted by the President of the Trade and Development Board
Bar L'Escargot, E-building, door 40, third floor

Forthcoming meetings
Tuesday, 2 October 2007

10 a.m. **Plenary (1007th meeting)** Room XIX

Item 9 Preparatory process for the twelfth session of the Conference

- Statement by the Honourable Joe Baidoe-Ansah, Minister of Trade, Industry, Private Sector Development & PSI of Ghana
 - Video on Ghana
- (a) Establishment of the Preparatory Committee
(b) Approval of the provisional agenda for the Conference

Item 11 Other matters in the field of trade and development

- (a) Progressive development of the law of international trade: fortieth annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (Vienna, 9–12 July 2007)
- (b) Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO on its fortieth session (Geneva, 25–27 April 2007)
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3 p.m. **Plenary (1008th meeting)** Room XXVI

Item 10 Matters requiring action by the Board in the follow-up to the eleventh session of the Conference and arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary and other bodies

- (b) Hearing with civil society and the private sector, in accordance with paragraph 117 of the São Paulo Consensus

Information for participants

Registration

Registration forms will be placed on the desks in room XIX. It would be appreciated if delegations and observers would complete the forms before leaving the meeting.

Distribution of documents

The documents distribution counter is in the lobby on the second floor of the E building (door 40).

Participants should bring with them pre-session documents, i.e. documents circulated prior to the opening of the session. Additional copies of pre-session documents may be available, stock permitting, at the distribution counter in the conference room.

Arrangements for regional group meetings

Requests for rooms for regional group meetings should be made to the UNCTAD Meetings and Credentials Unit (*ext.* 75497/72048, office E.3061).

Announcements by delegations

The Group of 77 and China will meet on Tuesday, 2 October 2007, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in room XXV at the Palais des Nations.



Summary of meetings

Monday, 1 October 2007

1005th and 1006th Plenary meetings

Opening of the session

The fifty-fourth session of the Board was opened by H.E. Mr. Arsene **Balihuta** (Uganda), President of the fifty-third session of the Board.

The Board agreed to the request by Estonia to become a member of the Board. The membership of the Board will now stand at 151.

Item 1 Procedural matters

(a) Election of officers

The Board elected by acclamation H.E. Mr. Petko **Draganov** (Bulgaria) as the President of the Board.

The Board elected the following 10 Vice-Presidents:

Vice-Presidents	H.E. Mr. Alberto Dumont	(Argentina)
	H.E. Ms. Mabel Gomez Oliver	(Mexico)
	H.E. Mr. Roger Julien Menga	(Congo)
	H.E. Mr. Mohamed Siad- Douale	(Djibouti)
	H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio March	(Spain)
	H.E. Mr. Franciscos Verros	(Greece)
	Mr. Iouri Afanassiev	(Russian Federation)
	Ms. Lisa Carle	(United States of America)
	Mr. Chen Jianping	(China)
	<i>Tenth vice-president to be announced</i>	

The Board elected Mr. Mohammad Ali **Zarie Zare** (Iran, Islamic Rep. of), as its Rapporteur.

Following established practice, the Board agreed that the Regional Coordinators and China, and the Chairmen of the Sessional Committees, would be fully associated with the work of the Bureau of the Board.

Item 1 (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session

The Board adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document TD/B/54/1.

Organization of work

In order to accommodate the suggestions made by delegations in the past, meetings of the session of the Board have been designed so that no two meetings take place at the same time. The Board approved the proposals for the organization of the work of the session and agreed that changes to the timetable would be reflected in the Daily Journal of the Board.

The Board established two Sessional Committees:

Sessional Committee I to consider and report on item 4 – Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010:

- (a) The Least Developed Countries Report 2007: Knowledge, Technological Learning and Innovation for Development.
- (b) UNCTAD-wide implementation activities in favour of LDCs: Sixth progress report.

The Board elected H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio **March** (Spain) as the Chairperson of Sessional Committee I.

Sessional Committee II to consider and report on Item 5 – Economic development in Africa: Reclaiming policy space: Domestic resource mobilization and developmental States.

The Chairperson of Sessional Committee II will be announced.

All the other items will be taken up in Plenary.

General statements

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, addressed the Board.

The following representatives made statements: Honduras (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Brazil (on behalf of GRULAC); Chad (on behalf of the African Group); Iran (on behalf of the Asian Group); Russian Federation (on behalf of Group D); Benin (on behalf of LDCs); Portugal (on behalf of the European Union); Thailand; China; South Africa; United States of America; Angola; Colombia; Pakistan; and India.

Item 2 High-level segment: Globalization and inclusive development

The High-level segment began its consideration of item 2 with a statement by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD. This was followed by presentations from keynote speakers: The Right Honourable Ms. Kim Campbell, former Prime Minister of Canada and founding member of the Club of Madrid; Spain; the Honourable Joe Baidoe-Ansah; Minister of Trade, Industry, Private Sector Development and President's Special Initiatives of Ghana; Mr. Richard Samans, Managing Director, World Economic Forum, Switzerland.

The following representatives led the discussions: H.E. Mr. Alberto J. Dumont, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Argentina, Geneva; H.E. Mr. Clodoaldo Hugueney, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Brazil, Geneva; H.E. Mr. Kwabena Baah-Duodu, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Ghana, Geneva; H.E. Mr. Rigoberto Gauto Vielman, Permanent Mission of Paraguay, Geneva; H.E. Mr. Fisseha Yimer,

Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Ethiopia, Geneva; H.E. Mr. Makio Miyagawa, Permanent Mission of Japan, Geneva; H.E. Mr. Arsene Balihuta, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Uganda, Geneva; Mr. William E. Craft, Office Director, Multilateral Trade Affairs, Bureau of Economic Energy and Business Affairs, Department of State, United States of America.

The presentations were followed by an interactive debate.
