

**PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS**

**Friday, 26 September 2008**

9.30 a.m.                      **Sessional Committee I - informal meeting**                      **Room XXVI**

**Item 4 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010** (*continued*)

- Consideration of draft agreed conclusions

Followed by

- Formal adoption of the agreed conclusions

10 a.m.                        **Sessional Committee II - informal meeting**                        **Room XXVI**

**Item 5 Economic development in Africa: Trade liberalization and export performance in Africa** (*continued*)

- Consideration of draft agreed conclusions

Followed by

- Formal adoption of the agreed conclusions

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3 p.m.                        **Closing plenary (1029<sup>th</sup> meeting)**                        **Room XXVI**

**Item 1 Procedural matters**

- (c) **Adoption of the report on credentials**  
(TD/B/55/L.3)
- (d) **Provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session of the Board**

**Item 4 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010**

(TD/B/55/SC.I/L.1 and agreed conclusions)

**Item 5 Economic development in Africa: Trade liberalization and export performance in Africa**

TD/B/55/SC.II/L.1 and agreed conclusions)

**Item 11 Matters requiring action by the Board in the follow-up to the twelfth session of the Conference and arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary and other bodies**

– **Hearing of Civil Society**

(TD/B/55/L.2/Add.1)

**Item 14 Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters**

(b) **Designation of non-governmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board** (TD/B/IGO/LIST/7)

(c) **Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board** (TD/B/NGO/LIST/9)

(d) **Review of the calendar of meetings**

(e) **Membership of the Working Party for 2009**

(f) **Review of the lists of States contained in the annex to General Assembly Resolution 1995 (XIX)**

(TD/B/INF.211)

(g) **Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board**

**Item 15 Other business**

**Item 16 Adoption of the report**

(TD/B/55/L.1; TD/B/55/L.2 and Add.1-8;  
TD/B/55/L.3)

**Bureau of the fifty-fifth session of the Trade and Development Board**

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	Mr. Otto VAN MAERSSSEN	(United States of America)
<b>Rapporteur</b>	Ms. Andriani FALKONAKI SOTIROPOULOS	(Greece)

**Sessional Committee I**

<b>Chair</b>	H.E. Mr. Jean FEYDER	(Luxembourg)
<b>Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur</b>	Mr. Ravi Bhattarai	(Nepal)

**Sessional Committee II**

<b>Chair</b>	H.E. Mr. Kwabena BAAH-DUODU	(Ghana)
<b>Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur</b>	Mr. Joannes Ekaprasetya TANDJUNG	(Indonesia)

## **Information for participants**

### **Registration**

Registration forms will be placed on the desks in room XVIII. 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.* 75599/75497, office E.3061).

### **Statements**

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### **Audio files**

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### **Announcements by delegations**

The Group of 77 will meet on Friday, 26 September, at 8.45 a.m. in Room XXVI.

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## SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, September 2008

### **Sessional Committee I - informal meeting**

**Item 4      Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010**

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Ravi Bhattarai (Nepal), Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur of Sessional Committee I.

Sessional Committee I concluded its consideration of the draft agreed conclusions on item 4.

**Final plenary meeting**

Sessional Committee I adopted its agreed conclusions.

### **Sessional Committee II - informal meeting**

**Item 5      Economic development in Africa: Trade liberalization and export performance in Africa**

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Joannes Ekaprasetya Tanjung (Indonesia), Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur of Sessional Committee II.

Sessional Committee II concluded its consideration of the draft agreed conclusions on item 4.

**Final plenary meeting**

Sessional Committee II adopted its agreed conclusions.

**Closing plenary (1029<sup>th</sup> meeting)**

The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Debapriya Bhattacharya (Bangladesh), President of the Trade and Development Board.

**Item 4 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001**

The report of Sessional Committee I was introduced by the Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur, Mr. Ravi Bhattaria (Nepal).

The Board took note of the report of Sessional Committee I as contained in document TD/B/55/SC.I/L.1 and endorsed the agreed conclusions contained in document TD/B/55/SC.I/L.2.

**Item 5 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001**

The report of Sessional Committee II was introduced by the Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur, Mr. Joannes Tandjung (Indonesia).

The Board took note of the report of Sessional Committee II as contained in document TD/B/55/SC.II/L.1 and endorsed the agreed conclusions (to be issued as document TD/B/55/SC.II/L.2).

**Item 1 Procedural matters**

**(c) Adoption of the report on credentials**

The Board adopted the report of the Bureau on the credentials of representatives participating in the fifty-fifth session of the Board, as contained in TD/B/55/L.3.

**(d) Provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session of the Board**

The Board decided to refer consideration of this item to consultations of the President. The provisional agenda will be drawn up and submitted for approval at an appropriate time.

**Item 11 Matters requiring action by the Board in the follow-up to the twelfth session of the Conference and arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary and other bodies  
– Hearing of Civil Society**

Mr. Adalbert Nougá, of Village Suisse ONG, presented the report.

The Board took note of the report as contained in document TD/B/55/L.2/Add.1.

**Item 14 Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters**

**(b) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board**

The Board was informed that the list of intergovernmental organizations in status with UNCTAD was contained in TD/B/IGO/LIST/7, and that there were no new applications to be considered.

**(c) Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board**

The Board was informed that the list of non-governmental organizations in status with UNCTAD was contained in TD/B/NGO/LIST/9. The Board approved one new application for observer status:

- The World Forum of Civil Society Networks (UBUNTU): the background information on this organization is contained in document TD/B/55/R.1.

**(d) Review of the calendar of meetings**

The Board approved the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 2008 and the provisional calendar of meetings for 2009 as contained in a non-paper dated 26 September 2008.

**(e) Membership of the Working Party for 2009**

The Board approved the membership of the Working Party for 2009 as follows: Albania, Belarus, China, Congo, Djibouti, El Salvador, Finland, France, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sweden, Switzerland and United States of America.

**(f) Review of the lists of States contained in the annex to General Assembly Resolution 1995 (XIX)**

There were no new applications for membership of the Board, which still stands at 151.

**(g) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board**

The Board was informed that the actions of the Board at its current session had no financial implications for the current programme budget.

**Item 15 Other business**

**Topics and terms of reference for expert meetings**

The Board approved the compilation of topics and terms of reference as a whole contained in a non-paper dated 26 September and requested the secretariat to issue the compilation as an official document of the Board to be translated into all official United Nations languages.

**Executive session**

The Board requested the extended Bureau to meet in the following week to decide on the holding of an executive session in mid November and to approve its agenda.

**Training and capacity building**

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement.

**Item 16 Adoption of the report**

The Rapporteur, Mrs. Falkonaki-Sotiropoulos (Greece), introduced the draft report of the Trade and Development Board on its fifty-fifth session, as contained in TD/B/55/L.1; TD/B/55/L.2 and Add.1-9, TD/B/SC.1/L.1 and L.2 and TD/B/SC.2/L.1. The Board adopted the draft report and authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report for transmission to the General Assembly.

Mr. Supachai Panitchpadki, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made a closing statement.

Closing statements were made by the following representatives: Mexico; Zimbabwe (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Indonesia (on behalf of the Asian Group); Kyrgyzstan (on behalf of Group D); Bangladesh (on behalf of the least developed countries); France (on behalf of the European Union); Peru (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States); and Chad (on behalf of the African Group).

The President of the Board made concluding remarks.