

## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 16 September 2008

10 a.m.                      **Plenary (1021<sup>st</sup> meeting)**                      **Room XVIII**

**Item 6 Evolution of the international trading system and of international trade from a development perspective (TD/B/55/4)**

- Opening statement by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Panel discussion

Keynote speakers

- Mr. Pascal Lamy, Director-General of WTO
- H.E. Mr. Shree Baboo Chekitan Servansing, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Mauritius
- H.E. Mr. Mothae Anthony Maruping (LDC coordinator), Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Lesotho
- H.E. Mr. Eckart Guth, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, European Commission
- Mr. Rahul Khullar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India
- H.E. Mr. Bruce Gosper, Ambassador, Australia
- Mr. Paulo Estivallet de Mesquita, Minister Counsellor, Brazil
- Mr. David Shark, Deputy Permanent Representative, United States of America
- Mr. Martin Khor, Director, Third World Network

Followed by

- Interactive debate

2–3 p.m.	<b>Briefing on the CEB Inter-Agency Cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity</b> , with the participation of UNCTAD, UNDP, ITC, ESCAP, FAO and UNIDO	<b>Room XXVI</b>
3 p.m.	<b>Plenary (1022<sup>nd</sup> meeting)</b>	<b>Room XVIII</b>
3–3.45 p.m.	General statements by regional groups and delegations  Followed by	
3.45 p.m.	<b>Item 3 Interdependence: Mobilizing resources for development – commodity prices, productive capacity, supply and distribution</b> (UNCTAD/TDR/2008 and Overview) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opening statement by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD</li><li>▪ Introduction by Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies (Overview and chapters 1, 2 and 3)</li><li>▪ Interventions by delegations</li></ul>	

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**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**  
**Wednesday, 17 September 2008**

10 a.m.	<b>Plenary (1023<sup>rd</sup> meeting)</b> <b>Item 3 Interdependence: Mobilizing resources for development – commodity prices, productive capacity, supply and distribution</b> ( <i>continued</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation by the UNCTAD secretariat</li><li>• Presentation by Professor Robert Frenkel, Principal Associate Researcher at the Centro de Estudios de Estado y Sociedad (CEDES), Professor of Economics, School of Economics, University of Buenos Aires</li></ul> Followed by <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Interactive discussion</li></ul>	<b>Room XVIII</b>
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3 p.m

**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 with civil society**

**Room XVIII**

Opening remarks by one of the vice-presidents of the Trade and Development Board

Welcoming remarks by the Acting Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

***Theme 1: The global food crisis: addressing a systemic failure in development strategy***

Lead discussants:

- Ms. Iara Pietricovsky, Instituto de Estudos Socioeconomicos (INESC), Brazil
- Ms. Jacqueline Coté, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Geneva Office

Followed by

- Interactive discussion

***Theme 2: The global financial crisis and its impact on sustainable development***

Lead discussants:

- Mr. Sam Kuloba Watasa, Uganda Consumers' Protection, Uganda
- Mr. Mamadou Ndiaye, Office Africain pour le Développement et la Coopération (OFADEC), Senegal

Followed by

- Interactive discussion
  - Closing remarks
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## **Bureau of the fifty-fifth session of the Trade and Development Board**

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**Rapporteur** Ms. Andriani FALKONAKI SOTIROPOULOS (Greece)

### **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**

Delegates are invited to send electronic versions of their statements for posting on the web to the [editorialsection@unctad.org](mailto:editorialsection@unctad.org). The statements will be made available in the form and language in which they are submitted.

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## SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 16 September 2008

### 1021<sup>st</sup> and 1022<sup>nd</sup> plenary meetings

#### Item 6 Evolution of the international trading system and of international trade from a development perspective

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made an introductory statement on agenda item 6.

This was followed by presentations from keynote speakers: Mr. Pascal Lamy, Director-General of World Trade Organization (WTO); H.E. Mr. Shree Baboo Chekitan Servansing, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Mauritius; H.E. Mr. Mothae Anthony Maruping (LDC coordinator at WTO), Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Lesotho; H.E. Mr. Eckart Guth, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, European Commission; H.E. Mr. Bruce Gosper, Ambassador, Australia; Mr. Paulo Estivallet de Mesquita, Minister Counsellor, Brazil; Mr. David Shark, Deputy Permanent Representative, United States of America; Mr. Martin Khor, Director, Third World Network.

During the interactive debate, representatives of the following member States took the floor: Zimbabwe (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), China, Islamic Republic of Iran, United Republic of Tanzania; Indonesia (on behalf of the Asian Group); Guatemala (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States); Russian Federation, Cuba, Syrian Arab Republic; Belarus; and Argentina.

#### General statements

Representatives of the following member States made statements: Barbados (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States); Indonesia (on behalf of the Asian Group); Chad (on behalf of the African Group); Bangladesh (on behalf of the least developed countries); Paraguay (on behalf of the landlocked developing countries); China; Switzerland; Egypt; and United States of America.

**Item 3 Interdependence: Mobilizing resources for development – commodity prices, productive capacity, supply and distribution**

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made a general introduction. Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, introduced the *Trade and Development Report, 2008*.

In the debate that followed, representatives of the following member States made statements: Russian Federation; Cuba; Angola; Venezuela; Belarus; Indonesia (on behalf of the Asian Group); Zimbabwe (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Islamic Republic of Iran; France (on behalf of the European Union); China; Japan; and Mexico (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States).

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