

## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Monday, 14 September 2009

10 a.m. **Plenary (1030<sup>th</sup> meeting)** **Room XVII**

**Item 1 Election of officers**

**Item 2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session (TD/B/56/1)**

Establishment of Sessional Committee I and Sessional Committee II

**General statements**

- Opening statement by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Statements by regional groups and members States

3 p.m. **Plenary (1031<sup>st</sup> meeting)** **Room XVII**

**Item 3 Interdependence**

**High-level segment: The global economic crisis and the necessary policy response (UNCTAD/TDR/2009 & Overview)**

Opening remarks

- Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Keynote speakers

- H.E. Mr. Diego Borja Cornejo, Minister for Coordination of Economic Policy, Ecuador
- H.E. Mr. John Gyetuah, Deputy Ministry for Trade and Industry, Ghana
- Mr. M. Cyrille Pierre, Deputy-Director Global Economic Issues Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France

Followed by

- Interactive debate

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**  
**Tuesday, 15 September 2009**

10 a.m.

**Plenary (1032<sup>nd</sup> meeting)**

**Room XVII**

**Item 7 Development strategies in a globalized world:  
Meeting the development challenge of climate  
change (UNCTAD/TDR/2009 & Overview)**

- Opening statement by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Introduction by Mr. D. Kotte, Head, Macroeconomic and Development Policies branch

Panellists

- Mr. Frank Ackerman, Senior Economist, Stockholm Environment Institute-US Center and Senior Research Fellow, Global Development and Environment Institute, Tufts University, United States
- Professor Francis Yamba, Director, Centre for Energy, Environment and Engineering Zambia Ltd., Lusaka, Zambia
- Mr. Augusto Luiz Nobre de Mello Neto, Director, Climate change, Sustainability and Energy, ICF International, Brazil

Followed by

- Interactive debate

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4 p.m.

**Raúl Prebisch Lecture**

**Room XVII**

- Opening statement by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
  - Mr. Jeffrey Sachs, Director, Earth Institute, Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development, and Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University. Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
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## **Information for participants**

### **Registration**

Registration forms will be placed on the desks in room XVII. 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

Monday, 14 September 2009

### 1030<sup>th</sup> and 1031<sup>st</sup> plenary meetings

#### Opening of the session

The fifty-sixth session of the Board was opened by H.E. Mr. Dian Triansyah Djani (Indonesia), President of the Board at its fifty-fifth session.

#### Item 1 Procedural matters

##### (a) Election of officers

The Board elected by acclamation H.E. Mr. Jean Feyder (Luxembourg) as the President of the Board at its fifty-sixth session.

The Board elected the following 7 vice-presidents:

#### Vice-presidents

H.E. Mr. Elchin Amirbayov	(Azerbaijan)
H.E. Mr. Hamid Baeidi Nejad	(Iran Islamic Republic of)
Ms. Misako Takahashi	(Japan)
H.E. Mr. Mothae Anthony Maruping	(Lesotho)
Mr. Elmer Schialer	(Peru)
Mr. Vassily Nebenzia	(Russian Federation)
Ms. Thararut Hanlumyuang	(Thailand)

The Board elected Ms. Tshihumbudzo Ravhandalala (South Africa) as its Rapporteur.

Following established practice, the Board agreed that the Regional Coordinators and China 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/56/1.

**Organization of work**

The Board established two sessional committees:

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

Mr. Motaher Hussain (Bangladesh) was elected as Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur of Sessional Committee I.

Sessional Committee II to consider and report on agenda item 5 – Economic development in Africa: Strengthening regional economic integration for Africa's Development.

H.E. Mr. Arcanjo Maria Do Nascimento (Angola) was elected as Chairperson and Mr. Wang Dawei (China) as Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur of Sessional Committee II.

**General statements**

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

Representatives of the following member States made statements: Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Côte d'Ivoire (on behalf of the African Group); Colombia (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States); Sri Lanka (on behalf of the Asian Group); Hungary (on behalf of Group D); Sweden (on behalf of the European Union); Paraguay (on behalf of the landlocked developing countries); Bangladesh (on behalf of the least developed countries); China; United States of America; India; Switzerland; South Africa; Norway; the Philippines, Morocco; Nepal and Ecuador.

**Item 3 Interdependence**

**High-level segment: The global economic crisis and the necessary policy response**

The high-level segment began its consideration of item 3 with a statement by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD. This was followed by presentations from keynote speakers: H.E. Mr. Diego Borja Cornejo, Minister for Coordination of Economic Policy, Ecuador; H.E. Mr. John Gyetuah, Deputy Minister for Trade and Industry, Ghana; Mr. Cyrille Pierre, Deputy-Director for Global Economic Affairs and Development Strategy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France.

During the interactive debate, representatives of the following member States took the floor: Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Germany; China; Russian Federation; Angola; Indonesia; Colombia (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States); Islamic Republic of Iran; Algeria; Lesotho; Morocco and Bangladesh (on behalf of the least developed countries).

The keynote speakers made general observations.

The Secretary-General of UNCTAD and the President of the Board made concluding remarks.