

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 17 September 2009

10 a.m. **Sessional Committee II – First plenary meeting** **Room XXVI**

Item 5 Economic development in Africa: Strengthening regional economic integration for Africa's development

(TD/B/56/4 and UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2009)

- Opening statement by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Introductory statement by Mr. Habib Ouane, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes
- General statements by regional groups and delegations

1.15 – **Lunchtime event** **Room XXVI**
2.45 p.m. **Realizing sustainable development gains from trade**

Speakers: Mr. Martin Khor, Executive Director, South Centre; Mr. Richard Newfarmer, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations and the World Trade Organization; Mr. Peter Wooders, Senior Economist for Climate Change, Energy and Trade, International Institute for Sustainable Development

3 p.m. **Sessional Committee II – Second plenary meeting** **Room XXVI**

Item 5 Economic development in Africa: Strengthening regional economic integration for Africa's development (*continued*)

- Opening remarks by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Keynote speaker

- Mr. Ademola Oyejide, Professor of Economics and Director of the Trade Policy Research and Training Programme at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria – “Regional integration and the way forward”

Panellists

- Mr. Offiong Ambah, Director-General, Ecobank, Nigeria
- Mr. Adama Deen, Transportation Advisor, New Partnership for Africa's Development
- Mr. Peter Thompson, Director for Development and Economic Partnership Agreements, European Commission

Followed by

- Interactive debate

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 18 September 2009

10 a.m. **Sessional Committee I – First plenary 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

- (a) The Least Developed Countries Report 2009: The State and Development Governance (UNCTAD/LDC/2009)
- (b) UNCTAD-wide activities in implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010: eighth progress report (TD/B/56/2)
- (c) UNCTAD's contribution to the preparatory process of and to the Fourth United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries, 2011 (TD/B/56/6)
 - Opening statement by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
 - Introductory statement by Mr. Habib Ouane, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes
 - General statements by regional groups and delegations

2 – 3 p.m. **Special session of the Trade and Development Board on the United Nations Chief Executives Board Inter-Agency Cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity** **Room XXVI**

Delivering Aid for Trade: the role of the United Nations system

Co-chaired by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, and Mr. Kandeh Yumkella, Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

3 p.m. **Sessional Committee I – Second plenary 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)

The State and development governance

- Opening remarks by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Panellists

- Mr. Kandeh Yumkella, Director-General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- Mr. Josue Dioné, Director, Food Security and Sustainable Development Division, Economic Commission for Africa
- Professor Terry McKinley, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

Followed by

- Interactive debate
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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. The statements will be made available in the form and language in which they are submitted.



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Summary of meetings Thursday, 17 September 2009

Sessional Committee II – First plenary meeting

Item 5 Economic development in Africa: Strengthening regional economic integration for Africa's development

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made an opening statement. This was followed by an introductory statement by Mr. Habib Ouane, Director of the Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes.

The 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); Chile (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States); Sri Lanka (on behalf of the Asian Group); Bangladesh (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries); Sweden (on behalf of the European Union); Cuba; Norway; Kenya; Lesotho; Benin; Rwanda; China; South Africa; the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Thailand; Angola; Cameroon; and Senegal. The representative of Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa also made a statement.

The Director of the Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes made concluding remarks.

Sessional Committee II – Second plenary meeting

Item 5 Economic development in Africa: Strengthening regional economic integration for Africa's development (*continued*)

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made opening remarks.

A presentation by keynote speaker Mr. Ademola Oyejide, Professor of Economics and Director of the Trade Policy Research and Training Programme at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, on "Regional integration and the way forward" was read out by the secretariat in his absence.

The following panelists then made presentations: Mr. Offiong Ambah, Director-General, Ecobank, Nigeria; Mr. Adama Deen, Transportation Advisor, New Partnership for Africa's Development; and Mr. Peter Thompson, Director for Development and Economic Partnership Agreements, European Commission.

Mr. Gervais Nkanagu, Chief of the Brussels Liaison Office of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, made a short presentation.

During the interactive debate, the representatives of the following member States took the floor: Lesotho; Mali; Nigeria; Angola; Senegal; Algeria; Namibia; Rwanda; Switzerland; and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. The representative of the Coordination des ONG africaines des droits de l'homme also made a statement.