

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 22 September 2009

10 a.m. **Plenary (1034th meeting)** **Room XXVI**

Item 8 Investment for development: Transnational corporations, agricultural production and development (UNCTAD/WIR/2009 and Overview)

- Opening statement by Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Introductory statement by Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise

Panellists

- H.E. Mr. Aggrey H. Bagiire, Minister of State for Agriculture, Uganda
- Mr. Davor Pisk, Chief Operation Officer, Syngenta
- H.E. Mr. Kenichi Suganuma, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan

Followed by

- Interactive debate

3 p.m. **Plenary (1035th meeting)** **Room XXVI**

Item 10 Technical cooperation activities

(b) Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people (TD/B/56/3)

- Opening statement by Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Presentation of the report by Mr. Mahmoud Elkhafif, Coordinator, Assistance to the Palestinian People Unit, UNCTAD

Keynote speakers

- H.E. Mr. Bassim Khoury, Minister of National Economy, Palestinian Authority
- Mr. Maxwell Gaylard, Deputy Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process (UNSCO) and the United Nations Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator
- Statements by regional groups and member States

3 p.m. **Plenary (1035th meeting) (continued)** **Room XXVI**

- Item 9 UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields (TD/B/56/8)**
- Opening statement by Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD
 - Statements by regional groups and member States

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 23 September 2009

10 a.m. **Plenary (1036th meeting)** **Room XXVI**

- Item 11 Matters requiring action by the Board in the follow-up to the twelfth session of the Conference:**
- (b) UNCTAD's communication strategy and publication policy (TD/B/56/9 and TD/B/56/10)**
- Opening statement by Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

3 p.m. **Informal meeting** **Room XXVI**

- Item 5 Economic development in Africa: Strengthening regional economic integration for Africa's Development (continued)**
- Consideration of draft agreed conclusions
- Item 4 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010**
- Consideration of draft agreed conclusions
- Item 11 Matters requiring action by the Board in the follow-up to the twelfth session of the Conference:**
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- Consideration of draft agreed conclusions
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Information for participants

Registration

Registration forms will be placed on the desks in room XXVI. 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 editorialsection@unctad.org. The statements will be made available in the form and language in which they are submitted.

Announcements by delegations

The Group of 77 and China will meet on Tuesday, 22 September 2009, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Room XXV.

Summary of meetings
Tuesday, 22 September 2009

Plenary (1035th meeting)

Item 8 Investment for development: Transnational corporations, agricultural production and development

Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD and Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise made introductory statements.

This was followed by presentations from the following panelists: H.E. Mr. Aggrey H. Bagiire, Minister of State for Agriculture, Uganda; Mr. Davor Pisk, Chief Operation Officer, Syngenta; and H.E. Mr. Kenichi Suganuma, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan.

During the interactive debate, the representatives of the following member States took the floor: Thailand (on behalf of the Asian Group and China); Cote D'Ivoire (on behalf of the African Group); Guatemala (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group); Sri Lanka (on behalf of the Asian Group); Sweden (on behalf of the European Union); China; Cuba; Norway; and United States of America. The representative of the Third World Network also took the floor. The following discussants also took the floor: Ms. Fatima Al-Ghazali, Minister Plenipotentiary Commercial Affairs, Permanent Mission of Oman; Mr. Maiko Miyake-Digbeu, Senior Investment Promotion Officer, World Bank; and Mr. Oluniyi Robbin-Coker, Private Sector Advisor, Office of the President, Sierra Leone.

The panelists made general observations and the President of the Board made concluding remarks.

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The was followed by presentations from keynote speakers: H.E. Mr. Bassim Khoury, Minister of National Economy, Palestinian Authority, and Mr. Maxwell Gaylard, Deputy Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process (UNSCO) and the United Nations Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator

The representatives of the following member States made statements: Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Cote D'Ivoire (on behalf of the African Group); Sri Lanka (on behalf of the Asian Group); Sweden (on behalf of the European Union); China; Israel; Yemen; Morocco; Jordan; Egypt; Cuba; Islamic Republic of Iran; Saudi Arabia; United States of America; Syrian Arab Republic; Oman; Algeria; Lebanon; Venezuela; and Japan.

The keynote speakers made responded to points made. The Coordinator of the Assistance to the Palestinian People Unit made concluding remarks.