



**Trade and Development Board
Fiftieth executive session**

**Geneva, 8 July 2010
Palais des Nations, Room XXVI**

**Chaired by H.E. Ambassador Jean Feyder
President of the Trade and Development Board**

Programme of work

10.00 - 13.00 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Activities undertaken by UNCTAD in favour of Africa

Matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary bodies:

- (a) Report of the Trade and Development Commission on its second session, and agenda for its third session
- (b) Report of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission on its second session, and agenda for its third session
- (c) Topics for upcoming single-year/multi-year expert meetings
- (d) Report of the Working Party

Other business

Report of the Board on its fiftieth executive session

15.00 - 18.00 Panel Session on the "Financial Crisis, Macroeconomic Policy and the Challenge of Development in Africa"

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

Panellists:

Ms. Linah Mohohlo, Governor, Bank of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana

Professor Akpan Ekpo, Director-General, West African Institute for Financial and Economic Management, Lagos, Nigeria

Professor Olu Ajakaiye, Director of Research, African Economic Research Consortium, Nairobi, Kenya

Followed by an interactive debate

The key issues slated for discussion by the panel include:

- What are the lessons for Africa from the global financial and economic crisis?
- How can African countries make more effective use of macroeconomic policies for development?
- What is the role of the state in Africa's economic development? What should be the focus of Africa's agricultural and industrial policies in the post-crisis period?
- How should African countries prepare themselves for post-crisis recovery and how can development partners and the international community contribute to this effort?