

Trade and Development Board

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Item 3 (c) of the provisional agenda

Topics for the Commissions and expert meetings**Note by the UNCTAD secretariat**

The present note contains topics for the substantive agenda items of the Commissions and expert meetings, as informally agreed *ad referendum* on Friday, 2 July, at the informal consultations of the Bureau, regional coordinators and interested member States. Member States were requested to inform the secretariat of any modifications by the end of the day on Monday, 5 July, and no modifications were received. The topics will be before the Trade and Development Board for approval under item agenda item 3 (c) of the provisional agenda.

Investment Commission

1. Promoting investment for development: Best practices in strengthening investment in basic infrastructure in developing countries
2. Enhancing productive capacities for development, including through strengthened entrepreneurship policies and improved science and innovation policies

Trade Commission

1. Assessing the evolution of the international trading system and enhancing its contribution to development and economic recovery
2. Integration of developing countries in global supply chains, including through adding value to their exports

Single-year expert meetings

1. The contribution of foreign direct investment to the transfer and diffusion of technology and know-how for sustainable development in developing countries, especially least developed countries
2. Maximizing the development impact of remittances

Multi-year Expert Meeting on International Cooperation: South–South Cooperation and Regional Integration

1. Promoting South–South cooperation to build productive capacities, including in the agricultural sector, in developing countries and transition economies
 2. Trade financing and the role of regional financial institutions in promoting South–South trade and investment
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