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UNCTAD CALENDAR OF MEETINGS¹

Note

The present note contains the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 2007 and for the first half of 2008. It also contains the indicative calendar for the remainder of 2008.

¹ The calendar was approved on 19 April by the Trade and Development Board at its forty-first executive session.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2007²

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, forty-first executive session	18 – 20 April
<i>ITC Joint Advisory Group², fortieth session</i>	25 – 27 April
<i>Commission on Science and Technology for Development, tenth session³</i>	21 – 25 May
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, forty-eighth (resumed) session	29 – 31 May
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, forty-second executive session (Africa)	27 June
Expert Meeting on Development Implications of International Investment Rule Making	28 – 29 June
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy	17 – 19 July
Expert Meeting on Trade and Development Implications of Financial Services and Commodity Exchanges	3, 20 and 21 September
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, forty-ninth session (technical cooperation)	10 – 14 September
<i>Annual Forum on Mining²</i>	17 – 19 September
Expert Meeting on Comparing Best Practices for Creating an Environment Conducive to Maximizing Development Benefits, Economic Growth and Investment in Developing Countries and Countries with Economies in Transition	24 – 25 September
Expert Meeting on Regional Cooperation in Transit Transport — Solutions for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries	27 – 28 September
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, fifty-fourth session ⁴	1 – 11 October

² Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings will be held in Geneva. All meetings listed are subject to a written notification, which is normally dispatched six weeks before the opening date.

³ Meetings listed for information only.

⁴ In accordance with document A/61/129/Add.1, 12 October 2007 will be an official United Nations holiday. As a result, the fifty-fourth session of the Board will end on 11 October rather than on 12 October.

Preparatory Committee for UNCTAD XII	15 October
Expert Meeting on Participation of Developing Countries in New and Dynamic Sectors of World Trade: the South–South Dimension	16 – 17 October
Expert Meeting on Increasing the Participation of Developing Countries' SMEs into Global Value Chains (GVCs)	18 – 19 October
Slot for the preparatory process for UNCTAD XII	29 October and 2 November
Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, 24th session	30 October – 1 November
Slot for the preparatory process for UNCTAD XII	5 – 9 November
Slot for the preparatory process for UNCTAD XII	12 – 16 November
<i>6th Inter-Regional Debt Management Conference</i> ⁵	19 – 23 November
Slot for the preparatory process for UNCTAD XII	26 – 30 November
Slot for the preparatory process for UNCTAD XII	3 – 21 December

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2008⁶

Slot for the preparatory process for UNCTAD XII	January (2 weeks)
Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development, twelfth session	End January (2 days)
Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues, twelfth session	Beginning February (2 days)
Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, twelfth session	Beginning February (2 days)
Slot for the preparatory process for UNCTAD XII	February (3 weeks)

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Slot for the preparatory process for UNCTAD XII	3 – 14 March
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, twenty-fourth special session (organizational matters for UNCTAD XII and reports of the Commissions)	17 – 20 March
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, twelfth session	20 – 25 April Accra (Ghana)
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, fiftieth session (Programme budget 2008–2009 and Strategic 2010–2011)	End May/Early June (1 week)

INDICATIVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2008⁷

Slot for meeting	July (3 days)
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, fifty-first session (technical cooperation)	8 – 12 September
Slot for meeting	September (3 days)
Slot for meeting	September (3 days)
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, fifty-fifth session	29 September – 10 October
Slot for meeting	October (3 days)
Slot for meeting	October (3 days)
Slot for meeting	November (3 days)
Slot for meeting	November (3 days)
Slot for meeting	November (3 days)
Slot for meeting	December (3 days)
Slot for meeting	December (3 days)

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PROVISIONS FOR OTHER MEETINGS IN 2007

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD in executive session	As required up to 10 half-day meetings
United Nations commodity and other conferences ⁸	As required up to 20 half-day meetings
Consultations of the President of the Board	As required up to 20 half-day meetings
Seminars and study groups	As required up to 18 half-day meetings

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⁸ Subject to request from the relevant body or the General Assembly.