

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Friday, 21 September 2012

10 a.m.	Sessional Committee I – <i>First plenary meeting</i>	Room XXVI
	Item 5 UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for LDCs: First progress report (TD/B/59/3; UNCTAD/ALDC/2012/1)	
	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD	
	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD	
	General statements <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Statements by regional groups and member States▪ Statement by LDC Watch	
	Panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ H.E. Mr. Leopold Ismael Samba, Permanent Representative of the Central African Republic▪ H.E. Mr. Shanker Das Bairagi, Permanent Representative of Nepal	
	Followed by <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Interactive debate	
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3 p.m.	1089th Plenary Meeting	Room XXVI
	Item 12 Matters requiring action by the Board in the follow-up to the thirteenth session of the Conference Work plan for enhancing the management and administration of UNCTAD (TD/B/59/CRP.2; JIU/REP/2012/1; TD/B(S-XXVI)/2; TD/B(S-XXVI)/CRP.1)	
	Followed by <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD	

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS
Monday, 24 September 2012

10 a.m.

1090th Plenary meeting

Room XXVI

- Item 9 Investment for development: Towards a new generation of investment policies for inclusive growth and sustainable development**
(UNCTAD/WIR/2012 and Overview)

Introduction

- Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Panellists

- H.E. Ms. Anabel González, Minister of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica
- H.E. Mr. Rob Davies, Minister of Trade and Industry of South Africa
- Mr. Jeffrey Sachs, Special Adviser to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon on the Millennium Development Goals and Director of The Earth Institute at Columbia University (via video-link)

Remarks

- Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Followed by

- Interactive debate
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3 p.m.

1091st Plenary meeting

Room XXVI

- Item 11(b) Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people**
(TD/B/59/2)

Opening remarks

- Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Introduction

- Mr. Mahmoud Elkhafif, Coordinator of the Unit on Assistance to the Palestinian People, UNCTAD

General statements

- Statements by regional groups and member States
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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 20 September 2012

Sessional Committee II – *First plenary meeting*

Item 6 Economic development in Africa: Structural transformation and sustainable development in Africa

“Towards Sustainable Structural Transformation in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities”

Ms. Preeti Rahman (Bangladesh) was elected Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur of Sessional Committee II. Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made an opening statement on item 6. This was followed by an introductory statement by Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD.

General statements

Statements were made by representatives of the following member States or groups of States: Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Mauritius (on behalf of the African Group), Brazil (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries), Thailand (on behalf of the Asian Group), Ethiopia, the European Union, Egypt, Algeria, Morocco, South Africa, Angola, Cuba, China and Nigeria.

Sessional Committee II – *First informal meeting*

Item 6 Economic development in Africa: Structural transformation and sustainable development in Africa

Sessional Committee II continued its consideration of item 6. An introductory statement was made by Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD. This was followed by presentations from three panellists: Mr. Xavier Carim, Deputy Director-General for International Trade and Economic Development, Department of Trade and Industry, South Africa; Mr. Vinaye Ancharaz, Senior Development Economist, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development; and Mr. Mustapha Kamal Gueye, Acting Head of the Green Economy Advisory Services Unit, Economics and Trade Branch, Division of Technology, Industry and Economy in the United Nations Environment Programme. Mr. Charles Gore, former Head of the Research and Policy Analysis Branch of the Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes of UNCTAD, was a discussant.

An interactive debate followed with interventions by the representatives of Morocco; the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States; Egypt; the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Algeria; Zimbabwe; the Sudan; Ethiopia and Ghana. The panellists, discussant and Chair also made contributions to the debate. The Chair made closing remarks.

Information for participants

Registration/attendance forms

Registration/attendance forms will be placed on the desks in the meeting room. 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. 75497, office E.3061).

Statements

Delegates are invited to send electronic versions of their statements to be posted on the UNCTAD website to tdb@unctad.org. Statements will be made available in the form and language in which they are submitted.

Interactive debate

For the interactive debates, the time allotted for interventions by regional groups, individual countries, and organizations is three minutes each.