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Item 1

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

1. The provisional agenda for the session is reproduced above.

Documentation

TD/B/EX(56)/1 Provisional agenda and annotations

Item 2

The Least Developed Countries Report 2012: Harnessing Remittances and Diaspora Knowledge to Build Productive Capacities

2. *The Least Developed Countries Report 2012: Harnessing Remittances and Diaspora Knowledge to Build Productive Capacities* (UNCTAD/LDC/2012 and Overview) will be presented to the Board. This year, the Report will review the recent economic performance

of the least developed countries (LDCs) and examine how to enhance the developmental impact of remittances and diaspora knowledge. Given the increasing magnitude of remittances in LDCs, the Report explores both the beneficial and possible adverse impacts of this type of private external flows. While remittances are the most visible effect of migration, there are other forms of diaspora engagement with the home country, such as diaspora knowledge networks that can facilitate technological catch-up in LDCs and therefore enhance the development of productive capacities. Through innovative forms of network-based industrial policy, LDCs could offset some of the adverse impacts of brain drain on their economies. The Report concludes with a policy review section containing lessons from international experiences in this area of interest to LDCs.

Documentation

UNCTAD/LDC/2012 and Overview *The Least Developed Countries Report 2012: Harnessing Remittances and Diaspora Knowledge to Build Productive Capacities*

Item 3

Reports of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget on its sixty-first session (23–25 July, 1–3 October 2012) and on its sixty-third session (19–23 November 2012)

3. The reports of the sixty-first and sixty-third sessions of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget will be presented to the Board for its consideration.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/241 Report of the Working Party at its sixty-first session
TD/B/WP/247 Report of the Working Party at its sixty-third session

Item 4

Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

4. At present there are 205 non-governmental organizations in status with UNCTAD, 117 in the general category and 88 in the special category. A list of these organizations is contained in document TD/B/NGO/LIST/13.

5. The Board will be invited to consider three applications for inclusion in the general category: one from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, one from the Centre for Economic and Policy Research and one from Public Citizen.

Documentation

TD/B/EX(56)/R.1 Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board: Application from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund
TD/B/EX(56)/R.2 Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board: Application from the Centre for Economic and Policy Research
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