

GLOBAL COMMODITIES FORUM - A HIGH-LEVEL MULTISTAKEHOLDER PLATFORM SUPPORTED BY UNCTAD
31 January - 01 February 2011, PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

DAY 1	MONDAY, 31 JANUARY 2011		
10:00 – 11:00	Opening Inaugural Session		
	Plenaries A Commodity Markets and Policies	Parallels B Sustainable Supply & Demand, Innovation and Early Warning Systems	Parallels C Commodity Finance & Risk Management and Logistics
11:00 – 13:00	A1. The State of energy markets: lower volatility and a new price zone for hydrocarbons?		
15:00 – 17:00	A2. The state of agricultural markets: the drivers of increased volatility	B1. Long-term sustainable supply & demand and technological innovation: hydrocarbons and other energy	C1. Current trends and next frontiers for commodity finance
17:00 – 18:00	A3. The state of selected metals market: fundamentals, non-fundamental factors and terms of trade	B2. Long-term sustainable supply & demand in the energy sector: developing early warning systems	C2. The emerging regulatory environment and trade finance: new challenges and opportunities for banks and other financiers
18:30 – 20:00	Cocktail reception, Restaurant des Délégués, Palais des Nations		
DAY 2	TUESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2011		
	Plenaries A Commodity Markets and Policies	Parallels B Sustainable Supply & Demand, Innovation and Early Warning Systems	Parallels C Commodity Finance & Risk Management and Logistics
9:00 – 10:00	A4. Commodity markets' volatility and interconnectedness	B3. New technologies and commodities: agriculture	
10:00 – 11:30	A5. Overcoming market volatility through better regulation, data and transparency	B4. Long-term sustainable supply and demand and technological innovation and early warning systems for food security	C3. Support institutions for commodity finance
11:30 – 13:00	A6. Commodity policy challenges for oil and gas-exporting countries	B5. New technologies and commodities: energy	C4. Shipping and international trade in commodities
15:00 – 16:00	A7. Commodity policy challenges for minerals and metal exporting countries	B6. Forecasting trends and strengthening early warning systems for producers, innovators and other supply chain participants	C5. Commodity futures markets : do they obscure underlying market realities, or provide long-term signals and management tools?
16:00 – 17:00	A8. Trade and other policy options for modernizing agriculture in developing countries		C.6 Risk management in commodity markets: paper and physical markets and the realities of commodity exporters
17.00 – 18:00	Closing Session		

The Global Commodities Forum is a high level neutral and integrated platform, bringing together key stakeholders to address informally and in a holistic way, such perennial issues of the modern commodity economy as the instability of commodity markets and their interconnectedness, effectiveness of commodity policies and the sustainability of the production of commodities and their use, long-term energy and food security and the role of innovation and early warning systems in it, performance of commodity supply chains and the state of business practices and innovation. **Themes of the second meeting of this Forum will include the following plenary and parallel sessions.**

Plenary A: The State of energy markets: lower volatility and a new price zone for **hydrocarbons** (A1), The state of **agricultural** markets: the drivers of increased volatility (A2) The state of selected **metals** market: fundamentals, non-fundamental factors and terms of trade (A3) Commodity **markets' volatility** and interconnectedness (A4), Overcoming market volatility through better regulation, data and transparency (A5); Commodity policy challenges for oil and gas-exporting countries (A6) Commodity **policy challenges** for **minerals and metal** exporting countries (A7) Trade and other policy options for modernizing **agriculture** in developing countries (A8) .

Parallels B: Long-term sustainable supply & demand and technological innovation: **hydrocarbons** and **other energy** (B1), Long-term sustainable supply & demand in the **energy** sector: developing early warning systems (B2), New technologies and commodities: **agriculture** (B3) Long-term sustainable supply and demand and technological innovation and early warning systems for food security (B4), New technologies and commodities: **energy** (B5); Forecasting trends and strengthening early warning systems for producers, innovators and other supply chain participants (B6);

Parallels C: Current trends and next frontiers for commodity finance (C1), The emerging **regulatory** environment and trade finance: new challenges and opportunities for banks and other financiers (C2), Support institutions for commodity finance (C3), **Shipping** and international trade in commodities (C4) Commodity **futures markets:** do they obscure underlying market realities, or provide long-term signals and management tools? (C5) **Risk management** in commodity markets: paper and physical markets and the realities of commodity exporters (C6)

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