Programme of meetings
Thursday, 4 October 2007

10 a.m.  
Plenary (1010th meeting) Room XXVI

Sessional Committee I

Item 4  Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010

(a) The Least Developed Countries Report 2007: Knowledge, Technological Learning and Innovation for Development

(b) UNCTAD-wide implementation activities in favour of LDCs: Sixth progress report

Opening statement by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
Introduction of agenda item 4 by Mr. Habib Ouane, Director of the Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes
General statements

3 p.m.  
Informal meeting Room XXVI

Item 4  Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010

Panel of experts: “Knowledge, technological learning and innovation for development”

Panellists
Prof. Dominique Foray
École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland

Dr. Xuan Li
South Centre

Dr. Pedro Roffé
International Centre on Trade and Sustainable Development

Dr. David Dickson
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Interactive debate

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10 a.m.  Plenary (1011th meeting)  Room XXVI

Sessional Committee II

Item 5  Economic Development in Africa: Reclaiming Policy Space:
Domestic Resource Mobilization and Developmental States

Opening statement by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-
General of UNCTAD
Introduction of agenda item 5 by Mr. Habib Ouane, Director of the
Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special
Programmes
General statements

3 p.m.  Informal meeting  Room XXVI

Item 5  Economic Development in Africa: Reclaiming Policy Space:
Domestic Resource Mobilization and Developmental States

Panel of experts: “Policy Space, Domestic Resource Mobilization
and Developmental States in Africa”

Panellists
  Dr. Ha-Joon CHANG
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  Prof. Augustin FOSU
  Deputy Director
  United Nations University
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Information for participants

Registration

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Arrangements for regional group meetings

Requests for rooms for regional group meetings should be made to the UNCTAD Meetings and Credentials Unit (ext. 75497/72048, office E.3061).

Announcements by delegations

The Asian Group will meet on Thursday, 4 October 2007, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in room XXV at the Palais des Nations.

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Summary of meetings
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Sessional Committee I
First plenary meeting

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(a)  The Least Developed Countries Report 2007: Knowledge, Technological Learning and Innovation for Development

(b)  UNCTAD-wide implementation activities in favour of LDCs: Sixth progress report

Mr. Edouard Bizumuremyi was elected as Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur of Sessional Committee I.

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made a general introduction. This was followed by a statement by Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

Mr. Habib Ouane, Director of the Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, made an introductory statement on agenda item 4.

The general debate was opened. Representatives of the following made general statements: Honduras (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Afghanistan, Benin (on behalf of the least developed countries), Chile (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Russian Federation, United States of America, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), European Commission, Chad (on behalf of the African Group), Japan, India, Dominican Republic, Haiti, China and Nepal.
Informal meeting

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(b) UNCTAD-wide implementation activities in favour of LDCs: Sixth progress report

*Panel discussion*

The Board held an informal panel discussion on “Knowledge, technological learning and innovation for development”, with the participation of the following panellists: Prof. Dominique Foray (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne); Mr. Xuan Li (South Centre); Mr. Pedro Roffe (International Centre on Trade and Sustainable Development); and Mr. David Dickson (SciDev.Net).