PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 16 September 2009

10 a.m.  Plenary (1033rd meeting)  Room XVII

Item 6  Evolution of the international trading system and of international trade from a development perspective: Impact of the crisis (TD/B/56/7)

- Opening statement by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Keynote speakers

- Mr. Pascal Lamy, Director-General of the World Trade Organization
- Mr. Pedro Páez Pérez, member of the Stiglitz Commission, former Minister of Economic Policy Coordination and currently Chair of the Ecuadorian Presidential Technical Commission for a New Regional Financial Architecture and Bank of the South, Ecuador

Followed by

- Interactive debate

2 - 3 p.m.  Lunchtime event  Room XXVI

Taming boom and bust in commodity markets: new mechanisms for a new global economy

Panellist: Ms. Machiko K. Nissanke, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

3 p.m.  Item 11 (a)  Hearing with civil society and the private sector  Room XXVI

- Opening by H.E. Mr. Jean Feyder (Luxembourg), President of the Trade and Development Board
- Welcoming remarks by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
Item 11 (a) Hearing with civil society and the private sector (continued)  

Panel 1: Follow-up to the UNCTAD Public Symposium and to the United Nations Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis

- Introductory remarks by Mr. Pedro Páez Pérez, member of the Stiglitz Commission, former Minister of Economic Policy Coordination and currently Chair of the Ecuadorian Presidential Technical Commission for a New Regional Financial Architecture and Bank of the South, Ecuador

Lead discussants

- Mr. Emmanuel Gyekye Tanoh, Third World Network – Africa, Ghana
- Mr. Roberto Bissio, Third World Institute/Social Watch, Uruguay
- Mr. Aldo Caliari, Center of Concern, United States of America

Followed by

- Debate

Panel 2: Immediate challenges related to debt and climate change

Lead discussants

- Mr. Demba Moussa Dembele, Africaine de recherche et de coopération pour l'appui au développement endogène (ARCADE)/LDC Watch, Senegal
- Mr. Guillermo Kerber-Mas, World Council of Churches, Geneva

Followed by

- Debate
- Closing by H.E. Mr. Jean Feyder (Luxembourg), President of the Trade and Development Board
FORTHCOMING MEETINGS
Thursday, 17 September 2009

10 a.m. Sessional Committee II - First plenary meeting Room XXVI


- Opening remarks by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Introductory statement by Mr. Habib Ouane, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes
- General statements by regional groups and delegations

1:15 – 2:45 p.m. Lunchtime event Room XXVI

"Realizing sustainable development gains from trade"

3 p.m. Sessional Committee II - Second plenary meeting Room XXVI

Item 5 Economic development in Africa: Strengthening regional economic integration for Africa's Development (continued)

African regional integration in the context of the crises

- Opening remarks by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Keynote speaker

- Mr. Ademola Oyeyide, Professor of Economics and Director of the Trade Policy Research and Training Programme at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria – "Regional integration and the way forward"

Panellists

- Mr. Offong Ambah, Director General, Ecobank Nigeria
- Mr. Adam Deen, Transportation Advisor, the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)
- Mr. Peter Thompson, Director for Development and Economic Partnerships Agreements (EPAs), European Commission

Followed by

- Interactive debate
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Information for participants

Registration
Registration forms will be placed on the desks in room XVII. 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. 75599/75497, office E.3061).

Statements
Delegates are invited to send electronic versions of their statements for posting on the web to the editorialsection@unctad.org. The statements will be made available in the form and language in which they are submitted.

Announcements by delegations
The European Union will meet on Wednesday, 16 September, at 9 a.m. in Room XXVI.
Summary of meetings
Wednesday, 16 September 2009

1034th plenary meeting

Item 6. Evolution of the international trading system and of international trade from a development perspective: Impact of the crisis (TD/B/56/7)

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made an opening statement on item 6.

This was followed by presentations by keynote speakers: Mr. Pascal Lamy, Director-General of the World Trade Organization, and Mr. Pedro Páez Pérez, member of the Stiglitz Commission, former Minister of Economic Policy Coordination, and currently Chair of the Ecuadorian Presidential Technical Commission for a New Regional Financial Architecture and the Bank of the South, Ecuador.

During the interactive debate, representatives of the following member States took the floor: Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Brazil (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States); Sri Lanka (on behalf of the Asian Group); Australia; Indonesia; Japan; Viet Nam; Cuba; India; Zambia; the Islamic Republic of Iran; Lesotho; Belarus; Algeria; Nigeria; Benin; China; Zimbabwe; the Russian Federation; and the Syrian Arab Republic. Representatives of the European Commission and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific also took the floor.

The keynote speakers made general observations and the President of the Board made closing remarks.

Item 11(a). Hearing with civil society and the private sector

The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean Feyder (Luxembourg), President of the Trade and Development Board.

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, addressed the hearing. His statement was followed by presentations from keynote speakers and an interactive debate.

Mr. Pedro Páez Pérez, member of the Stiglitz Commission, former Minister of Economic Policy Coordination, and currently Chair of the Ecuadorian Presidential Technical Commission for a New Regional Financial Architecture and the Bank of the South, Ecuador, made introductory remarks.

Lead discussants:

  Mr. Roberto Bissio, Third World Institute/Social Watch, Uruguay
  Mr. Aldo Caliari, Centre of Concern, United States of America

During the interactive debate, representatives of the following organizations took the floor: Third World Institute/Social Watch, Centre of Concern, World Alliance for Citizen Participation, International Trade Union Confederation, Organisation Camerounaise de promotion de la coopération économique internationale, Agence Afrique Performance, Third World Network, Stichele Centre for Research on Multinational Cooperation.

Panel 2: Immediate challenges related to debt and climate change

Lead discussants:

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H.E. Mr. Jean Feyder (Luxembourg), President of the Trade and Development Board, closed the hearing.