



## Programme of meetings

Thursday, 4 October 2007

10 a.m. **Plenary (1010<sup>th</sup> 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 Roffe  
International Centre on Trade and Sustainable Development

Dr. David Dickson  
SciDev.Net

Interactive debate



**Bureau of the fifty-fourth session of the Trade and Development Board**

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	H.E. Mr. Roger Julien <b>Menga</b>	(Congo)
	H.E. Mr. Mohamed Siad- <b>Douale</b>	(Djibouti)
	H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio <b>March</b>	(Spain)
	H.E. Mr. Franciscos <b>Verros</b>	(Greece)
	Mr. Iouri <b>Afanassiev</b>	(Russian Federation)
	Ms. Lisa <b>Carle</b>	(United States of America)
	Mr. <b>Chen</b> Jianping	(China)
	<i>Tenth vice-president to be announced</i>	
<b>Rapporteur</b>	Mr. Mohammad Ali <b>Zarie Zare</b>	(Islamic Republic of Iran)
<b>Chair of Sessional Committee I</b>		
	H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio <b>March</b>	(Spain)
<b>Chair of Sessional Committee II</b>		
	H.E. Mr. Roger Julien <b>Menga</b>	(Congo)

## **Information for participants**

### **Registration**

Registration forms will be placed on the desks in room XIX. 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.* 75497/72048, 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

Thursday, 4 October 2007

### Sessional Committee I

#### First plenary meeting

**Item 4** Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010 (TD/B/54/5)

- (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).

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