Progress Report on SUC Activities

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Outline

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- Research and Analysis
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Introduction

• This presentation covers the period from June 2015 to October 2016

• Presents major activities relating to commodity-specific provisions of the Doha Mandate & Accra Accord

• Presentation made along the three pillars: research and analysis, consensus building, and technical cooperation
Research and Analysis

• Contributions to the Intergovernmental Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development 2016
  – Recent developments in commodities markets & policy options for commodity-based inclusive growth and sustainable development
  – Thematic paper on reviewing UNCTAD efforts to strengthen commodity production in CDDCs, improve food security & export competitiveness

• Contributions to the UN General Assembly and other organizations:
  – General Assembly paper (biennial)
  – World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP)
Research and Analysis [2]

• Major reports, working papers and ad hoc studies
  – Commodities and Development Report 2015: Smallholder Farmers & Sustainable Commodity Development: launched at MC10, Nairobi
  – Commodities at a Glance: Special issue on gold
  – New US Farm Bill and its implications on cotton sector in Africa
  – Cocoa industry: integrating small farmers into the global value chain
  – Trade Mis invoicing in Primary Commodities in Developing Countries: The cases of Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, South Africa and Zambia
Some Recent Publications

- Cocoa industry: Integrating small farmers into the global value chain
- State of Commodity Dependence 2014
- Commodities and Development Report 2015: Smallholder Farmers and Sustainable Commodity Development
- The 2014 US Farm Bill and Its Implications for Cotton Producers in Low-Income Developing Countries
Some Recent Publications

- **Commodities at a Glance**: Special issue on gold
- **Rare Earths Mining**: Scenario analysis
- **PAN-African Cotton Road Map**: A continental strategy to strengthen regional cotton value chains for poverty reduction and food security
Research and Analysis [3]

• Work in progress:
  – Commodities and Development Report 2017: Commodities Markets, economic growth and development (with the FAO)
  – 4 background papers: Diamonds in Botswana, Nickel in Indonesia, Oil in Nigeria, and copper in Zambia
  – Paper on "Shared Value as a Stepping Stone for Development Linkages? Evidence from Central Africa" recently presented at the IGF
  – The State of Commodity Dependence 2016
  – Commodities at a Glance: Shale oil
  – Just started research work on gum arabic
Intergovernmental Consensus Building

• Servicing the Policy dialogue on recent developments in commodities markets and implications in CDDCs, GA (New York)

• Africa Oil, Gas and Minerals Trade and Finance Conference and Exhibition -- Africa OilGasMine
  – Theme: Extractive Industries and Sustainable Job Creation
  – 700 participants
  – Organized in Sudan

• Global Commodities Forum -- GCF:
  – Theme: Breaking the chains of commodity dependence
  – 250 participants; 40 speakers, and 15 high level representatives of developing countries
  – Organized as an UNCTAD XIV pre-event in Nairobi
Intergovernmental Consensus Building [2]

• Collaboration with other organizations
  – G-20 initiative on commodities: Agricultural Market Information Systems
  – Milan Expo 2015
  – Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development
Technical Cooperation

• Contributions to the UNCTAD Virtual Institute
  – Training courses in Chad and Togo
  – Mentoring VI fellows

• Development Account 9th Tranche Project: Strengthening the capacity of the ECCAS countries to enhance domestic production linkages from the mineral resources sector

• Development Account 10th Tranche Project: Improving the value added of cotton by-products in Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA)

• Iron Ore Trust Fund Project
Thank you.

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