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1. UNCTAD XII – Accra Accord – SUC

2. Accra Accord & Other Mandates on Commodities

3. Major Deliverables – SUC – 3 Pillars of UNCTAD
   a. Research & Analysis
   b. Consensus Building
   c. Technical Cooperation

4. Beyond Accra Accord + *Plus*
UNCTAD Management Reform – July 2008

Special Unit on Commodities Established (transformed former Commodities Branch)

– Accra Accord, para. 183

‘Within existing resources’

– Regular budget *
Accra Accord:

Comprehensive mandate on the work programme on commodities

• Accra Accord, para. 77-79, 83, 91-93, 98 and 193

Other Mandates:

• MDGs
• UN General Assembly resolution on commodities
• Istanbul Plan of Action for LDCs 2012-20

Development Objective:

Harness development gains from commodities production and trade in developing countries, particularly LDCs
Has SUC Delivered on the AA mandates on commodities?

YES! ‘Using the existing resources’

Major Deliverables under 3 Pillars of UNCTAD: pursuant to the Development Objective

a. Research & Analysis
b. Consensus Building
c. Technical Cooperation
R&A is at the centre of the work programme on commodities!

R & A focus commodities?

**Agri-foods**

- Coffee, cocoa, cotton, cereals, corn, oils & oil seeds, rice, sugar, wheat

**Oil, Minerals & Metals**

- Industrial (base) metals (iron ore); Hydro-carbons/fossil fuels (crude oil); Precious metals (gold).
3 Pillars – Research & Analysis

i) R&A areas of focus?

Current price trends & market developments: price formation, food crisis & food reserves.

Agri-foods & Natural Resources Market Information Systems: InfoComm, InfoShare; Natural Resources Info. Exchange; G-20 AMIS

Commodity Finance and Exchanges: Innovative financing schemes (warehouse receipt systems); Commodity exchanges

Others: Commodity policy reviews; Non-tariff measures (agri-food standards); (sustainable) resources management (rents, SWF, local content).
ii) R&A Major Deliverables – by source

- **MYEM Facts**
  - 4 - MYEM’s convened
  - 17 - Background docs by UNCTAD secretariat
  - 58 – Analytical papers by Experts
  - 490 participants
  - 60 plus - countries and IOs represented
ii) R&A Major Deliverables – by source

- **3** – Major publications (e.g. UCDR)
- **4** – Ad Hoc studies (e.g. Establishment of Emergency Food Reserves)
- **2** – UN General Assembly papers
- **4** – Contributions to WESP
- **203** – Analytical studies & presentations (EU-AAACP)
- **4** – Others (e.g. Comprehensive Framework for Action – HLTF on Global Food Security Crisis)
iii) R&A Major Deliverables – Pics
Consensus building & partnerships: critical for addressing the commodity problématique!

Consensus Bldg (by source & partners)

**MYEM**: intergovernmental

**ICBs**: International Cocoa Organization (e.g. 7th Int’l Cocoa Agreement 2010)

**G-20** Agric. Market Info. System - AMIS

Others: SG HL meeting on Cotton (PACRM)

**Network Partners**: EU, CFC, DESA, FAO, World Bank, WTO, Reg. Economic Commissions

Global Commodities Forum - **GCF**

Africa Oil, Gas & Minerals Conference
Global Commodities Forum - **Focus**

**GCF Facts**

- **2010** – GCF launched
- **3** – GCF sessions convened
- **1,200 Plus** – Participants attended
- **182** – Substantive papers & presentations

**Flagship Event** – *Seeking solutions to perennial problems of commodities, trade & development*
R&A and consensus building outputs feed into tech. cooperation activities

Tech. Cooperation Focus Areas

- Market Information Services – InfoComm; InfoShare
- Supply Chain Finance
- Iron Ore Trust Fund
- Commodity Exchanges
- Agri-food Standards – Sustainability Claims Portal
- Natural Res. Info. Exchange (in Africa)
- Pan African Cotton Road Map
3 Pillars – Technical Cooperation

AAACP Facts

- **45** million euro – funded by EU
- **15.8** million euro – EU-Africa Cotton Partnership
- **3.4** million euro – UNCTAD (7.5% of total)
- **5** implementing agencies – CFC, FAO, ITC, UNCTAD, World Bank
- **3** ACP regions – Africa, Caribbean, and Pacific
- **4** Subcomponents implemented by UNCTAD
3 Pillars – Technical Cooperation

UNCTAD Deliverables

12 regional capacity building workshops
5 national capacity building workshops
4 regions – rollout of sustainability claims portal
4 analytical studies
199 substantive papers & presentations
1 Pan African Cotton Road Map - PACRM
Doha Mandate “reaffirms and builds upon the Accra Accord, which remains valid and relevant” (para. 17).

Commodities & agri-foods: remain fundamental to over 100 CDDCs, and 2 billions rural-poor farmers.

Member-states continued support: critical for the secretariat to deliver on the Doha Mandate Plus provisions on commodities.
Thank You

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