12th Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development
1-2 April 2020, Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XXVI
Provisional Programme

Wednesday, 1 April 2020
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Opening session: 10–10.30 a.m.
Opening statement by: Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary General, UNCTAD

Item 1: Election of officers

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work 10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Item 3: Recent developments, challenges and opportunities in commodity markets

Presenters:
(a) Overview
Mr. Janvier Nkurunziza, Commodities Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD, Geneva, Switzerland
Recent trends and outlook in commodity markets

(b) Recent developments and challenges in commodity markets: Agriculture
Mr. Boubaker BenBelhassen, Director, Trade and Market Division, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), Rome, Italy
The outlook for global food and agricultural markets

Mr. Boris Turkin, International Grains Council (IGC), London, UK
Grain market trends in Africa

Ms. Preeti Sinha, Trustee on the Board, International Bamboo and Rattan Organisation INBAR & CEO, FFD Financing for Development LLC, Geneva, Switzerland
Recent developments for bamboo and rattan markets

Mr. Gerardo Patacconi, Head of operations, International Coffee Organization (ICO), London, UK (tbc)
The outlook for coffee market

Interactive discussion
1–3 p.m. Lunch break
Wednesday, 1 April 2020
3 – 6 p.m.

Item 3: Recent developments, challenges and opportunities in commodity markets (continued)

(c) Recent developments and new challenges in commodity markets: Minerals, ores and metals markets

Presenters:

Prof. Yves Jégourel, Maître de Conférences HDR, Université de Bordeaux, France
Recent trends in minerals, ores and metals markets

Dr. Jianbin Meng, Director of Economics and Environment, International Lead and Zinc Study Group, International Nickel Study Group, Lisbon, Portugal
Overview of Global Lead, Zinc and Nickel Industries

Mr. Guillaume Albasini, Energy and Mining Analyst, Switzerland
Trends in minerals, ores and metals with a focus on lithium and cobalt

Mr. Hector Hurtado, Financial Analyst, Petroleum Studies Department, Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), Vienna, Austria (tbc)
The World Oil Outlook (WOO) 2020

Mr. André Langwost, Président EUROSOLAR France, Annecy, France
Access to renewable energies in developing countries: The case of solar energy

Interactive discussions

Networking Session (by invitation)
Thursday 2, April 2020
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Item 4: Commodity dependence and Transparency

Mr. Janvier D. Nkurunziza, Commodities Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD, Geneva, Switzerland
Greater transparency in commodity markets

(a) Transparency Initiative in the Commodity Markets

Presenters:

Mr. Marco Fugazza, Commodities Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD, Geneva, Switzerland
Transparency and access to international markets: the role of tariffs and non-tariff measures

Dr. Jianbin Meng, Director of Economics and Environment, International Lead and Zinc Study Group, International Nickel Study Group, Lisbon, Portugal
Inextricable links between Responsible Sourcing of Minerals & Metals and Achievement of SDGs

Mr. Andrey Kuleshov, Strategy and Development Advisor, Common Fund for Commodities (CFC), Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Measuring impact investing in commodity value chains: environmental and social risk transparency

Mr. Paul Sebastien, International consultant, Geneva, Switzerland
Commodity value chains: traceability fosters transparency

Ms. Diana Kaliff, Business Development Manager, Farmer Connect SA, Geneva, Switzerland
Coffee value chain: traceability and transparency

Ms. Laura Turley, Associate, Economic Law and Policy Group, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) / IGF, Geneva, Switzerland
Voluntary Standards and the Extractive Economy - What Implications for Transparency?

Interactive discussions

1–3 p.m. Lunch break
Thursday 2, April 2020

3 – 5.30 p.m.

Item 4: Commodity dependence and Transparency (continued)

(b) Transparency Initiative in the Commodity Markets: Some case studies

Presenters:

H.E. Mr. Khalid Almudaifer, Vice-Minister for Mining Affairs, Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (tbc)

Governance in the extractives sector to foster higher transparency in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Mr. José Sette, Executive Director, International Coffee Organization (ICO), London, UK

Transparency in the coffee value chain

Ms. Bla José Charlotte Eba, Lecturer, Centre for African Research on Enterprise and Economic Development (CAREED), University of the West of Scotland, Glasgow, UK

Using commodity exchanges for transparency in producer price bargaining

Ms. Maria Teresa Pisani, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Geneva, Switzerland

Harnessing the potential of blockchain technology for sustainability and transparency in cotton value chains

Mr. Morin Fobissie Kamga, CEO, UTAMTSI, Bremen, Germany

Transparency in the Cocoa value chain for sustainable development

Mr. Louis Maréchal, Policy Adviser, Extractives Sector Projects, Investment Division, OECD, Paris, France

OECD Guidelines on Transparency and responsible sourcing

Interactive discussions

5.30–6 p.m.

Item 5: Closing of the meeting

Ms. Pamela Coke-Hamilton, Director, UNCTAD Division on International Trade and Commodities

Adoption of the report of the meeting

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