Opening plenary

Item 1  Election of officers

Item 2  Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (TD/B/C.II/41)

Opening statement
  • Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Followed by
  • General statements by regional groups and member States

1st Informal meeting
Recent trends and policies in the area of investment and enterprise
  • Presentation by Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise (DIAE), UNCTAD

Technology and innovation
  • Presentation by Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics (DTL), UNCTAD

Investment and enterprise for development

a) Geneva ambassadors round table for investing in the Sustainable Development Goals

Introductory remarks
  • Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise (DIAE), UNCTAD

Co-chairs
  • H.E. Ms. Monique T.G. Van Daalen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
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- H.E. Mr. Zeneke Kebede Korcho, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Mr. Yury Ambrazevich, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belarus to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva

Keynote address
- Mr. Mark Schneider, Chief Executive Officer, Nestlé

Statements by Ambassadors
- H.E. Mr. Nasir Ahmad Andisha, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Ms. Elisabeth Tichy-Fisslberger, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Mr. Vaqif Sadiqov, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Mr. M. Shameem Ahsan, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Mr. Yury Ambrazevich, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belarus to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Mr. Petr Gajdusek, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Mr. Alaa Youssef, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Egypt to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Mr. Zeneke Kebede Korcho, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Mr. Walter Stevens, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the European Union to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- Mr. Kari Puurunen, Deputy Permanent Representative of Finland to the World Trade Organization
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• H.E. Mr. Hans-Peter Jugel, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
• H.E. Mr. Eduardo Sperisen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the WTO, UNCTAD, WIPO, ITC
• H.E. Mr. John R Deep Ford, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
• H.E. Mr. Salim Baddoura, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
• H.E. Mr. Refiloe Litjobo, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Lesotho to the Swiss Confederation, UN and other international organizations in Geneva
• H.E. Mr. Milorad Šćepanović, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Montenegro to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
• H.E. Mr. Omar Zniber, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
• H.E. Ms. Monique T.G. Van Daalen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
• H.E. Mr. David Walker, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
• Mrs. Natasha Hroneska Chargée d’affaires a.i., Permanent Mission of the Republic of North Macedonia to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
• H.E. Mr. Abdulla Nasser Al Rahbi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Sultanate of Oman to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
• H.E. Mr. Khalil Hashmi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
• H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Khraishi, Ambassador and Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
• H.E. Mr. Alfredo Suéscum, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Panama to the WTO
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- H.E. Ms. Silvia Elena Alfaro Espinosa, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Peru to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Mr. Lansana Alison Gberie, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Ms. Xolelwa Mlumbi-Peter, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of South Africa to the WTO
- H.E. Mr. Sek Wannamethee, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Thailand to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Mr. Yackoley Kokou Johnson, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Togo to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Ms. Makeda Antoine-Cambridge, Ambassador and Permanent Representative for the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- Mrs. Margret Mary Lunga Kaemba, Chargée d’affaires a.i., Permanent Representative of Zambia to the office of the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva

Private sector participants
- Mr. Mark Schneider, Chief Executive Officer, Nestlé
- H.E. Mr. Crispin Conroy, Ambassador, Permanent Delegation of the International Chamber of Commerce to the UN and other international organizations

Closing remarks

Room XVIII
5.45 – 6 p.m.  2019 United Nations Awards for Promoting Investment in Sustainable Development
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10 a.m.–1 p.m.  3rd Informal meeting

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Item 4  Investment and enterprise for development

Harnessing the investment framework for sustainable development

Investment Policy Review of Armenia (UNCTAD/DIAE/PCB/2019/3)

Chairperson and moderator

• H.E. Mr. Alfredo Suesco, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Panama to the WTO

Opening statements

• Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise (DIAE), UNCTAD
• H.E. Mr. Andranik Hovhannisyan, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Armenia to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
• Mr. Shombi Sharp, Resident Coordinator, United Nations in Armenia

Presentation of the main findings and recommendations of the Report

• Mr. Joerg Weber, Head, Investment Policies Branch, Division on Investment and Enterprise (DIAE), UNCTAD

Government objectives and investment policy

• H.E. Mr. Arman Hovnanyan, Deputy Minister of Economy, Republic of Armenia

Comments and open floor discussion

• H.E. Mr. Yury Ambrasevich, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
• H.E. Mr. Daniyar Mukashev, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Kyrgyzstan to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
• H.E. Mr. Salim Baddoura, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
• H.E. Mr. Gennady Gatilov, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
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- H.E. Mr. Carlos Mario Foradori, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Argentina to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Mr. Esmail Baghaei Hamaneh, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Mr. Umej Singh Bhatia, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Singapore to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- Mr. Yao Wenliang, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of People’s Republic of China to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- Mr. Alexander Heinrich Huber, Minister Counsellor and Chief of the Economics Department, Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- Mr. Anuj Mathew, Senior Economic Adviser and Head, Investment Promotion and Policy Analysis, Department for International Trade, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- Mr. Abdelsalam Al Ali, Director, Office of the United Arab Emirates to the WTO
- Mr. Camilio Azzouz, Managing Director, EU-Armenia SME Fund, Amber Capital
- Mr. Urs Thurnheer, General Manager API, AZAD Pharma AG
- Ms. Sofia Tulupova, Regional Manager, Caucasus region, Symbiotics
- Ms. Laurence Ponty, Lawyer, Archipel - Chairwoman of the Joint Chambers of Commerce, Legal and Tax Chapter
- Mr. Igor Almazov, Area Sales Manager, Eastern Europe & Central Asia Grid Automation Systems, ABB Schweiz AG

Government Responses and Closing Remarks
- H.E. Mr. Avag Avanesyan, Deputy Minister of Economy, Republic of Armenia
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3 - 6 p.m. 4th Informal meeting

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Investment Policy Review of Chad (UNCTAD/DIAE/PCB/2019/1)

Chairperson and moderator
- H.E. Mr. Alfredo Suescum, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Panama to the WTO

Opening statements
- Mr. James Zhan, Director, DIAE, UNCTAD
- H.E. Mr. Ahmad Makaila, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Chad to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Ms. Achta Djibrine Sy, Minister of Mining, Industrial and Commercial Development, and Private Sector Promotion of the Republic of Chad

Presentation of the main findings and recommendations of the Report
- Mr. Joerg Weber, Chief, Investment Policies Branch, DIAE, UNCTAD

Government objectives and investment policy
- Mr. Abakar Ousman Sougui, Technical Director General of Trade, Ministry of Mining, Industrial and Commercial Development, and Private Sector Promotion of the Republic of Chad

Comments and open floor discussion
- H.E. Mr. Yackoley Kokou Johnson, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Togo to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Mr. Ajay Kumar Bramdeo, Ambassador, Permanent Observer, Permanent Delegation of the African Union to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Ms. Margarida Rosa Da Silva Izata, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Angola to the UN Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Ms. Silvia Elena Alfaro Espinosa, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Peru to the international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Ms. Yam Kumari Khatiwada, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply, Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal
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• Mr. Sami Nagga, Minister Plenipotentiary, Chargé d’affaires a.i., Permanent Mission of Tunisia to the UN at Geneva and specialized institutions in Switzerland
• Mr. Yao Wenliang, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of People’s Republic of China to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
• Mr. Abderrahim Aït Slimane, Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
• Mr. Tunde Mustapha, Minister, Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
• Mr. Anuj Matthew, Senior Economic Advisor and Chief, Investment Promotion and Policy Analysis, International Trade Department, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
• Mr. Salomon Akré Bieffo, Director of Planning, Studies and Statistics, Investment Promotion Centre, Republic of Côte d’Ivoire
• Mr. Juteau Toussé, First Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cameroon to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
• Mr. Stephen M’modzi, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Malawi to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
• Mr. Mohamed Bukheet, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Sudan to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva
• Mr. Thomas Seghezzi, Director General, Swiss-African Business Circle
• Mr. Eddy Sebera, Director General, Mara Phones Rwanda
• Mr. Mahamat Saleh Dougri, Vice-President, National Union of Chadian Employers (CNPT)
Wednesday, 13 November 2019

5th Informal meeting

Item 5  Structural transformation, Industry 4.0 and inequality: Science, technology and innovation policy challenges
(TD/B/C.II/43)

Introduction by UNCATD Secretariat (DTL)

Interventions by:

- Ms. Melis Kocaturk, Head of Unit - Science, Technology and Innovation Policy, TUBITAK, Turkey
- Mr. Edward Lorenz, Professor of Economics at the University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis and Assigned Professor at the University of Aalborg
- Mr. Damian Grimshaw, Director, Research Department, International Labour Organization
- Mr. Yanesh Naidoo, Sales and Design Director, Jendamark, South Africa
- Mr. Alejandro Lavopa, Industrial Development Analyst, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

6th Informal meeting

Item 3  Reports of the expert meetings


- Ms. Arman Bekturova, Chair, 36th session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on
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International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR), Director, Ministry of Finance, Kazakhstan

4.30 – 6 p.m. 7th Informal meeting
Item 4 Investment and enterprise for development (b) continued

Recent developments in the international investment regime: Taking stock of phase 2 reform actions

Comments and open floor discussion

Closing remarks
- Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise (DIAE), UNCTAD

Friday 15 November 2019

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10 a.m.–1 p.m. 8th Informal meeting

Item 6 Progress report on promotion and strengthening synergies among the three pillars of UNCTAD work

- Presentation by Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics (DTL), UNCTAD
- Presentation by Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise (DIAE), UNCTAD

Item 7 Other Business

Item 8 Adoption of the report of the Commission to the Trade and Development Board