Monday, 20 November

10 a.m.–12 noon

Opening plenary

Item 1 Election of officers

Item 2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
(TD/B/C.II/34 and TD/B/C.II/34/Corr.1)

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

Followed by
- General statements by regional groups and member States

12 noon–1 p.m.

Recent trends and policies in the area of investment and enterprise
- Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise
- Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics

3–5.30 p.m. First informal meeting

Item 4 From decisions to actions: Investment and enterprise development as catalysts for accomplishing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

(a) Investment

High-level panel on investing in the Sustainable Development Goals

Promoting foreign investment in the Sustainable Development Goals (TD/B/C.II/35)

Opening statement
- Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise

Presentations
- H.E. Mr. Laurent Serge Etoundi Ngoa, Minister of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Social Economy and Handicrafts, Cameroon
- H.E. Ms. Ana Lehmann, Secretary of State for Industry, Portugal
- H.E. Mr. Fitsum Arega, Commissioner, Ethiopian Investment Commission, Ethiopia
- Ms. Sabine Döbeli, Chief Executive Officer, Swiss Sustainable Finance
- Mr. Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, Chief Executive Officer, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development

Discussants
- Mr. Abdoulaye Gounou, Director, Evaluation of Public Policies, Office of the President, Benin
- Ms. Dragana Djurica, Senior Expert on Competitiveness, Regional Cooperation Council, South-East Europe

Interactive discussion

Followed by
- United Nations awards for excellence in promoting investment in the Sustainable Development Goals

6 p.m. Reception
Tuesday, 21 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m.  Second informal meeting

Item 4 (a)  Investment (continued): Investment policy review of the Gambia

Opening statements
- Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
- H.E. Ms. Isatou Touray, Minister of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment, the Gambia

Investment policy review and national entrepreneurship policy: Main findings and recommendations
- Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise

Government objectives, investment policy and enterprise policy
- Mr. Omar Badjie, Senior Economist, Ministry of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment, the Gambia

Comments and open floor discussion
- H.E. Mr. Kouadio Adjoumani, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Côte d’Ivoire to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva
- Mr. Tunde Mukaila Mustapha, Minister, Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva
- Mr. Éric Beantanana, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Madagascar to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva
- Mr. Audu Besmer, Deputy Director, Office of Investment Affairs, Department of State, United States of America
- Ms. Marinella Loddo, Director, Milan Office, Italian Trade Agency, Italy
- Ms. Nessie Golakai, Deputy Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme, Gambia
- Mr. Frank Van Rompaey, Head, Geneva Office, United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- Ms. Sarata Conateh, Director, Business Development, the Gambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Mr. Thomas De Beule, Chief Executive Officer, C&M Corporate and Management
- Mr. Alexis Poitevin, Regional Sales Director, Africa, Cotecna Inspection S. A., and Member of the Board, Swiss-African Business Circle
- Mr. Michel Huijser, Founder, Atlantic Seafood Company, the Gambia

3–6 p.m.  Third informal meeting

Item 4 (a)  Investment (continued): Investment policy review of South-East Europe

Opening statements
- Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
- Mr. Goran Svilanović, Secretary-General, Regional Cooperation Council
- Mr. Emir Djikic, Director, Central European Free Trade Agreement Secretariat (video link)

Investment policy review: Main findings and way forward
- Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise

Working together for investment policy reforms
- Tour de table of representatives of South-East Europe economies who participated in the preparation of the Investment Policy Review
- Mr. Pierre Sauvé, Senior Trade Specialist, Trade and Competitiveness Global Practice, Geneva Office, World Bank Group

Comments and open floor discussion
- H.E. Mr. Thomas Hajnoczi, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Austria to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva
- Mr. Audu Besmer, Deputy Director, Office of Investment Affairs, Department of State, United States
- Ms. Marinella Loddo, Director, Milan Office, Italian Trade Agency, Italy
- Mr. Ralph Junker, Chief Executive Officer, JUWAL Group
- Mr. Edin Karabeg, Chief Executive Officer, Sberbank
- Mr. Siniša Malus, Communications Manager, Chinese Southeast European Business Association

6 p.m.  Networking cocktail
Wednesday, 22 November

10 a.m.–12.30 p.m.  Fourth informal meeting

Item 4  From decisions to actions: Investment and enterprise development as catalysts for accomplishing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

(b) Enterprise and information and communications technology

Enterprise development for the Sustainable Development Goals

Opening remarks
- Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise

Keynote address
- Mr. Alexander Osterwalder, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Strategyzer

Interventions
- H.E. Mr. Laurent Serge Etoundi Ngoa, Minister of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Social Economy and Handicrafts, Cameroon
- H.E. Ms. Beng’i Issa, Executive Secretary, National Economic Empowerment Council, United Republic of Tanzania
- Mr. Abdoulie Touray, President, Global Entrepreneurship Network, Gambia
- Mr. Guillermo Jarrín, Tippy Tea Blends, Ecuador

Interactive debate

12.30–1 p.m.  Plenary

Item 3  Reports of expert meetings

(a) Report of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development on its fifth session (TD/B/C.II/MEM.4/15)
- H.E. Mr. RDS Kumararatne, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the World Trade Organization, Geneva

(b) Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting on its thirty-fourth session (TD/B/C.II/ISAR/83)
- Mr. David Obwaya Gichana, Chair, Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, thirty-fourth session, and Deputy Auditor General, Office of the Auditor General, Kenya

3–6 p.m.  Fifth informal meeting

Item 4 (b) Enterprise and information and communications technology (continued)

Science, technology and innovation as catalysts for the Sustainable Development Goals (TD/B/C.II/36)

Presentation
- Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics

Panel presentations
- Ms. Nadia Isler, Director, SDG Lab, Switzerland: Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals by leveraging expertise and knowledge into policy, practice and action
- Mr. Dimitri Klironomos, Director, Northwood Environmental, Zambia: Sustainable practices as a business proposition
- Mr. Peter Kariuki, Co-founder, Safe Motos, Rwanda: Information and communications technology innovation for road safety
- Mr. Michael van Cutsem, Manager, Beeodiversity, Belgium: Innovation for food safety, biodiversity and sustainable communities
- Mr. Charles Blaschke, Managing Director, Taka Solutions, United Arab Emirates: Innovation for clean energy, sustainable cities and responsible consumption and production

Interactive debate
Thursday, 23 November

10 a.m.– 6 p.m.  Informal consultations

Friday, 24 November

10 a.m.– 1 p.m.  Sixth informal meeting

Item 5  Progress report on promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars

Presentations
- Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise
- Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics

3–6 p.m.  Plenary

Item 6  Other business

Closing plenary

Item 7  Adoption of the report of the Commission to the Trade and Development Board