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Item 2 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Provisional agenda and annotations

I. Provisional agenda

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 - (b) Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting on its thirty-fourth session;
4. From decisions to actions: Investment and enterprise development as catalysts for accomplishing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:
 - (a) Investment;
 - (b) Enterprise and information and communications technology;
5. Progress report on promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars;
6. Other business;
7. Adoption of the report of the Commission to the Trade and Development Board.



II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. The ninth session of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission will be held from 20 to 24 November 2017.

2. The provisional agenda of the ninth session of the Commission was approved by the Trade and Development Board at its special session on 5 April 2017. This session of the Commission will discuss investment and enterprise development as catalysts for accomplishing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It will consider the report of the fifth session of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-Building and Sustainable Development and the report of the thirty-fourth session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting. Furthermore, the Commission will examine relevant activities implemented by the secretariat that have promoted and strengthened synergies among the three pillars.

Item 1 Election of officers

3. In accordance with the cycle of rotation, the Bureau for the ninth session of the Commission will be as follows: a Chair from list A (Asia) and a Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur from list B.

Item 2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

4. The provisional agenda for the ninth session of the Commission is reproduced in chapter I above. A programme of work will be circulated prior to the meeting.

Documentation

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Item 3 Reports of expert meetings

5. Under this item, the Commission will consider the following:

(a) The report of the fifth session of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development;

(b) The report of the thirty-fourth session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting.

Documentation

TD/B/C.II/MEM.4/15 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/ISAR/83 Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting on its thirty-fourth session

Item 4

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

(a) Investment

6. Investment promotion plays a key role in securing the substantial financing required to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. In particular, investment promotion and facilitation efforts can help overcome investor reluctance with regard to the risk–return ratio perceived as unfavourable in specific Goals-related sectors. In the *World Investment Report 2014: Investing in the [Sustainable Development Goals] – An Action Plan*, UNCTAD advocated the establishment of new incentive schemes and a new generation of investment promotion institutions that would target Goals-related investors and develop and market pipelines of bankable projects. Building on the UNCTAD work programme in attracting investment in Goals-related projects, the high-level session of the Commission will discuss best practice policies and further measures that can be taken to increase support to Governments in mobilizing foreign direct investment for the Goals.

7. In line with the established practice of the Commission, its work will continue with the consideration of the investment policy reviews of the Gambia and of South-East Europe, which will provide a further opportunity to gather experiences and identify best practice policies that can contribute to achieving the 2030 Agenda.

(b) Enterprise and information and communications technology

8. The 2030 Agenda can only be achieved through significant improvement in the technological and innovation capabilities of developing countries, to put them firmly on a path of technological convergence with advanced economies. The 2030 Agenda notes that science, technology and innovation are key means of implementation of the global development agenda. Policy dialogues at the Commission on this topic may contribute to defining effective international partnerships for technological learning and development, and to identifying innovative approaches to promote access to technologies for achieving the Goals. In this context, the Commission may consider exchanging experiences and lessons learned with regard to the challenges and opportunities involved in the deployment of new and emerging technologies in support of the Goals. Discussions may also address the need for new policy frameworks that leverage science, technology and innovation for more inclusive and sustainable development, including in the context of the policy and technical cooperation work of UNCTAD.

Documentation

TD/B/C.II/35	Promoting foreign investment in the Sustainable Development Goals
UNCTAD/DIAE/PCB/2017/5	<i>Investment Policy Review: The Gambia</i>
UNCTAD/DIAE/PCB/2017/6	<i>Investment Policy Review: South-East Europe</i>
TD/B/C.II/36	Science, technology and innovation as catalysts for the Sustainable Development Goals

Item 5

Progress report on promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars

9. Under this item, the secretariat will report on progress made in promoting and strengthening the synergies among the three pillars of UNCTAD work in the areas covered by the Commission.

Item 6
Other business

10. As previously requested by the Commission, the secretariat will advise participants of the latest developments in trends and policies in the area of investment and enterprise for development.

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

11. The report of the ninth session of the Commission will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.



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Corrigendum

Chapter II, paragraph 3

For the existing text *substitute*

In accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the main committees of the Trade and Development Board, the Commission is to elect a Chair, five Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of its members, taking into account the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution. In accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau of the Commission shall consist of seven members: four members from lists A and C combined, two members from list B and one member from list D, referred to in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) as amended. Accordingly, following the cycle of rotation, the Bureau for the ninth session of the Commission will be as follows: the Chair, from list A (Asia); the Rapporteur, from list B; three Vice-Chairs, from lists A and C combined; one Vice-Chair, from list B; and one Vice-Chair, from list D.

