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**Trade and Development Board**  
**Trade and Development Commission**  
**Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics  
and Trade Facilitation**  
**Fifth session**  
Geneva, 23–24 October 2017  
Item 2 of the provisional agenda  
**Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

## Provisional agenda and annotations

### I. Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
3. Trade logistics and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
4. Adoption of the report of the meeting

### II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

#### **Item 1** **Election of officers**

1. It is recommended that the expert meeting elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur.

#### **Item 2** **Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

2. The provisional agenda for the meeting is reproduced in chapter I above. The expert meeting will have two days, from 23 to 24 October 2017, in which to complete its work. The provisional schedule of meetings for the two days is attached as an annex to the present document. A detailed programme will be available one week before the meeting.

#### *Documentation*

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**Item 3****Trade logistics and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

3. At its thirty-first special session, the Trade and Development Board approved the topic for the fifth session of the multi-year expert meeting on transport, trade logistics and trade facilitation (TD/B(S-XXXI)/2). The session will address the underlying linkages between, on the one hand, international transport and trade facilitation and, on the other hand, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals.

4. The international community adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, unprecedented in scale and ambition, and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets in 2015. Integrated and indivisible, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development aims at balancing the three dimensions of sustainable development, providing a shared vision and shaping collective action in support of an economically viable, socially inclusive and environmentally-friendly development path. During 2016, the first full year of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the international community changed gears, focusing attention on the implementation and operationalization of the Sustainable Development Goals in line with their targets. Transport and trade facilitation, the core areas of trade logistics, encompass activities with strategic importance for globalized trade, supply chains and world economic interconnectedness. They are cross-cutting enabling factors deeply rooted in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and necessary, directly and indirectly, for the achievement of several Goals.

5. UNCTAD has long recognized the nexus between sustainable development and trade logistics. Attention to the integrated treatment of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of transport and trade facilitation has further heightened over recent years as reflected in successive UNCTAD mandates, namely the Accra Accord, Doha Mandate and Nairobi Maafikiano.

6. Against this background and drawing upon UNCTAD work in the field, this session will discuss selected issues that lie at the interface of trade logistics and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The aim is to discuss ways in which countries, in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders, could join efforts to implement sustainable and resilient transport and trade facilitation solutions in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, aimed at “transforming our world”.

7. In order to facilitate discussions, the UNCTAD secretariat has prepared a background note to assist participants in the deliberations at the session. In addition, experts are encouraged to prepare brief papers on the subject under discussion. These papers will be made available to the meeting in the form and language in which they are received.

*Documentation*

TD/B/C.I/MEM.7/14 Trade logistics and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

**Item 4****Adoption of the report of the meeting**

8. The report of the expert meeting will be submitted to the Trade and Development Commission at its ninth session. The expert meeting may wish to authorize the Rapporteur, under the authority of the Chair, to prepare the final report after the conclusion of the meeting.

**Input from experts**

Experts nominated by member States are encouraged to submit brief papers (approximately five pages) as contributions to the work of the meeting. The papers should be submitted to the UNCTAD secretariat in advance of the meeting. The papers will be made available to the meeting in the form and language in which they are received.

Experts are requested to submit papers to the UNCTAD secretariat as soon as possible, addressed to the Trade Logistics Branch, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland; fax: 41 22 917 0050; email: Trade.Logistics@unctad.org.

## Annex

### Provisional schedule of the meeting

| <i>Monday</i><br>23 October 2017  | <i>Tuesday</i><br>24 October 2017               |
|---|---|
| <i>(10 a.m.–1 p.m.)</i>   | <i>(10 a.m.–1 p.m.)</i>                         |
| Plenary (opening)   | Informal session                                |
| Opening statements  | Item 3 (continued)                              |
| Item 1<br>Election of officers  |   |
| Item 2<br>Adoption of the agenda and organization of work                                 |   |
| Introduction of item 3<br>Trade logistics and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development |   |
| Informal session  |   |
| Item 3<br>Trade logistics and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development                 |   |
| <i>(3 p.m.–6 p.m.)</i>  | <i>(3 p.m.–6 p.m.)</i>                          |
| Informal session  | Informal session                                |
| Item 3 (continued)  | Consideration of the outcome of the meeting     |
|   | Plenary (closing)                               |
|   | Item 4<br>Adoption of the report of the meeting |