PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Monday, 24 September 2012

10 a.m.  
1090th Plenary meeting  
Room XXVI

Item 9  
Investment for development: Towards a new generation of investment policies for inclusive growth and sustainable development  
(UNCTAD/WIR/2012 and Overview)

Introduction

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

Panellists

- H.E. Ms. Anabel González, Minister of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica
- H.E. Mr. Robert Davies, Minister of Trade and Industry of South Africa
- Mr. Jeffrey Sachs, Special Adviser to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon on the Millennium Development Goals and Director of The Earth Institute at Columbia University (via video-link)

Discussants

- Mr. Mark Halle, Vice-President, International Institute for Sustainable Development
- Mr. Predeep Mehta, Secretary General, Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS) International

Remarks

- Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Followed by

- Interactive debate
Monday, 24 September 2012 (Cont’d)

3 p.m. 1091st Plenary meeting

Item 11(b) Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people

(TD/B/59/2)

Opening remarks

 Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Introduction

 Mr. Mahmoud Elkhafif, Coordinator of the Unit on Assistance to the Palestinian People, UNCTAD

General statements

 Statements by regional groups and member States

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9 a.m. – 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Meeting of the Group of 77 and China

Room XXV

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 25 September 2012

10 a.m. 1092nd Plenary meeting

Item 7 Evolution of the international trading system and its trends from a development perspective

Key issues arising from the international trading system and the impact on inclusive development

(TD/B/59/5)

Opening remarks

 Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Keynote address

 Mr. Pascal Lamy, Director-General of the World Trade Organization

Followed by

 Interactive debate moderated by Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities (DITC), UNCTAD

Discussants

 Mr. Abdallah al-Dardari, Director, Economic Development and Globalization Division, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Beirut

 Ms. Virginia Cram-Martos, Director, Trade and Sustainable Land Management Division, Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva
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- Mr. Magdhi Farahat, Principal Adviser on Trade, Geneva Interregional Advisory Services, Economic Commission for Africa
- Mr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok
- Mr. Sebastian Herreros, Expert, Division of International Trade and Integration, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago
- Mr. Bernard Hoekman, Director, International Trade Department, World Bank
- Mr. Andrei Tochin, Director, Trade and Policy Department, Eurasian Economic Commission

1 p.m.   Lunch event

- Moderated by Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director, DITC, UNCTAD

Sandwich lunch
Showing of video “The BioTrade Initiative” illustrating the work on natural ingredients and fashion value chains. Produced by United Nations Television UNCTAD and the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs

Introduction of the theme and speakers
- Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director, DITC, UNCTAD

BioTrade in Ecuador and the Jambi Kiwa experience with herbal teas
- H.E. Miguel Carbo, Ambassador of Ecuador to the World Trade Organization

Development benefits from BioTrade in Mexico
- Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations and other International Organizations

The candelilla experience: partnership between Mexico and Yves Rocher
- Mr. Claude Fromageot, Director of Sustainable Development for the Yves Rocher Group and Director of the Yves Rocher Foundation, Paris, France

Questions and answers

Followed by
- Exhibition of BioTrade products and tasting of herbal teas

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3 p.m. 1093rd Plenary meeting

Item 7  Evolution of the international trading system and its trends from a development perspective (cont’d)

Rio+20: How can trade best support sustainable development? Opportunities and costs.

Keynote address
- H.E. Ambassador Roberto Azevedo, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the World Trade Organization and UNCTAD

Guest speakers
- Mr. Aaron Cosbey, Senior Adviser for the International Institute for Sustainable Development

Guest speakers
- Mr. Claude Fromageot, Director of Sustainable Development for the Yves Rocher Group and Director of the Yves Rocher Foundation, Yves Rocher, Paris, France

Followed by
- Interactive discussion moderated by Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director, DITC, UNCTAD

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Sessional Committee I – First plenary meeting

Item 5 UNCTAD’s contribution to the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for LDCs: First progress report

Mr. Mohamed Elmurtada Mubarak Ismail (Sudan) was elected Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur. Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made an opening statement on item 5. This was followed by an introductory statement by Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD.

General statements

Statements were made by representatives of the following member States or groups of States: Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Nepal (on behalf of the least developed countries); Mauritius (on behalf of the African Group); Paraguay (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries); the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Asian Group); the European Union; Paraguay (on behalf of the landlocked developing countries); Angola; Turkey; China and Bangladesh. In addition, a statement was made by the representative of the non-governmental organization LDC Watch.

The general statements were followed by presentations by two panellists: H.E. Mr. Leopold Ismael Samba, Permanent Representative of the Central African Republic and H.E. Mr. Shanker Das Bairagi, Permanent Representative of Nepal.

The Chair made closing remarks.

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Item 12 Matters requiring action by the Board in the follow-up to the thirteenth session of the Conference

Follow-up to the Joint Inspection Unit report and the agreed conclusions of the twenty-sixth special session of the Trade and Development Board on 6 July 2012

Mr. Petko Draganov, the Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, presented the Work plan for enhancing the management and administration of UNCTAD, contained in document TD/B/59/CRP.2.

Statements were made by representatives of the following member States or groups of States: Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Asian Group); the European Union; Switzerland; Japan; the United States of America; China; Turkey and Mexico.

The President proposed that discussion on the agenda item continue after further informal consultations on the subject.
Information for participants

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Arrangements for regional group meetings

Requests for rooms for regional group meetings should be made to the UNCTAD Meetings and Credentials Unit (ext. 75497, office E.3061).

Statements

Delegates are invited to send electronic versions of their statements to be posted on the UNCTAD website to tdb@unctad.org. Statements will be made available in the form and language in which they are submitted.

Interactive debate

For the interactive debates, the time allotted for interventions by regional groups, individual countries, and organizations is three minutes each.