

**PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS**

**Thursday, 18 September 2014**

**10 a.m.                      Sessional Committee II – First plenary meeting                      Room XXVI**

**Item 6      Economic development in Africa: Catalysing  
investment for transformative growth in Africa**  
(TD/B/61/4 and UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2014)

**Opening remarks**

- Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

**Introduction of the report**

- Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes

**General statements**

Statements by regional groups and member States

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**3 p.m.                      Sessional Committee II – First informal meeting                      Room XXVI**

**Item 6      Economic development in Africa (*cont'd*)**

**Remarks by**

- Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

**Panellists**

- H.E. Ms. Fatima Haram Acyl, Commissioner for Trade and Industry, African Union Commission
- Ms. Caroline Kende-Robb, Executive Director, Africa Progress Panel
- Mr. Stephen Gelb, Director and Senior Research Fellow, University of Bern

**Followed by**

- Interactive debate
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## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 19 September 2014

10 a.m.                      **Sessional Committee I – First plenary meeting**                      **Room XXVI**

**Item 5      Contribution of UNCTAD to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020: Third progress report (TD/B/61/8)**

**Opening remarks**

- Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

**Statement by recorded video message**

- Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
- Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes

**General statements**

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3 p.m.                      **Plenary**                      **Room XXVI**

**Item 10      UNCTAD contributions to the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields (TD/B/61/5)**

**Item 13      Other matters in the field of trade and development:**

- (a) Progressive development of the law of international trade: Forty-seventh annual report of United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (A/69/17)
- (b) Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre

**Item 11      Technical cooperation activities:**

- (a) Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD (TD/B/WP/262/, TD/B/WP/262/Add.1, TD/B/WP/262/Add.2, TD/B/WP/265)

**Item 14      Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget (TD/B/WP/265)**

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## SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 17 September 2014

### Informal meeting

#### **Item 8 Development strategies in a globalized world: Policymaking in an evolving framework of global governance**

The Board continued its consideration of agenda item 8 with a panel discussion. Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made opening remarks on the agenda item. The following panellists made presentations: Mr. Martin Khor, Executive Director, South Centre; Mr. Robert Wade, Professor of Political Economy and Development, Department of International Development, London School of Economics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and Ms. Mathilde Dupré, Corporate Social Responsibility Advocacy Officer, CCFD-Terre Solidaire, France. Mr. Richard Kozul-Wright, Director of the UNCTAD Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, also made a presentation.

An interactive debate followed with statements by the representatives of Benin, the European Union and its member States, South Africa, the United Republic of Tanzania, Morocco, Brazil, Barbados, Egypt, Argentina and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The panellists and the UNCTAD secretariat replied to questions made by delegations.

The Board thus concluded consideration of this agenda item.

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### Plenary meeting

#### **Item 9 Investment for development: Investing in the sustainable development goals**

The Board considered agenda item 9, with opening statements by Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, and Mr. James Zhan, Director of the UNCTAD Division on Investment and Enterprise. The following panellists made presentations: Mr. Charles Anderson, Director, Finance Initiative, United Nations Environment Programme, Geneva, Switzerland; Ms. Shari Spiegel, Deputy Director, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, New York, United States of America; H.E. Mr. Macharia Kamau, Co-Chair of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, and Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations, New York (via videoconference); and Ms. Oshani Perera, Director, Infrastructure Finance, International Institute for Sustainable Development, Geneva.

An interactive debate followed, with statements by the representatives of Sierra Leone, the United Republic of Tanzania, Egypt and Morocco. Mr. Kamau responded to questions.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Chad, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; Chile, on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; the Philippines, on behalf of the Asian Group; the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group; the European Union, on behalf of the European Union and its member States; Barbados, on behalf of the small islands developing States; Belarus, on behalf of Group D; the United Kingdom; South Africa; Japan; Sri Lanka; Indonesia; Morocco; and Egypt.

Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, made closing remarks.

The Board thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

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<b>Week 1 (15–19 September)</b>		
<b>Thursday</b> 18 September	a.m. and p.m.	<b>Item 6:</b> Economic development in Africa: Catalysing investment for transformative growth in Africa
<b>Friday</b> 19 September	a.m.	<b>Item 5:</b> Contribution of UNCTAD to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020: Third progress report
	p.m.	<b>Item 10, item 13 (a) and (b), item 11 (a), item 14</b>
<b>Week 2 (22–26 September)</b>		
<b>Monday</b> 22 September	a.m. and p.m.	<b>Item 7:</b> Evolution of the international trading system and its trends from a development perspective
<b>Tuesday</b> 23 September	a.m.	<b>Item 11 (b):</b> Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people
	p.m.	<b>Item 15 (a), item 12 (a) and (b):</b> Matters requiring action by the Board
<b>Wednesday</b> 24 September	a.m.	<b>Informals:</b> Sessional Committee I (item 5) – Least developed countries
	p.m.	<b>Informals:</b> Sessional Committee II (item 6) – Africa
<b>Thursday</b> 25 September	a.m.	<b>Informals</b>
	p.m.	<b>Informals</b>
<b>Friday</b> 26 September	a.m.	<b>Informals</b>
	p.m.	<b>Closing plenary, reports of the Sessional Committees, items 15 (b to g), 16, 17, 18 and 19</b>