

PROGRAMME OF 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	
	Presentation	
	▪ Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes	
	General statements	
	Statements by regional groups and member States	

2–3 p.m.	Meeting of the Group of 77 and China	Room XXV

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)	

3 p.m.	Plenary	Room XXVI
	Item 13 (<i>cont'd</i>)	
	(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)	

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 22 September 2014

10 a.m.	Plenary	Room XXVI
	Item 7 Evolution of the international trading system and its trends from a development perspective (TD/B/61/2)	
	Opening remarks	
	▪ Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD	
	Statement	
	▪ Mr. David Shark, Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization	
	Presentation of the background document	
	▪ Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities	
	Panellists	
	▪ Mr. Crawford Falconer, Deputy Director, Division for Trade and Agriculture, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development	
	▪ Mr. Jamie Morrison, Senior Economist, Trade and Markets Division, Food and Agriculture Organization	
	▪ Ms. Miriam Chaves, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture, World Trade Organization	
	Followed by	
	▪ Open discussion	

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 18 September 2014

Sessional Committee II – First plenary meeting

Item 6 Economic development in Africa: Catalysing investment for transformative growth in Africa

Sessional Committee II was opened by the Committee's Chairperson, H.E. Ms. Yvette Stevens (Sierra Leone). The Committee elected Mr. Herman Hermoso (the Philippines) as Vice-Chairperson-cum-Rapporteur.

Sessional Committee II began its consideration of agenda item 6, with an opening statement by Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD. Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes introduced the reports by the UNCTAD secretariat.

Statements were made by the following representatives: Chad (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); the Philippines (on behalf of the Asian Group); the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the African Group); Benin (on behalf of the least developed countries); Brazil (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States); the European Union (on behalf of the European Union and its member States); Zimbabwe; Algeria; Thailand; Cuba; China; South Africa; Egypt; United States of America; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Morocco; Angola and Japan. A statement also was made on behalf of the African, Caribbean, and Pacific Group of States secretariat.

Sessional Committee II - First informal meeting

Item 6 Economic development in Africa: Catalysing investment for transformative growth in Africa (cont'd)

Sessional Committee II continued consideration of agenda item 6 in an informal meeting with the participation of panellists. Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made opening remarks on the agenda. Presentations were made by the following panellists: H.E. Ms. Fatima Haram Acyl, Commissioner for Trade and Industry, African Union Commission; Ms. Caroline Kende-Robb, Executive Director, Africa Progress Panel; and Mr. Stephen Gelb, Director and Senior Research Fellow, University of Bern.

Next followed an interactive debate with interventions by the following representatives: the Chairperson (Sierra Leone); Ethiopia; United Republic of Tanzania; the European Union (on behalf of the European Union and its member States); United States of America; Benin; China; Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal.

The panellists and Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, replied to questions made by delegations.

The Board thus concluded consideration of this agenda item.

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Requests for rooms for regional group meetings should be made to the UNCTAD Meetings and Credentials Unit (ext. 75497, office E.8103).

Statements

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

Week 1 (15–19 September)		
Friday 19 September	a.m.	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
	p.m.	Item 10, item 13 (a) and (b), item 11 (a), item 14
Week 2 (22–26 September)		
Monday 22 September	a.m. and p.m.	Item 7: Evolution of the international trading system and its trends from a development perspective
Tuesday 23 September	a.m.	Item 11 (b): Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people
	p.m.	Item 15 (a), item 12 (a) and (b): Matters requiring action by the Board
Wednesday 24 September	a.m.	Informals: Sessional Committee I (item 5) – Least developed countries
	p.m.	Informals: Sessional Committee II (item 6) – Africa
Thursday 25 September	a.m.	Informals
	p.m.	Informals
Friday 26 September	a.m.	Informals
	p.m.	Closing plenary, reports of the Sessional Committees, items 15 (b to g), 16, 17, 18 and 19