PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS
Thursday, 17 September 2015

10 a.m.  Plenary (1134th meeting)  Room XXVI

Item 14  Other matters in the field of trade and development:
(b)  Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International
Trade Centre

Followed by

Sessional Committee II – First plenary meeting  Room XXVI

Item 5  Economic development in Africa: Unlocking the potential of
Africa’s services trade for growth and development
(TD/B/62/4 and UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2015)

Opening remarks
▪  Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Presentation of the report
▪  Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed
Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

General statements
▪  Statements by regional groups and member States

3 p.m.  Sessional Committee II – Second plenary meeting  Room XXVI

Item 5  Economic development in Africa: Unlocking the potential of
Africa’s services trade for growth and development
(continued)

Panellists
▪  Mr. Ibrahim Murtala, Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry, Ghana
▪  Mr. Anders Aroe, Director, Division of Market Development,
International Trade Centre
▪  Mr. Charles Adjasi, Professor, University of Stellenbosch Business
School, Cape Town, South Africa
▪  Mr. Juan Marchetti, Counsellor, Trade in Services Division, World
Trade Organization

Followed by
▪  Interactive debate
FORTHCOMING MEETINGS
Friday, 18 September 2015

9.30 a.m.  Meeting of the Bureau of the Trade and Development Board  E-8116

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

Item 4  Contribution of UNCTAD to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020: Fourth progress report (TD/B/62/8)

Opening remarks
- Mr. Joakim Reiter, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Presentation of the item
- Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

General statements
- Statements by regional groups and member States

3 p.m.  Plenary (1135th meeting)  Room XXVI

Item 15  Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:
   (a) Report by the Chair of the Advisory Body set up in accordance with paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action on the implementation of courses by the secretariat in 2014–2015 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of members of the Advisory Body for 2016

Item 10  Technical cooperation activities:
   (a) Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD (TD/B/WP/272 and Add.1 and Add.2; and TD/B/WP/275)


Item 9  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/62/5)


Item 14  Other matters in the field of trade and development:
SUMMARY OF MEETINGS
Wednesday, 16 September 2015

1132nd plenary meeting

Item 3 Interdependence: Financialization and macroeconomic fragility in the global economy

The Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, Mr. Joakim Reiter, made an opening statement.


The Board heard presentations by the following panellists: Mr. Rogério Stadart, Professor, University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Mr. Henri Sterdyniak, Director, Globalization Department, French Economic Observatory, Paris; and the former Director of the Division responsible for the report, Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Honorary Professor, Hamburg University, Germany.

This was followed by an interactive debate with statements by the following delegations: Morocco; the Philippines; Kenya; Nigeria; Indonesia; and South Africa.

The panellists responded to questions from delegations.

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1133rd plenary meeting

Item 1 Procedural matters:
(b) Organization of work of the session

The Board elected H.E. Ambassador Modest Jonathan Mero (United Republic of Tanzania) Chair of Sessional Committee II.

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Item 7 Investment for development: Reforming the international investment regime

The Secretary-General of UNCTAD, Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, opened the session with a thought-provoking statement.

This was followed by a presentation of the World Investment Report 2015 by Mr. James Zhan, Director of the Division on Investment and Enterprise of UNCTAD.

The Board heard presentations by the following panellists: Mr. Carlos Márcio Cozendey, Director, Department of Financial and Services Affairs, Ministry of External Relations, Brazil; Mr. Dominic Porter, Deputy Head of Delegation, Permanent Delegation to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva; Mr. Abdulkadir Jailani, Director, Directorate of Economic, Social and Cultural Treaties, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia; Mr. Xavier Carim, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the World Trade Organization; Ms. Nicolle Graugnard, Policy Manager, Commission on Trade and Investment Policy, World Trade Agenda Initiative, International Chamber of Commerce; Ms. Nathalie Bernasconi-Osterwalder, Group Director, Economic Law and Policy, International Institute for Sustainable Development; and Mr. Cristián Rodriguez-Chiffelle, Associate Director, International Trade and Investment, World Economic Forum.

This was followed by an interactive debate with statements by the following delegations: the Philippines, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; Chile, on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; the Netherlands; Switzerland; China; Belarus; Morocco; Thailand; Egypt; Botswana; Ecuador; Tajikistan; Argentina; and the Philippines.
The enriching debate ended with panellists responding to questions from delegations.

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Theme and sub-themes for UNCTAD XIV

The Trade and Development Board agreed to extend the deadline of the silent procedure for the approval of the proposed theme and sub-themes for UNCTAD XIV to close of business on Tuesday, 22 September 2015.

Bureau of the sixty-second session of the
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Information for participants

Registration/attendance forms
Registration/attendance forms will be placed on the desks in the meeting room. It would be appreciated if delegations and observers would complete the forms before leaving the meeting.

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The document distribution counter is in the lobby on the second floor of Building E (door 40).
Participants should bring with them pre-session documents, i.e. documents circulated prior to the opening of the session. Additional copies of pre-session documents may be available, stock permitting, in the meeting room.

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.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.