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Item 1

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the session

1. The provisional agenda for the session, reproduced in chapter one above, was approved on 26 June 2018 at the closing plenary of the sixty-fifth session, part I, of the Trade and Development Board.

Documentation

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Provisional agenda and annotations

Item 2

The Least Developed Countries Report 2018: Entrepreneurship for Structural Transformation – Beyond Business as Usual

2. *The Least Developed Countries Report 2018: Entrepreneurship for Structural Transformation – Beyond Business as Usual* will be presented to the Trade and Development Board. The report argues that for least developed countries to progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, they need to transform the structure of their economy. This requires, in turn, dynamic entrepreneurship that introduces innovations in spheres like production, consumption, transport and administration. The most common form of entrepreneurship is that practiced by firms, and the enterprises most conducive to structural transformation are those with high impact and high growth. However, the entrepreneurial landscape in the least developed countries is dominated by self-employment and predominantly informal microenterprises and small enterprises, with limited chances of survival and growth and little propensity to innovate. For entrepreneurship to be the driving force towards structural transformation, policies need to target the most transformational firms that have a high potential to overcome structural deficiencies in least developed country economies and achieve increases in productivity, while creating jobs and surviving in the contemporary global market. Entrepreneurship of this kind typically requires varied and proactive policy support that targets different stages in a firm's development trajectory.

Documentation

UNCTAD/LDC/2018
and Overview*The Least Developed Countries Report 2018:
Entrepreneurship for Structural Transformation – Beyond
Business as Usual*

Item 3

Reports of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget on its seventy-sixth and seventy-seventh sessions

3. The report of the seventy-sixth session of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget, held from 3 to 5 September 2018, will be before the Board for its consideration. The outcome of the seventy-seventh session, to be held from 10 to 12 December 2018, will likewise be before the Board for its consideration.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/293

Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and
the Programme Budget on its seventy-sixth session

TD/B/WP/295

Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and
the Programme Budget on its seventy-seventh session

Item 4**Report of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission**

4. The report of the tenth session of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission will be before the Board for its consideration.

Documentation

TD/B/C.II/40	Report of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission on its tenth session
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Item 5**Report of the Trade and Development Commission**

5. The report of the tenth session of the Trade and Development Commission will be before the Board for its consideration.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/46	Report of the Trade and Development Commission on its tenth session
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Item 6**Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development**

6. The report of the second session of Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development will be before the Board for its consideration.

Documentation

TD/B/EFD/2/3	Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development on its second session
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Item 7**Other business**

7. The UNCTAD secretariat has received two applications requesting inclusion in the list provided for in rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board. A list of the approved non-governmental organizations is contained in document TD/B/NGO/LIST/23.

Documentation

TD/B/EX(67)/R.1	Application from Gram Bharati Samiti Note by the UNCTAD secretariat
TD/B/EX(67)/R.2	Application from International Trademark Association Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

Item 8**Report of the Trade and Development Board on its seventy-seventh executive session**
