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Item 1

Election of officers

1. Under rule 64, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the Trade and Development Board, and in accordance with the cycle of rotation for the election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur, the Chair of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget at its seventy-eighth session will be a representative of one of the States members on list B. The Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur will be a representative of one of the States members on list A (Asia).



Item 2**Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

2. The Working Party will be invited to approve the provisional agenda for its seventy-eighth session, as reproduced in chapter I above.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/296

Provisional agenda and annotations

Item 3**Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing**

3. For its consideration of this item, the Working Party will have before it the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing (TD/B/WP/297), which deals with activities undertaken in 2018. This report will be submitted both to the Working Party at its seventy-eighth session and to the Trade and Development Board at its next session. The report contains analytical information on the different sources of financing for the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD, the allocation of technical cooperation resources by type of project, by product (contained in the UNCTAD Toolbox) and by region, as well as an updated overview of the structure and functioning of UNCTAD technical cooperation.

4. Annex I to the above-mentioned report, which is subtitled “Review of activities undertaken in 2018” (TD/B/WP/297/Add.1), provides a review of the technical cooperation activities undertaken in 2018 under various projects and products. It contains background information on the activities, as well as information on their impacts and results.

5. Annex II to the above-mentioned report, which is subtitled “Statistical tables” (TD/B/WP/297/Add.2), provides data on financial contributions, project expenditures and the distribution of expenditures among different regions, products and Sustainable Development Goals. It also provides a list of the projects being implemented in 2018.

6. Under this agenda item, and in accordance with the relevant paragraphs on technical cooperation in the Nairobi Maafikiano and in Trade and Development Board Decision 533 (LXIV), beneficiaries, donors and the secretariat will also have an opportunity to interact and consult on all issues regarding UNCTAD technical cooperation activities.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/297

Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing

TD/B/WP/297/Add.1

Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing – Annex I: Review of activities undertaken in 2018 (English only)

TD/B/WP/297/Add.2

Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing – Annex II: Statistical tables (English only)

Item 4**Evaluation of UNCTAD activities****(a) Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview**

7. For its consideration of this item, the Working Party will have before it the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD entitled “Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview” (TD/B/WP/298), which presents findings from evaluations conducted between April 2018

and April 2019. The report contains the main messages and recommendations from each evaluation, which may be helpful in informing the assessment, design and future implementation of UNCTAD projects and programmes. The report also highlights lessons learned, addressed specifically to management and programme managers, in planning and implementing projects and programmes.

(b) Synthesis of the five subprogramme evaluations and update on the status of implementation of the recommendations

8. The first cycle of subprogramme evaluations was completed in 2018, with the consideration by the Working Party of the evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 5. The secretariat was requested to present to the Working Party a review of evaluation findings from the five evaluations conducted to date and an update on the status of implementation of the recommendations from the evaluations. The synthesis report contains a synthesis and an analysis of the main findings, conclusions and recommendations of the evaluations, with a view to extracting lessons learned, to inform future programming decisions (TD/B/WP/299). The report is accompanied by an update on the status of implementation of the recommendations from the evaluations (TD/B/WP/299/Add.1).

Documentation

TD/B/WP/298	Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview
TD/B/WP/299	Synthesis of the five subprogramme evaluations and update on the status of implementation of the recommendations
TD/B/WP/299/Add.1	Synthesis of the five subprogramme evaluations and update on the status of implementation of the recommendations – Annex 1: Status of implementation of recommendations (English only)

Item 5

Briefing on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the Intergovernmental Support Service of UNCTAD

9. For its consideration of this item, the Working Party will be provided a briefing by the UNCTAD secretariat on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the Intergovernmental Support Service of UNCTAD.

Item 6

Provisional agenda for the seventy-ninth session of the Working Party

10. In the course of the session, the secretariat will submit a draft provisional agenda for the next session of the Working Party.

Item 7

Other business

Item 8

Adoption of the report of the Working Party to the Trade and Development Board

11. The report of the seventy-eighth session of the Working Party will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.