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Item 1

Election of officers

1. Under paragraph 3 of rule 64 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 eightieth session will be a representative of one of the States members on list D. The Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur will be a representative of one of the States members on list A (Africa).

Item 2

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

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

Documentation

TD/B/WP/303/Rev.1 Provisional agenda and annotations

Item 3

Technical cooperation strategy

3. The Trade and Development Board, at its sixty-eighth executive session in October 2019, requested the UNCTAD secretariat “to prepare a draft strategy for its technical cooperation in consultation with regional groups and to initiate a preliminary discussion at a session of the Working Party to be held in the first quarter of 2020” (decision 550 (EX-LXVIII), paragraph 3 (TD/B/EX/68/5)). Following consultations with regional group coordinators, the UNCTAD secretariat will make a non-paper on a technical cooperation strategy available, as the basis for discussions. As agreed with regional group coordinators, the non-paper will include only a list issues for discussion.

Item 4

Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing

4. 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/305), which deals with activities undertaken in 2019. This report will be submitted to both the Working Party at its eightieth session and the Trade and Development Board at its sixty-seventh session. The report contains analytical information on the different sources of financing for the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and the allocation of technical cooperation resources by type of project, product (contained in the *UNCTAD Toolbox*) and region, as well as an updated overview of the structure and functioning of UNCTAD technical cooperation.

5. Annex I to the above-mentioned report, which is subtitled “Review of activities undertaken in 2019” (TD/B/WP/305/Add.1), provides a review of the technical cooperation activities undertaken in 2019 under various projects and products. It contains background information on the activities, as well as information on their impacts and results.

6. Annex II to the above-mentioned report, which is subtitled “Statistical tables” (TD/B/WP/305/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 2019.

7. Under this agenda item, and in accordance with the relevant paragraphs on technical cooperation in the Nairobi Maafikiano (TD/519/Add.2) 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/305	Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing
TD/B/WP/305/Add.1	Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing – Annex I: Review of activities undertaken in 2019 (English only)
TD/B/WP/305/Add.2	Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing – Annex II: Statistical tables (English only)

Item 5
Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview

8. 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/304), in which findings from evaluations conducted between April 2019 and April 2020 are presented. The main messages and recommendations from each evaluation are contained in the report, which may be helpful in informing the assessment, design and future implementation of UNCTAD projects and programmes. In the report, lessons learned, addressed specifically to management and programme managers, in the planning and implementation of projects and programmes, are also highlighted. In the third section of the report, an update on evaluation matters and activities in 2019–2020 is provided.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/304	Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview
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Item 6
Provisional agenda for the eighty-first session of the Working Party

9. In the course of the session, the secretariat will submit a draft provisional agenda for the eighty-first 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

10. The report of the eightieth session of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.