

Fifty-sixth session 14–25 September 2009

No. 8

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 24 September 2009

10 a.m. Sessional Committee I – Informal meeting

Room XXVI

- Item 4 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010
 - Consideration of draft agreed conclusions
- 3 p.m. Sessional Committee II Informal meeting

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- Item 5 Economic development in Africa: Strengthening regional economic integration for Africa's development (continued)
 - Consideration of draft agreed conclusions

Followed by:

- Item 4 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010 (continued)
 - Consideration of draft agreed conclusions

6.15 p.m. Extended Bureau of the Board (Bureau members, regional coordinators and interested delegations).

Room XXV

Other meetings

The Group of 77 and China will meet on 24 September 2009, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Room XXV.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 25 September 2009

10 a.m Plenary (1038th meeting)

Room XXVI

- Item 10 Technical cooperation activities:
 - (a) Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing (Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget on its fifty-third session) TD/B/WP/212; Add.1 and Add.2; TD/B/WP/215)

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- Item 12 Other matters in the field of trade and development:
 - (a) Progressive development of the law of international trade: Forty-second annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (A/64/17)
 - (b) Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO on its forty-second session
- Item 13 Reports of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget on its fifty-second, fifty-second (resumed) and fifty-third sessions (TD/B/WP/209; TD/B/WP/210; TD/B/WP/215)

Item 14 Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

- (a) Report by the President 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 2008–2009 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of members of the Advisory Body for 2010
- (b) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board (TD/B/56/R.1 and TD/B/56/R.2)
- (c) Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board (TD/B/56/R.3 and TD/B/56/R.4)
- (d) Review of the calendar of meetings (TD/B/56/CRP.3)
- (e) Membership of the Working Party for 2010
- (f) Review of the lists of States contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) (TD/B/INF.215)
- (g) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board

3 p.m. Closing plenary (1039th meeting)

Room XVII

- Item 15 Adoption of the report on credentials (TD/B/56/L.2)
- Item 16 Provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session of the Board
- Item 4 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010 (TD/B/56/SC.I/L.1 and TD/B/56/SC.I/L.2)
- Item 5 Economic development in Africa: Strengthening regional economic integration for Africa's development (TD/B/56/SC.II/L. 1 and TD/B/56/SC.II/L. 2)
- Item 17 Other business
- Item 18 Adoption of the report (TD/B/56/L.1 and Add.1–3)

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Information for participants

Registration

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

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Statements

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Summary of meetings Thursday, 24 September 2009

Sessional Committee I - Informal meeting

Item 4 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Konrad Scharinger (Germany), Chair of Sessional Committee I.

Sessional Committee I continued its consideration of the draft agreed conclusions on item 4.

Sessional Committee II – Informal meeting

Item 5 Economic development in Africa: Trade liberalization and export performance in Africa

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Wang Dawei (China), Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur of Sessional Committee II.

Sessional Committee II concluded its consideration of the draft agreed conclusions on item 5.

Third closing plenary meeting

Sessional Committee II formally adopted the draft agreed conclusions.

Representatives of the following member States took the floor; Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Angola (on behalf of the African Group); and Sweden (on behalf of the European Union).