

Synthesis Report: Accra Accord implementation related to commodities: 2008-2012

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<u>UNCTAD Management Reform – July 2008</u>

Special Unit on Commodities Established (*transformed former* Commodities Branch)

- Accra Accord, para. 183

'Within existing resources'

Regular budget *



Accra Accord:

Comprehensive mandate on the work programme on commodities

Accra Accord, para. 77-79, 83, 91-93, 98 and
 193

Other Mandates:

- MDGs
- UN General Assembly resolution on commodities
- Istanbul Plan of Action for LDCs 2012-20

Development Objective:

Harness development gains from commodities production and trade in developing countries, particularly LDCs



Has SUC Delivered on the AA mandates on commodities?

YES! 'Using the existing resources'

Major Deliverables under 3 Pillars of UNCTAD: pursuant to the Development Objective

- a. Research & Analysis
- b. Consensus Building
- c. Technical Cooperation

R&A is at the centre of the work programme on commodities!

R & A focus commodities?

Agri-foods

Oil, Minerals & Metals

Coffee, cocoa, cotton, cereals, corn, oils & oil seeds, rice, sugar, wheat

Industrial (base) metals (iron ore); Hydro-carbons/fossil fuels (crude oil); Precious metals (gold).

i) R&A areas of focus?

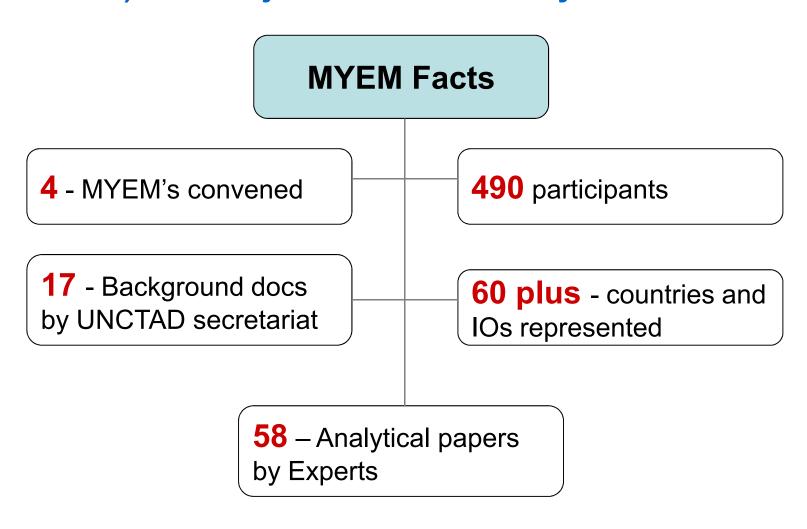
Current price trends & market developments : price formation, food crisis & food reserves.

Agri-foods & Natural Resources Market Information Systems: InfoComm, InfoShare; Natural Resources Info. Exchange; G-20 AMIS

Commodity Finance and Exchanges: Innovative financing schemes (warehouse receipt systems); Commodity exchanges

Others: Commodity policy reviews; Non-tariff measures (agri-food standards); (sustainable) resources management (rents, SWF, local content).

ii) R&A Major Deliverables – by source



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Research Publications

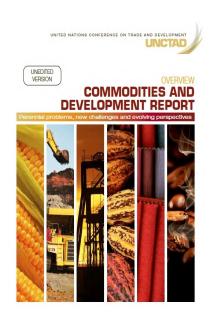
3 – **Major** publications (e.g. *UCDR*)

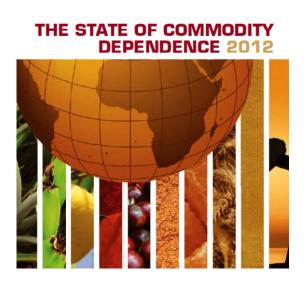
4 – Contributions to **WESP**

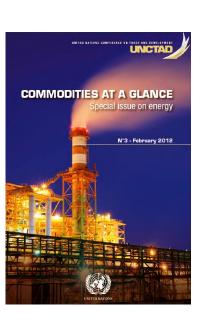
4 – Ad Hoc studies (e.g. Establishment of Emergency Food Reserves) 203 – Analytical studies & presentations (EU-AAACP)

2 – UN General Assembly papers 4 – Others (e.g. Comprehensive Framework for Action – HLTF on Global Food Security Crisis)

iii) R&A Major Deliverables – Pics







Consensus building & partnerships: critical for addressing the commodity problématique!

Consensus Bldg (by source & partners)

MYEM: intergovernmental

ICBs: International Cocoa Organization (e.g. 7th Int'l Cocoa Agreement 2010

G-20 Agric. Market Info. System - AMIS

Others: SG HL meeting on Cotton (PACRM)

Network Partners: EU, CFC, DESA, FAO, World Bank, WTO, Reg. Economic Commissions

> Global Commodities Forum - **GCF**

Africa Oil, Gas & Minerals Conference

Global Commodities Forum - Focus

GCF Facts

2010 - GCF launched

1,200 *Plus* –

Participants attended

3 – GCF sessions convened

182 – Substantive papers & presentations



Flagship Event – Seeking solutions to perennial problems of commodities, trade & development

R&A and consensus building outputs feed into tech. cooperation activities

Tech. Cooperation Focus Areas

Market Information
Services – InfoComm;
InfoShare

Agri-food Standards –
Sustainability Claims Portal

Natural Res. Info.
Exchange (in Africa)

3 Pillars – Technical Cooperation

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AAACP Facts

45 million euro – funded by EU

3 ACP regions – Africa, Caribbean, and Pacific

15.8 million euro – EU-Africa Cotton Partnership

3.4 million euro – UNCTAD (7.5% of total)

5 implementing agencies – CFC, FAO, ITC, UNCTAD, World Bank

4 Subcomponents implemented by UNCTAD

3 Pillars – Technical Cooperation

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UNCTAD Deliverables

12 regional capacity building workshops

4 analytical studies

5 national capacity building workshops

199 substantive papers& presentations

4 regions – rollout of sustainability claims portal

1 Pan African Cotton Road Map - PACRM





Doha Mandate "reaffirms and builds upon the Accra Accord, which remains valid and relevant" (para. 17).

Commodities & agri-foods: remain fundamental to over 100 CDDCs, and 2 billions rural-poor farmers.

Member-states continued support: critical for the secretariat to **deliver** on the Doha Mandate *Plus* provisions on commodities.

Thank You



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