

# Programme

## **Fifty-fifth Executive Session of the Trade and Development Board 3–4 July 2012<sup>1</sup> Palais des Nations, Room XXVI**

### **Tuesday, 3 July 2012**

10:00–13:00 Opening plenary

**Item 1.** Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

**Item 2.** Activities undertaken by UNCTAD in support of Africa  
(TD/B/EX(55)/2)

**Opening remarks** by Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

Presentation by the UNCTAD secretariat

followed by

Statements by Regional Groups and individual delegations and general discussion

15:00–18:00 Panel Session on “The New Partnership for Africa's Development: Performance, Challenges and Role of UNCTAD” – TD/B/EX(55)/3

**Opening remarks** by Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

#### **Keynote address**

Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, Chief Executive Officer, NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (Midrand, South Africa), African Union

Short presentation by Ms. Justina Dugbazah, Project Manager – Anglophone Countries, NEPAD Gender and Development Programme

#### **Panellists**

- Mr. Emmanuel Nnadozie, Director, Economic Development and NEPAD Division, Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Mr. Kamran Kousari, former UNCTAD Special Coordinator for Africa

followed by interactive debate

#### **Key issues for discussion:**

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<sup>1</sup> The TDB executive session is expected to last one and a half days.

- What are the challenges, opportunities, and lessons learned in the implementation of NEPAD?
- What is needed to accelerate progress in achieving the objectives of NEPAD and how can UNCTAD assist?
- How can the UN system strengthen collaboration, coherence and coordination in providing support to NEPAD?
- What should be the role of African Regional Economic Communities and other local stakeholders in the implementation of NEPAD?

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### **Wednesday, 4 July 2012**

10:00–13:00 **Item 3.** Matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary bodies:

**(a) Report of the Working Party**

Under this item, the Board will only be invited to approve the draft provisional agenda of the sixty-second session of the Working Party scheduled to take place 3–5 September 2012. As the sixty-first session of the Working Party was postponed to 23–25 July 2012, consideration of the report of the Working Party will need to take place at the regular session of the Board in September.

**(b) Topics for multi-/single-year expert meetings**

Under this item, the Board will be invited to request the extended Bureau to prepare and approve the topics and TORs of the expert meetings as well as reach agreement on the agendas of the sessions of the Commissions scheduled to take place in November 2012.

**Item 4.** Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board.  
(TD/B/EX(55)/R.1 to R.6)

**Item 5.** Other business

Under this item, the Board will be invited to approve the draft provisional agenda of the regular session of the Board that was circulated by the secretariat.

followed by

**Closing plenary**

**Item 6.** Report of the Board on its fifty-fifth executive session