Draft Programme of Work

MONDAY, 3 DECEMBER

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Opening plenary

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Opening remarks

• Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Item 2. The Least Developed Countries Report 2012: Harnessing Remittances and Diaspora Knowledge for Productive Capacities (UNCTAD/LDC/2012)

 Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes (ALDC), UNCTAD

Followed by

Statements by regional groups and individual delegations

3 – 6 p.m. High-level segment: Maximizing the development impact of remittances and diaspora knowledge in LDCs: Policy implications

Introduction

 Ms. Zeljka Kozul-Wright, Chief, , Least Developed Countries Policy Analysis and Research Cluster, ALDC, UNCTAD

Panellists

- H.E. Mr. Nicolas Schmit, Minister of Employment and Immigration, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
- Ambassador William Lacy Swing, Director General, International Organization for Migration
- Dr. Ennio Rodriguez, Former Minister of External Finance and Debt of Costa Rica

Followed by

Interactive debate

TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER

10 - 11 a.m.

Item 3. Reports of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget on its sixty-first session (23–25 July, 1–3 October 2012) (TD/B/WP/241) and on its sixty-third session (19–23 November 2012) (TD/B/WP/247)

Presentations by

- Ms. Judith Arrieta Muniga (Mexico), Chair of the sixty-first session of the Working Party
- H.E. Mr. Thomas Fitschen (Germany), Chair of the sixty-third session of the Working Party

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Informal consultations on item 2

3 – 6 p.m. Informal consultations on item 2 (continued)

Followed by

Closing plenary

Item 4. Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

The Board will be invited to consider three applications for inclusion in the general category: one from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, one from the Center for Economic and Policy Research and one from Public Citizen (TD/B/EX(56)/R.1 to R.3).

Other business

Under this item, the Board will be invited to approve the draft calendar of meetings for 2013 (TD/B/EX(56)/CRP.1) and the terms of reference for multi-year and single-year expert meetings that have been agreed upon by the extended Bureau of the Board (TD/B/EX(56)/1/CRP.2).

Item 5. Report of the Trade and Development Board on its fifty-sixth executive session