



MULTI-YEAR EXPERT MEETING

Innovation for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development: Policy Frameworks, Instruments and Key Capabilities

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 19 March 2014

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. OPENING PLENARY SESSION

Item 1: Election of Officers

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Opening statement by Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Welcome remarks and introduction of Item agenda 3 by Ms. Anne Miroux, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

INFORMAL SESSION 1: Institutional frameworks for STI policies

Keynote Speaker

H. E. Dr. Martial De-Paul Ikounga, Commissioner, Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union

Panelists

Dr. Pichet Durongkavoroj, Secretary General, National Science Technology and Innovation Policy Office (Thailand)

Prof. Bart Verspagen, Director UNU-MERIT (Netherlands)

Mr. Ilari Lindy, Senior ICT Policy Specialist, World Bank

Prof. Radmil Polenakovikj, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. INFORMAL SESSION 2: Learning opportunities through STI policy networks

Panelists

H. E. Dr. Martial De-Paul Ikounga, Commissioner, Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union

Dr. Anna Kingiri, Secretary General, AfricaLics Secretariat and

Director, Research at African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS) (Kenya)

Prof. Gabriela Dutrénit, Board Member, The Global Network for the Economics of Learning, Innovation, and Competence Building Systems (Globelics), and General Coordinator, Foro Consultivo Científico y Tecnológico (Mexico)

Prof. Lena Tshipouri, University of Athens (Greece)

Interactive Debate

6.15 p.m. Cocktail reception, Bar Escargot (third floor, E Building)

Thursday, 20 March 2014

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. INFORMAL SESSION 3: Technology transfer

Panelists

Prof. Dominique Foray, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) (Switzerland)

Prof. Xiaolan Fu, Director, Technology and Management Centre for Development, University of Oxford (United Kingdom)

Prof. Pedro Mendi, University of Navarra (Spain)

Dr. José Luis Solleiro, Senior Researcher, National University of Mexico (Mexico)

Interactive Debate

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. INFORMAL SESSION 4: Global value chains and developing countries firms/industry/country capabilities

Panelists

Prof. Roberta Rabelotti, University of Pavia (Italy)

Prof. K.J. Joseph, Centre for Development Studies (India)

Prof. Anthony Black, University of Cape Town (South Africa)

Mr. Apollo Owour, Director of Agriculture and Corporate Affairs, Kenya Horticultural Exporters LTD (Kenya)

Interactive Debate

Friday, 21 March 2014

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. INFORMAL SESSION 5: Demand-side innovation policies

Panelists

Prof. Lena Tsipouri, University of Athens (Greece)

Mr. Reshan Dewapura, Chief Executive Officer, Information and Communication Technology Agency (Sri Lanka)

Ms. Lauren Franzel, Senior Specialist, Market Shaping Team, the GAVI Alliance (Switzerland)

Interactive Debate

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Adoption of the Chairperson's report of the meeting