

**Trade and Development Board, fifty-ninth executive session
Geneva, 23–25 June 2014**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Monday, 23 June 2014

10 a.m. Plenary Room XXVI

Opening of the fifty-ninth executive session

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session (TD/B/EX(59)/1)

Item 2 Activities undertaken by UNCTAD in support of Africa (TD/B/EX(59)/2 and TD/B/EX(59)/3)

Introductory remarks:

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

Presentation of the report

- Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director of the Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes

General statements

- Statements by regional groups, member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations
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Opening statement:

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

Panel session: Monetary unions and regional trade in Africa

Panellists:

- Dr. Abu Bakarr Tarawalie, Director, Research and Statistics Department, West African Monetary Institute, Accra, Ghana
- Professor Fabrizio Carmignani, Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics, Griffith Business School, Griffith University, Australia
- Mr. Ahmadou Cissé, Senior Policy Officer, Economic Affairs Department, African Union Commission, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Followed by an interactive debate

The key issues slated for discussion by the panel included:

- Are monetary unions necessary or sufficient for the promotion of regional trade and integration in Africa?
 - What should African Governments and their development partners do to ensure that the establishment of monetary unions in Africa will foster regional trade and integration?
 - Are there lessons for Africa from the European Economic and Monetary Union and the recent eurozone crisis?
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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

Report of the sixty-seventh session of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget (TD/B/WP/260)

- Presentation of the report by H.E. Ambassador Mohamad Elmurtada Mubarak Ismael (Sudan)

(b) Report of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission at its sixth session (TD/B/C.II/26)

- Presentation of the report by H.E. Ambassador Eduardo Sperisen-Yurt (Guatemala)

(c) Report of the Trade and Development Commission at its sixth session (TD/B/C.I/35)

- Presentation of the report by H.E. Ambassador Thomas Fischen (Germany)

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(d) Topics for multi-/single-year expert meetings

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Item 4 Other business

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