



## Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development, eighth session

21–22 April 2016  
Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XXVI

### Provisional programme

Thursday, 21 April 2016

10–10.30 a.m.

#### Opening session

Opening statements by: Mr. Joakim Reiter, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD  
Mr. Malloum Bamanga Abbas, Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Chad, Geneva, Switzerland

**Item 1:** Election of officers

**Item 2:** Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Item 3:** Recent developments and new challenges in commodities markets, and policy options for commodity-based inclusive growth and sustainable development

**Moderator:** Mr. Malloum Bamanga Abbas, Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Chad, Geneva, Switzerland

#### Presenters:

- (a) *Overview*
- Mr. Samuel K Gayi, Head, Special Unit on Commodities, UNCTAD  
*Latest trends in commodity markets*
  - Mr. Yılmaz Akyüz, Chief Economist, South Centre, Geneva  
*Comments on the evolution of commodity prices and implications for  
macroeconomic stability*
  - Mr. Abhishek Deshpande, Lead Oil Markets Analyst, Natixis  
*Oil price trends, forecasts and their implications for developing economies*
- (b) *Recent developments and new challenges in commodities markets: Agriculture*
- Mr. Boubaker Ben Belhassen, Director, Trade and Markets Division,  
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations  
*Agricultural commodity price trends and their implications for food security*
  - Mr. HD Hemaratne, Director General, Sri Lanka Tea Board,  
Colombo Tea Traders' Association  
*The role of tea producers in tea value chains*
  - Dr. Jean-Marc Anga, Executive Director, International Cocoa Organization, London  
*Internalizing the cocoa value chain in producing countries*

#### Interactive discussion

1–3 p.m. Lunch break



Thursday, 21 April 2016

3–4.30 p.m.

**Item 3:** Recent developments and new challenges in commodities markets, and policy options for commodity-based inclusive growth and sustainable development (continued)

**Moderator:** Mr. Andrey Kuleshov, Strategy and Development Adviser,  
Common Fund for Commodities

**Presenters:**

- (c) *Recent developments and new challenges in commodities markets: Minerals, ores and metals*
- Professor Yves Jégourel, Ass. Professor, University of Bordeaux, Senior Fellow at the OCP Policy Center and Deputy director, Cyclope.  
*Recent trends in minerals, ores and metals markets and their implications for investment*
  - Mr. Karamo NM Sonko, President and Chief Executive Officer, Jula Consultancy, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, and Executive Vice President for Africa, Sand Metals Incorporated  
*Gold in the African economy: The case of artisanal mining in the Sudan*
  - Mr. Ke Tang, School of Social Science, Tsinghua University, China  
*Debt burdens and commodity prices*
  - Mr. Robert Fig, Head, Physical Market Sales, London Metal Exchange  
*How developing nations can efficiently use the commodity markets to manage their risk*

**Interactive discussion**

4.30–6 p.m.

**Item 3:** Recent developments and new challenges in commodities markets, and policy options for commodity-based inclusive growth and sustainable development (continued)

**Moderator:** Mr. Babafemi Oyewole, Consultant, Former Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, African Petroleum Producers Association Fund for Technical Cooperation

**Presenters:**

- (d) *Recent developments and new challenges in commodities markets: Energy*
- Mr. Babafemi Oyewole, Consultant, Former Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, African Petroleum Producers Association Fund for Technical Cooperation  
*Recent developments and major challenges in the energy sector and its implications for Africa*
  - Mr. Xunpeng Shi, Research Fellow, Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore  
*Spillover effects of restricting coal consumption and impacts on development*
  - Mr. Erwan Hemery, Senior Manager, Deloitte  
*Recent developments in liquid natural gas markets*

**Interactive discussion**



**Friday, 22 April 2016**

**10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**Item 4:** Review of UNCTAD efforts to strengthen commodity production in commodity-dependent developing countries and improve food security and export competitiveness in light of the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals

Presentation of the background document by **Mr. Samuel K Gayi**, Head, Special Unit on Commodities, UNCTAD

**Moderator:** Mr. Eloi Laourou, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Benin, Geneva, Switzerland

**Presenters:**

- (a) *Mitigating the risks of food insecurity and malnutrition: The contribution of smallholders in commodity value chains and the importance of social safety nets*
- Ms. Christina Behrendt, Social Protection Department, International Labour Organization  
*The importance of universal social protection for smallholder farmers and rural populations, as well as its broader role in contributing to food security and nutrition*
  - Ms. Sophia Murphy, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development  
*Twenty-first century trade rules for inclusive agricultural commodity trade*
  - Ms. Rashmi Banga, Head Adviser, Trade Competitiveness Section, Commonwealth Secretariat  
*Post-Nairobi food security policies*

**Special Unit on Commodities round table**

Implementing key recommendations of *Commodities and Development Report 2015: What next?*

The aim of this round table is to identify ways to operationalize key recommendations from the report on assisting smallholders to become sustainable business entities. Ideally, discussion will lead to the formulation of the broad lines of a pilot project, with contributions from the respective institutions.

**Composition:**

- Mr. Samuel K Gayi, Head, Special Unit on Commodities, UNCTAD  
*Key messages from Commodities and Development Report 2015*
- Mr. Anton J Said, Chief, Export Strategy, Division of Country Programmes, International Trade Centre  
*Challenges and opportunities in implementing sector and commodity strategies in developing countries*
- Mr. Gilbert Sindjou, Sustainability Manager, Sucafina  
*Building win-win investor–smallholder relationships*
- Mr. Philippe Egger, Development Innovations and Networks, International Guarantee Fund
- Mr. Assefa Mulugeta Kondal, Director General, Export Promotion Directorate General, Adviser to the State Minister, and Director, Agricultural Outputs Marketing Directorate, Ministry of Trade, Ethiopia  
*Ethiopia's experience in reconciling foreign direct investment with small hold farming*
- Mr. Abdou M Konlambigue, Senior Programme Officer, Markets and Harvest, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa  
*Increasing productivity: Lessons from the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa*
- Mr. HD Hemaratne, Director General, Sri Lanka Tea Board, Colombo Tea Traders' Association

**Interactive discussion**

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**Item 4:** Review of UNCTAD efforts to strengthen commodity production in commodity-dependent developing countries and improve food security and export competitiveness in light of the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (continued)

**Moderator:** Mr. Hector Casanueva, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Chile to the World Trade Organization

**Presenters:**

(b) *Maximizing the development linkages of the commodity sector: The role of trade policies and local content policies*

• Ms. Lahra Liberti, Head, Natural Resources and Development Unit, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

*Primary commodity sector and trade policies*

• Ms. Ilaria Espa, Senior Research Fellow, National Centres of Competence in Research Trade Regulation, and Doctoral Programme Coordinator, Graduate School of Economic Globalization and Integration, World Trade Institute, University of Bern

*Primary commodity sector and trade policies*

• Ms. Sanya Reid-Smith, Legal Adviser and Senior Researcher, Third World Network

*Local content policies*

**Interactive discussion**

4.30–5.30 p.m.

**Item 4:** Review of UNCTAD efforts to strengthen commodity production in commodity-dependent developing countries and improve food security and export competitiveness in light of the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (continued)

**Moderator:** Mr. Malloum Bamanga Abbas, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Chad, Geneva, Switzerland

**Presenters:**

(c) *Sustainable commodity management, post-2015 agenda and climate change: Key challenges and opportunities after the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties*

• Mr. James Lomax, Programme Officer, Agrifood, Sustainable Consumption and Production Branch, Division of Technology, Industry and Economics, United Nations Environment Programme

*Climate change mitigation and food security in Africa*

• Ms. Kusum Lata Jain, Team Lead, Response Measures Unit, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

*Sustainability of commodity-dependent economies in the context of the Paris Agreement*

**Interactive discussion**

5.30–6 p.m.

**Item 5:** Adoption of the report of the meeting

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