

**Trade and Development Board  
Sixty-fourth executive session  
6–8 February 2017**

**Programme of Work  
Monday, 6 February 2017  
Room XXVI**

**10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**Opening plenary**

**Item 1** Adoption of the agenda and organization of work  
(TD/B/EX(64)/1)

**Opening remarks**

- Mr. Joakim Reiter, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

**Item 2** *The Least Developed Countries Report 2016: The Road to Graduation and Beyond – Making the Most of the Process*  
(UNCTAD/LDC/2016)

- Presentation by the UNCTAD secretariat

Followed by

- Statements by regional groups and individual delegations

**3–6 p.m.**

**Panel discussion:** Sustainable energy for structural transformation in least developed countries

Introductory remarks by the UNCTAD secretariat

**Panellists**

- **Mr. Peter Wooders**, Group Director, Energy, International Institute for Sustainable Development
- **Mr. Mauricio Bermudez-Neubauer**, Independent consultant and entrepreneur, London
- **Mr. Harikrishnan Tulsidas**, Economic Affairs Officer, Sustainable Energy Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- **Mr. Henrique Pacini**, Economic Affairs Officer, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, UNCTAD

Each presentation will be followed by interactive discussions

## **Background**

Affordable, reliable and sustainable energy provision is critical for powering structural transformation in the least developed countries (LDCs) and enabling their transition towards a low-carbon economy. Ensuring universal access to energy is hence fundamental to achieve LDCs' sustainable development objectives. The relevance of energy issues is even greater in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which includes a dedicated Sustainable Development Goal (Goal 7, "Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all"), as well as two more Goals directly linked to the theme (Goal 9, "Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation", and Goal 12, "Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns").

The panel will discuss the following questions:

- How should LDCs best steer their sustainable energy mix to support structural transformation and poverty eradication?
- What are the possible financing alternatives to cover LDCs' huge energy investment needs?
- What is the potential for more energy-efficient technologies and cost reductions in renewable energy (including biofuel technologies) in LDCs?
- To what extent do the current energy policy choices of LDCs condition the longer-term composition of output, employment and trade in these countries?

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**Tuesday, 7 February 2017**  
**Room XXVI**

**10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**Plenary**

**Item 3** Other items requiring action by the Board

- Report of the Trade and Development Commission on its eighth session (TD/B/C.I/40)
- Report of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission on its eighth session (TD/B/C.II/33)
- Draft agreed conclusions on the contribution of UNCTAD to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020 and on *The Least Developed Countries Report 2016* (non-paper circulated on 17 January 2017 )

Followed by

**Informals**

Consideration of the draft agreed conclusions

**3–6 p.m.**

**Informals (cont'd)**

Consideration of the draft agreed conclusions

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**Wednesday, 8 February 2017**  
**Room XXVI**

**10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**Informals (cont'd)**

Consideration of the draft agreed conclusions (cont'd)

Followed by

**Closing plenary**

**Item 4** Other business

Operationalization of the establishment of the two new intergovernmental groups of experts, in accordance with subparagraphs 100 (r) and (s) of the Nairobi Maafikiano, and related matters

**Item 5** Report of the Trade and Development Board on its sixty-fourth executive session