



10th Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development

25–26 April 2018, Geneva, Palais des Nations

Provisional Programme

Wednesday, 25 April 2018

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Opening session: 10–10.30 a.m.

Opening statements by: **Ms. Isabelle Durant**, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Item 1: Election of officers

Chair: **H.E. Mr. Eloi Laourou**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Benin to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur: **Ms. Margret Kaemba**, Deputy Permanent Representative and Chargée d'affaires, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zambia to the United Nations Office in Geneva

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Item 3: Recent developments, challenges and opportunities in commodity markets

Presenters:

(a) *Overview*

Mr. Janvier Nkurunziza, Commodities Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

Recent trends and outlook on commodity markets

(b) *Recent developments and challenges in commodity markets: Agriculture*

Dr. Holger Matthey, Trade and Markets Division, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, Rome

The outlook for global food and agricultural markets

Mr. Darren Cooper, Senior Economist, International Grains Council, London

Assessing the recent past and prospects for grains and oilseeds markets in 2018/19: Some tentative observations

Dr. Christoph Saenger, Senior Economist, International Coffee Organization, London

State of the global coffee market

Mr. Laurent Pipitone, Consultant and Director, Co-founder, FarmBridge International

Cocoa Boom & Bust: A Review of Cocoa Market Developments

Interactive discussion

1–3 p.m. Lunch break

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3–6 p.m.

Item 3: Recent developments, challenges and opportunities in commodity markets (*continued*)

- (c) *Recent developments and new challenges in commodity markets: Minerals, ores and metals*
- (d) *Recent developments and new challenges in commodity markets: Energy*

Presenters:

Mr. Guillaume Albasini, Energy and Mining Analyst, Geneva
Trends in minerals, ores and metals with a focus on lithium, cobalt and nickel

Mr. Horacio Jurado, Director, Directorate of Mining Value Chain, Sustainability Undersecretariat, Ministry of Energy and Mining of the Republic of Argentina
Minerals of the future: Lithium in Argentina

Mr. Guillaume Albasini, Energy and Mining Analyst, Geneva
Trends in energy commodity markets

Dr. Rabia Ferroukhi, Deputy-Director, Policy Unit and Knowledge, Policy and Finance, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Abu Dhabi
Trends in the Renewable Energy Market

Interactive discussions

Networking Session (by invitation)

Thursday, 26 April 2018

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Item 4: Commodity dependence and Diversification

Mr. Janvier Nkurunziza, Commodities Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

Diversification and Value Addition

(a) Horizontal policies for production and export diversification

Presenters:

Mr. Rodrigo Carcamo, Commodities Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

Policies for diversification and value addition

Dr. Rabia Ferroukhi, Policy Unit and Knowledge, Policy and Finance, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Abu Dhabi

Value addition in renewable energy sector and its implications for diversification and economic development

Mr. James Howe, International Trade Centre, Geneva

Diversification and value addition: approaches to increasing and retaining higher value added

Mr. Bakytbek Amantayev, Expert, Center for Trade Policy Development, Ministry of National Economy, Kazakhstan

Experience of the Republic of Kazakhstan on improving conditions for the development of exports to foreign markets

Mr. Mauricio López Dardaine, Argentina Chamber of Exporters, CERA, Argentina

Policies implemented in Argentina to foster economic and export market diversification: The case of agricultural commodities

Interactive discussions

1–3 p.m. Lunch break

Thursday, 26 April 2018

3–5.30 p.m.

Item 4: Commodity dependence and Diversification (*continued*)

(b) Targeted policies for production and export diversification

Session 2: Targeted policies: some case studies

Presenters:

H.E. Mr. Eloi Laourou, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Benin to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Cotton value addition in Benin

Mr. Fakhridin Nabiev, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan, to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva

Cotton industry in Uzbekistan

Mr. Amir Lebdioui, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Cambridge, UK

Industrial Policies for Diversification and Resource-based industrialisation: Case studies of Malaysia and Chile

Prof. Mwinyikione Mwinyihija, Executive Director, Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute project, Ethiopia

Africa's leather sector transitional Initiative from commodities to product development: Is Perception, Technology or Skills the dilemma?

Mr. Laurent Pipitone, Consultant and Director, Co-founder, FarmBridge International

Crop diversification strategies for African cocoa producing countries

Mrs. Gothami Silva, Director of Commerce, Department of Commerce, Sri Lanka

Tea industry in Sri Lanka

Dr. Christoph Saenger, Senior Economist, International Coffee Organization

Value addition in the coffee sector

Interactive discussions

5.30–6 p.m.

Item 5: Adoption of the report of the meeting

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