



Multi-Year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development

Twelfth session, 8 and 9 February 2021

Virtual meeting

Provisional programme

Monday, 8 February 2021, 2–4 p.m.

2–2.20 p.m. Opening plenary

Item 1: Election of officers

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Opening statement

Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

2.20–4 p.m. Item 3: Recent developments, challenges and opportunities in commodity markets

(a) Overview: Recent trends and outlook in commodity markets

Mr. Janvier Nkurunziza, Officer-in-Charge, Commodities Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

(b) Recent developments and challenges in commodity markets

Mr. Marco Fugazza, Commodities Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

The impact of COVID-19 on commodity trade

Mr. Holger Matthey, Senior Economist and Team Leader, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

The outlook for global food and agricultural markets

Mr. Guillaume Albasini, Energy and Mining Analyst, Switzerland

Trends in minerals, ores and metals markets

Mr. Hector Hurtado, Financial Analyst, Petroleum Studies Department, Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries

The world oil outlook

Interactive discussion

Tuesday, 9 February 2021, 2–4 p.m.

2–3.50 p.m. Item 4: Greater transparency in commodity markets

(a) Overview: Greater transparency in commodity markets

Mr. Janvier Nkurunziza, Officer-in-Charge, Commodities Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

(b) Transparency initiatives in commodity markets

Ms. Maria Teresa Pisani, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
Harnessing the potential of blockchain technology for sustainability and transparency in cotton value chains

Mr. Louis Maréchal, Policy Adviser, Extractives Sector Projects, Investment Division, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
OECD guidelines on transparency and responsible sourcing

Mr. Michael Chriment, CEO, farmer connect SA, Geneva, Switzerland
Coffee value chain: traceability and transparency

Mr. Andrei Kuleshov, Strategy and Development Advisor, Common Fund for Commodities
Measuring impact investing in commodity value chains: environmental and social risk transparency

Dr. Bla Josee Charlotte Eba, Lecturer, Centre for African Research on Enterprise and Economic Development, University of the West of Scotland
Using commodity exchanges for transparency in producer price bargaining

Interactive discussion

3.50–4 p.m. Closing plenary

Statement by Officer-in Charge, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

Item 5: Adoption of the report of the meeting

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