



PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 18 September 2012

10 a.m. **Plenary** **Room XVIII**

Item 4 Interdependence: Coordinating stimulus for global growth

**Item 8 Development strategies in a globalized world:
Reducing inequalities for balanced and sustainable
development**

(UNCTAD/TDR/2012 and Overview)

Introductions

- Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD

General statements

- Statement by regional groups and member States

3 p.m. **Item 4 Interdependence: Coordinating stimulus for global growth** **Room XXVI**

(UNCTAD/TDR/2012, chapter I)

Panellists

- Mr. Alfredo Calcagno, Head, Macroeconomic and Development Branch, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD
- H.E. Mr. Faizel Ismail, Permanent Representative of South Africa
- H.E. Mr. Luis Gallegos, Permanent Representative of Ecuador
- Professor Costas Lapavitsas, School of Oriental and African Studies, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Followed by

- Interactive debate

Item 11 Technical cooperation activities

- (a) Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD
(TD/B/WP/243, TD/B/WP/243/Add.1,
TD/B/WP/243/Add.2, TD/B/WP/245)

Item 14 Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget

(TD/B/WP/241, TD/B/WP/245)

Item 10 UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields

(TD/B/59/6)

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1083rd and 1084th plenary meetings

Opening of the session

The fifty-ninth session of the Board was opened by H.E. Mr. Mothae Maruping (Lesotho), President of the Board, at its fifty-eighth session.

The President of UNCTAD XIII, H.E. Mr. Hamad bin Abdulaziz Al-Kawari, Minister of Culture, Arts and Heritage of Qatar, gave a special address.

Item 1 Procedural matters

(a) Election of officers

The Board elected by acclamation H.E. Mr. Jüri Seilenthal (Estonia) and H.E. Mr. Mukhtar Tileuberdi (Kazakhstan) as the joint Presidents of the Board at its fifty-ninth session.

The Board elected the following seven Vice-Presidents:

Vice-presidents

H.E. Ms. Marion Williams (Barbados)
H.E. Mr. Miguel Carbo Benites (Ecuador)
H.E. Mr. Mohamed A. Al-Hakim (Iraq)
H.E. Mr. Mukhtar Tileuberdi (Kazakhstan)
H.E. Urmunna H. Orjiako (Nigeria)
Ms. Gabriele Boner (Germany)
Ms. Ellen S. Nee-Whang (Ghana)

The Board elected Mr. Kazem Asayesh (Islamic Republic of Iran) as its Rapporteur.

Following established practice, the Board agreed that the regional coordinators and other recognized groups of UNCTAD would be fully associated with the work of the Bureau.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session

The Board adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document TD/B/59/1/Rev.2. A detailed programme was made available to all delegations.

General statements

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, addressed the Board.

Representatives of the following member States made statements: Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Iran (on behalf of the Asian Group); Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group); Paraguay (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States); the European Union; Hungary (on behalf of Group D); Nepal (on behalf of the least developed countries); China; Paraguay (on behalf of the landlocked developing countries) and Sri Lanka (on behalf of the Group of 15).

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Item 3 High-level segment: Growth with jobs for poverty reduction: What can Africa learn from other regions?

The high-level segment began its consideration of item 3 with presentations by the following panellists: Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD; H.E. Mr. Mothetojoa, Deputy Prime Minister, Kingdom of Lesotho; H.E. Mr. Robert Sichinga, Minister Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia.

This was followed by an interactive debate with statements by Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Director of the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies; Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director of the Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes; H.E. Mr. Jüri Seilenthal, President of the Board; Nepal, South Africa and Egypt.

General statements

Representatives of the following member States made statements: Mexico; Switzerland; Thailand; Egypt; Malaysia; Barbados; Japan, Turkey and Côte d'Ivoire.

The representative of the non-governmental organization International Trade Union Confederation made a statement.

Information for participants

Registration/attendance forms

Registration/attendance forms will be placed on the desks in the meeting room. It would be appreciated if delegations and observers would complete the forms before leaving the meeting.

Distribution of documents

The documents distribution counter is in the lobby on the second floor of the E building (door 40). Participants should bring with them pre-session documents, i.e. documents circulated prior to the opening of the session. Additional copies of pre-session documents may be available, stock permitting, at the distribution counter in the conference room.

Arrangements for regional group meetings

Requests for rooms for regional group meetings should be made to the UNCTAD Meetings and Credentials Unit (ext. 75497, office E.3061).

Statements

Delegates are invited to send electronic versions of their statements to be posted on the UNCTAD website to tdb@unctad.org. Statements will be made available in the form and language in which they are submitted.

Interactive debate

For the interactive debates, the time allotted for interventions by regional groups, individual countries, and organizations is three minutes each.