

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS (Revised)

Wednesday, 19 September 2012

10 a.m. **Plenary** **Room XXVI**

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

(UNCTAD/TDR/2012, Chapters II–IV)

Panellists

- Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies of UNCTAD
- H.E. Mr. Nicholas Schmit, Minister of Labour, Luxembourg
- Professor James Galbraith, University of Texas, United States of America

Followed by

- Interactive debate

3 p.m. **Plenary** **Room XXVI**

Establishment of Sessional Committees

Item 13 Other matters in the field of trade and development

(a) Progressive development of the law of international trade: Forty-fifth annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

(A/67/17)

(b) Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

Item 15 Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters

(a) Report by the President of the Advisory Body set up in accordance with paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action on the implementation of courses by the secretariat in 2011–2012 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of members of the Advisory Body for 2013

Wednesday, 19 September 2012 (*Cont'd*)

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

(TD/B/WP/(61)/R.1, TD/B/WP/245)

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 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)

Thursday, 20 September 2012

9.30 a.m. **Meeting of the Bureau** **Room E.8121**

10 a.m. **Plenary** **Room XXVI**

Item 6 Economic development in Africa: Structural transformation and sustainable development in Africa

“Towards Sustainable Structural Transformation in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities”

(TD/B/59/4, UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2012)

Opening remarks

- Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD
- Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

General statements

- Statements by regional groups and member States

Thursday, 20 September 2012 (*Cont'd*)

3 p.m.

Plenary

Room XXVI

Item 6 Economic development in Africa: Structural transformation and sustainable development in Africa (*cont'd*)

Panellists

- Mr. Mustapha Kamal Gueye, Economic Affairs Officer, Division of Technology, Industry and Economy, Economics and Trade Branch, United Nations Environmental Programme, Geneva
- Mr. Vinaye Ancharaz, Senior Development Economist, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development
- Charles Gore, former Head of the Research and Policy Analysis Branch, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

Followed by

- Interactive debate

**Bureau of the fifty-ninth session of the
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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS
Tuesday, 18 September 2012

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General statements

General statements from the opening plenary continued. Statements were made by representatives of the following member States: Argentina; Morocco; Zimbabwe; the United States of America; the Russian Federation; Tunisia; South Africa; South Sudan; Ecuador and the Sudan. In addition, a statement was made by the representative of the non-governmental organization LDC Watch.

Item 4 Interdependence: Coordinating stimulus for global growth

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

Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made an introductory statement on agenda items 4 and 8. This was followed by a statement by Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Director of the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies.

General statements

Statements were made by representatives of the following member States: Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Ecuador (on behalf of Group of Latin American and Caribbean States on item 4); El Salvador (on behalf of Group of Latin American and Caribbean States on item 8); the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Asian Group); Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group); the European Union; Nepal (on behalf of the least developed countries); India; Viet Nam; Morocco and China. In addition, a statement was made by the representative of the non-governmental organization New Vision International.

These were followed by remarks by Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Director of the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, and an intervention by the representative of Ecuador.

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Item 4 Interdependence: Coordinating stimulus for global growth

The Board continued its consideration of item 4 with a panel discussion. Presentations were made by Mr. Alfredo Calcagno, Head of the Macroeconomic and Development Strategies Branch of the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies; H.E. Mr. Faizel Ismail, Permanent Representative of South Africa; H.E. Mr. Luis Gallegos, Permanent Representative of Ecuador; and Professor Costas Lapavistas from the School of Oriental and African Studies, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Next followed an interactive debate with interventions by the representatives of Barbados, Ethiopia, Argentina and Zambia, and the participation of the panellists and Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Director of the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies.

Information for participants

Registration/attendance forms

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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.
