

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Monday, 22 September 2014

9–10 a.m. Meeting of the European Union member States Room E. 1058

9–10 a.m. Meeting of the JUSSCANZ member States Room E. 8116

10 a.m. Plenary Room XXVI

Item 7 Evolution of the international trading system and its trends from a development perspective (TD/B/61/2)

Opening remarks

- Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Special guest

- Mr. Roberto Azevêdo, Director-General, World Trade Organization

Presentation of the background document

- Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities

Panellists

- Mr. Crawford Falconer, Deputy Director, Division for Trade and Agriculture, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
- Mr. Jamie Morrison, Senior Economist, Trade and Markets Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- Ms. Miriam Chaves, Chair, Agriculture Committee, World Trade Organization

Followed by

- Open discussion
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- 1–3 p.m. Lunchtime event Room XXV**
Light organic luncheon
Followed by
- Presentations and discussions
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- 2–3 p.m. Meeting of the Group of 77 and China Room XVIII**
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- 3 p.m. Informal meeting Room XXVI**
Item 7 Evolution of the international trading system and its trends from a development perspective (*cont'd*)
- Panellists**
- Mr. Osvaldo Rosales, Director, International Trade and Integration Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
 - Ms. Virginia Cram-Martos, Director, Economic Cooperation, Trade and Land Management Division, Economic Commission for Europe
 - Mr. David Luke, Coordinator, African Trade Policy Centre, Economic Commission for Africa
 - Ms. Vlasta Macku, Chief, UNCTAD Virtual Institute
 - Mr. Musa Muwanga, Chief Executive Officer, National Organic Agricultural Movement, Uganda
 - Mr. Sysangkhom Khotnhotha, Deputy Director-General, Trade and Product Promotion Department, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Lao People's Democratic Republic
- Followed by**
- Open discussion
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 23 September 2014

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

Item 11 b) Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people (TD/B/61/3)

Opening remarks

- Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Mr. Mahmoud Elkhafif, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies

Followed by

- Statements by regional groups and member States
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3 p.m. **Plenary** **Room XXVI**

Item 15 Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

(a) Report by the Chair 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 2013–2014 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of members of the Advisory Body for 2015

Item 12 Matters requiring action by the Board in the follow-up to the thirteenth session of the Conference:

(a) Follow-up to the Joint Inspection Unit report and the agreed conclusions of the twenty-sixth special session of the Trade and Development Board on 6 July 2012 (TD/B/61/9, TD/B/60/5, JIU/REP/2012/1, TD/B(S-XXVI)/CRP.1, TD/B(S-XXVI)/2, TD/B/59/CRP.2, TD/B/59/7)

(a) Report of the UNCTAD Public Symposium (TD/B/61/6)

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 19 September 2014

Sessional Committee I - First plenary meeting

Item 5 Contribution of UNCTAD to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020: Third progress report

Sessional Committee I was opened by the Chair of the Committee, H.E. Mr. Thomas Fitschen (Germany). The Committee elected H.E. Mr. Eloi Laourou (Benin) as Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur.

Sessional Committee I began its consideration of agenda item 5 with a statement by Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (by recorded video message). This was followed by a statement by Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD. Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, introduced the report by the UNCTAD secretariat.

Statements were made by the following delegations: Chad, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; Uruguay, on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group; the Philippines, on behalf of the Asian Group; the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group; the European Union, on behalf of the European Union and its member States; the United States of America, on behalf of JUSSCANZ; Benin, on behalf of the least developed countries; South Africa; Ethiopia; China; Sierra Leone; Angola and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, made concluding remarks and replied to questions by delegations.

Sessional Committee I concluded its deliberation on agenda item 5.

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Plenary meeting

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

Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, presented the report of the secretariat entitled “Progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, and UNCTAD contributions” (TD/B/61/5).

Statements were made by the following delegations: Chad, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; the Philippines, on behalf of the Asian Group; Uruguay, on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group; Benin, on behalf of the least developed countries; the European Union, on behalf of the European Union and its member States; and the Philippines.

The Board took note of the report and concluded the consideration of the agenda item.

Item 13 Other matters in the field of trade and development:

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

The Board took note of the report of the Commission on its forty-seventh session (A/69/17) and concluded consideration of agenda item 13 (a).

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

The Chair of the Joint Advisory Group, H.E. Ms. Mariam Saleh (Malaysia), introduced the report of the Joint Advisory Group on its forty-seventh session.

The representative of Benin made a short comment thanking the Chair and the International Trade Centre.

The Board took note of the report of the Joint Advisory Group at its forty-eighth session and concluded its consideration of the item

Item 11 Technical cooperation activities:

(a) Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD

See agenda item 14 below.

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

In line with past practice, it was noted that item 14 had automatically included item 11 (a), as it was one of the items being considered by the Working Party early this month. H.E. Mr. Thomas Fitschen (Germany), Chair of the Working Party at its sixty-eighth session, reported on both items.

The Board adopted the decision under item 11(a) as presented in TD/B/WP/265.

The Chair took note of a comment made by the representative of Algeria.

The Board also took note of the report of the Working Party at its sixty-eighth session and endorsed the agreed conclusions as contained in TD/B/WP/265.

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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, 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.8103).

Statements

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

Week 1 (15–19 September)		
Monday 22 September	a.m. and p.m.	Item 7: Evolution of the international trading system and its trends from a development perspective
Tuesday 23 September	a.m.	Item 11 (b): Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people
	p.m.	Item 15 (a), item 12 (a) and (b): Matters requiring action by the Board
Wednesday 24 September	a.m.	Informals: Sessional Committee I (item 5) – Least developed countries
	p.m.	Informals: Sessional Committee II (item 6) – Africa
Thursday 25 September	a.m.	Informals
	p.m.	Informals
Friday 26 September	a.m.	Informals
	p.m.	Closing plenary, reports of Sessional Committees I and II, items 15 (b to g), 16, 17, 18 and 19