

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Monday, 21 September 2015

10 a.m. Plenary (1136th meeting) Room XXVI

**Item 6 Evolution of the international trading system and its trends
from a development perspective (TD/B/62/2)**

- Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Ms. Arancha González, Executive Director, International Trade Centre
- Mr. Roberto Azevêdo, Director-General, World Trade Organization

Followed by

- Question and answer session, and discussion on high-level presentations

Presentation of the background document

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

Followed by

- Open discussion and general statements

3 p.m. Plenary (1137th meeting) Room XXVI

**Item 10 Technical cooperation activities:
(b) Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people
(TD/B/62/3)**

Opening remarks

- Mr. Joakim Reiter, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Presentation of the report

- Mr. Mahmoud Elkhafif, Coordinator, Assistance to the Palestinian People Unit, UNCTAD

Address

- Mr. Mohammad Shtayyeh, Minister, Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction

Followed by

- General statements by regional groups and member States
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS
Tuesday, 22 September 2015

10 a.m. Plenary (1138th meeting) Room XXVI

**Item 6 Evolution of the international trading system and its trends
 from a development perspective (TD/B/62/2)**

**Introductory remarks: Connecting trade and trade policy with
sustainable development goals**

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

Panellists

- Ms. Susan F. Stone, Director, Trade and Investment Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- Ms. Virginia Cram-Martos, Director, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- Mr. Nanno Mulder, Chief, International Trade Unit, International Trade and Integration Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- Mr. David Luke, Coordinator, African Trade Policy Centre, Regional Integration and Trade Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
- Mr. Mehmet Eris, Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Development and Integration Division, United Nation Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

Followed by

- Open discussion
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3 p.m. Plenary (1139th meeting) Room XXVI

**Item 6 Evolution of the international trading system and its trends
 from a development perspective:**
- The role of smallholder farmers in sustainable commodities
production and trade (TD/B/62/9)

Opening remarks

- Mr. Samuel Gayi, Head, Special Unit on Commodities, UNCTAD

Panellists

- Mr. Edouard Nizeyimana, Senior Programme Advisor, Purchase for Progress, World Food Programme, Rome
- Mr. Olivier Eugène, Chief Executive Officer, Geneven, Paris
- Mr. Philippe Egger, Advisor, Development Innovations and Networks, Brussels

Followed by

- Interactive debate
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Plenary (1139th meeting)
(continued)

Item 12 Follow-up to the Joint Inspection Unit report and the agreed conclusions of the twenty-sixth special session of the Trade and Development Board (JIU/REP/2012/1, TD/B/59/CRP.2, TD/B/62/6)

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 18 September 2015

Sessional Committee I – First plenary meeting

Item 4 Contribution of UNCTAD to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020: Fourth progress report

Sessional Committee I was opened by the Chair of the Committee, H.E. Ambassador Eloi Laourou (Benin). The Committee elected Mr. Faical Souissi (Morocco) as Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur.

Sessional Committee I began its consideration of item 4 with opening remarks by the Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, Mr. Joakim Reiter. This was followed by an introduction of the background document by Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director of the Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes.

Statements were made by the following delegations: the Philippines, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group; Cuba, on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group; the European Union, on behalf of the European Union and its member States; Canada, on behalf of JUSSCANNZ; Benin, on behalf of the least developed countries; Paraguay, on behalf of the landlocked developing countries; Nepal; China; Morocco; Ethiopia; and South Africa.

Mr. Joakim Reiter, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made closing remarks.

Sessional Committee I concluded its deliberation on agenda item 4.

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Item 13 Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget

The Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur of the Working Party at its seventy-first session, Mr. Thomas Fohgrub (Germany), presented the report of the Working Party.

The Board took note of the report of the Working Party at its seventy-first session as contained in document TD/B/WP/275.

Item 10 Technical cooperation activities:

- (a) Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD

The Board endorsed the draft decision included in Annex I of the report of the Working Party (TD/B/WP/275) as presented by the Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur of the Working Party at its seventy-first session, Mr. Thomas Fohgrub (Germany), above.

Item 9 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. Joakim Reiter, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made some remarks on this agenda item.

The representative of Uruguay made some comments on this item.

Item 11 Report of the Seventh United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices

Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director of the Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, presented the report of the Conference as contained in document TD/RBP/CONF.8/11.

The Board took note of the report and endorsed the resolution of the Seventh United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices as contained in document TD/RBP/CONF.8/11. The Board also took note of the draft resolution on consumer protection and the revised United Nations *Guidelines for Consumer Protection* as contained in document TD/RBP/CONF.8/11/Add.1.

Item 14 Other matters in the field of trade and development:

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

The Board took note of the forty-eighth annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law as contained in document A/70/17.

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