



**Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development**  
**Eleventh session**  
**Geneva, Switzerland, 15 and 16 April 2019**  
**Palais des Nations, Room XXVI**  
**Provisional Programme**

Monday, 15 April

10–10.30 a.m.: Opening session

Item 1. Election of officers

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Opening statement by: **Ms. Isabelle Durant**, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD, Geneva, Switzerland

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Item 3. Recent developments, challenges and opportunities in commodity markets

Presenters:

(a) *Overview*

**Mr. Janvier Nkurunziza**, Commodities Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD, Geneva, Switzerland

*Recent trends and outlook in commodity markets*

(b) *Recent developments and challenges in commodity markets: Agriculture*

**Mr. Faouzi Gsouma**, Minister Counselor, Trade and Development Policy, Permanent Delegation of the African Union to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva

*African Union Commodity Strategy*

**Mr. Denis Drechsler**, Project Manager, Agricultural Market Information System Secretariat, Rome, Italy

*Enhancing market transparency and policy coordination*

**Ms. Katia Covarrubias**, Economist, Trade and Market Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome, Italy

*The outlook for global food and agricultural markets*

**Mr. Laurent Pipitone**, Consultant and Director, Co-founder, FarmBridge International, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

*The state and future of the cocoa and coffee markets*

**Mr. Issa Idrissa Maiga**, Deputy Director of External Trade of Mali

*Trends in the Malian cotton market*

Interactive discussion

1–3 p.m.: Lunch break

3–6 p.m.

Item 3. Recent developments, challenges and opportunities in commodity markets (continued)

- (c)      *Recent developments and new challenges in commodity markets: Minerals, ores metals and energy*

Presenters:

**Mr. Guillaume Albasini**, Energy and Mining Analyst, Switzerland

*Trends in minerals, ores and metals with a focus on lithium, cobalt, nickel, graphite, manganese and nickel*

**Mr. Itthilith Ngangnouvong**, Director of Trade in Goods Division, Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic

*Mining in the Lao People's Democratic Republic, economic growth and price fluctuation*

**Mr. Hayk V. Hovhannisyan**, Trade Representative of Armenia to the Swiss Confederation

*The global market of solar energy*

**Mr. Hector Hurtado**, Financial Analyst, Petroleum Studies Department, The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Vienna, Austria

*Recent trends in the global oil markets*

**Mr. Rouben Indjikian**, Professor of Management and Economics, Lecturer in Commodities and Energy, Webster University, Geneva, Switzerland

*Oil market developments and prospects: A geostrategic perspective*

Interactive discussion

6–7.30 p.m.: Networking session (by invitation)

Delegates Restaurant

Building A, 8<sup>th</sup> floor

Tuesday, 16 April

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Item 4. Managing commodity price risk in commodity-dependent developing countries

**Mr. Janvier Nkurunziza**, Commodities Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD, Geneva, Switzerland

*Managing commodity price risk in commodity-dependent developing countries*

(a) *Hedging in commodity-dependent developing countries*

Presenters:

**Mr. Yves Jégourel**, Maître de Conférences HDR, Université de Bordeaux, Bordeaux, France

*Commodity price risk management: cotton and other commodities*

**Mr. Darren Cooper**, International Grains Council (IGC), London, United Kingdom

*An overview of IGC's price information system and market transparency*

**Mr. Guillaume Albasini**, Energy and Mining Analyst, Switzerland

*Risk management in the minerals, ores and metals sector: Stakes and strategies for producing countries*

**Mr. Amir Lebdioui**, Ph. D Candidate, Centre of Development Studies, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

*The management of resource revenues for diversification: introducing new tools and approaches*

**Mr. Eric Adam**, Directeur des relations institutionnelles du Groupe Carrefour, France

*Contract farming as a price stabilization scheme*

**Mr. Robert Skidmore**, Chief of Sector and Enterprise Competitiveness, International Trade Centre, Geneva, Switzerland

*Risk differentiation along commodity value chains*

Interactive discussion

1–3 p.m.: Lunch break

3–5.30 p.m.: Item 4. Managing commodity price risk in commodity-dependent developing countries (continued)

(b) *Commodity price management strategies: Some case studies*

Presenters:

**H.E. Ms. Athaliah Lesiba Molokomme**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and Permanent Representative of Botswana

*The experience of Botswana with natural resource governance and value addition strategy*

**H. E. Mr. Zénon Mukongo Ngay**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of Congo

*Reforms in the mining sector: The case of the Democratic Republic of the Congo*

**Ms. Daniah A Orkoubi**, Head of Economic Reports Department, Ministry of Economy and Planning, Saudi Arabia

*Saudi economic growth strategy on the face of oil price uncertainty*

**Ms. Bla Josee Charlotte Eba**, Lecturer, University of the West of Scotland and member, Centre for African Research on Enterprise and Economic Development, Glasgow, United Kingdom

*Managing commodity price volatility: Contrasting Côte d'Ivoire with Ethiopia*

**Mr. John Struthers**, Professor and Director, Centre for African Research on Enterprise and Economic Development, University of the West of Scotland, United Kingdom

*Welfare effects of commodity price volatility. Should volatility always be corrected? Applications to coffee producers in India and Ethiopia*

**Mr. Andrey Kuleshov**, Strategy and Development Adviser, Common Fund for Commodities, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

*How impact investment reduces risk price volatility or does not concentrate this risk on producers*

Interactive discussion

**Ms. Pamela Coke-Hamilton**, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD, Geneva, Switzerland

5.30–6 p.m.: Item 5. Adoption of the report of the meeting

Closing

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