Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development
9–10 April 2014
Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XXVI

Programme Timetable

Wednesday, 9 April 2014

10 a.m. – 1 a.m.
Opening session

Opening statement by Ms. Anne Miroux, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD, O-i-C of UNCTAD

10.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Item 3: Recent developments and new challenges in commodity markets, and policy options for commodity-based inclusive growth and sustainable development

Moderator: Mr. George Riddell, Attaché, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, will chair the multi-year expert meeting

(a) Overview

• Mr. Samuel K. Gayi, Head of the Special Unit on Commodities, UNCTAD
• Mr. Boubaker BenBelhassen, Principal Officer, Trade and Markets Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome

(b) Agriculture

• Mr. Nathan Kemp, Economist, International Grains Council, London
• Mr. Han Loke Fong, Senior Economist, International Cocoa Organization
• Mr. Ammar Assabah, Deputy Director, International Olive Oil Council

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3 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

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

Moderator: Mr. Glenn Gemerts, Chair of the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining and Metals, Suriname

Presenters:

• Mr. Carlos Risopatron, Director of Economics and Environment for the International Copper Study Group, Lisbon

• Mr. Tang Ke, Professor, Hanqing Advanced Institute of Economics and Finance, and School of Finance, Renmin University of China, Beijing

• Ms. Alexandra Laurent, Statistician, Special Unit on Commodities, UNCTAD

16.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

(d) Recent developments and new challenges in commodity markets: Energy

Moderator: Mr. Gianluca Sambucini, Secretary of the Committee on Sustainable Energy, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Presenters:

• Mr. Franz-Josef Wodopia, Professor, Executive Member of the Managing Board, German Coal Association, and Vice-President, European Association for Coal and Lignite

• Ms. Valérie Ducrot, Manager, Gas Centre, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva

• Dr. Abhishek Deshpande, Lead Oil Markets Analyst, Natixis
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Item 4. Natural resources sector: Review and identification of opportunities for commodity-based trade and development

- Samuel K. Gayi, Head of the Special Unit on Commodities, UNCTAD

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

(a) Mining taxation regimes and strategies for managing windfall revenues towards a structural transformation

Moderator: Her Excellency Ms. Encyla Tina Chishiba Sinjela, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zambia

Presenters:

- Mr. Euloge Anicet Nkounkou, International Expert in Petroleum, Minerals and Energy law
- Ms. Zainab Ahmed, National Coordinator, Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, Abuja
- Ms. Alessandra Ordenes, National Coordinator, Philippine Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, Manila, Philippines
- Mr. Sven Behrendt, Managing Director, Geoeconomica, Geneva
- Mr. Alexander Medina Herasme, Director General of Mining, Dominican Republic

1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Lunch Break
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3 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

(c) Role of renewable energy in promoting commodity-based sustainable growth and development: Addressing challenges in developing renewable energy or alternative energy options

Moderator: Mr. Robert Piller, Auprès Consult

Presenters:

• Ms. Marlenis Águila Zamora, Especialista A en Uso Racional de la Energía en la Dirección de Energías Renovables del Ministerio de Energía y Minas, Cuba

• Mr. Daniel Favrat, Professeur, Directeur du Centre de l’Énergie, École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland

4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

(b) Opportunities for employment creation and human capacity building in the natural resources sector

Moderator: Mr. Robert Piller, Auprès Consult

Presenters:

• Mr. Moustapha Kamal Gueye, Green Jobs Programme, Enterprises Department, International Labour Organization

• Mr. Glenn Gemerts, Chair of the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining and Metals, Suriname

5.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Item 5. Closing of the meeting