



**Multi-year Expert Meeting on
Commodities and Development**
15–16 April 2015
Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XXVI
Programme Timetable

Wednesday, 15 April 2015

10–10.30 a.m.

Opening session

Opening statement by **Mr. Joakim Reiter**, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Item 1: Election of officers

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

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. Luis Manuel Piantini Munnigh**, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the World Trade Organization

(a) Overview

- **Mr. Samuel K. Gayi**, Head of the Special Unit on Commodities, UNCTAD
- **Mr. Ashutosh Shastri**, Director, Enerstrat Consulting, London
Prospects for commodities and their role in development
- **Mr. George Rapsomanikis**, Senior Economist in the Trade and Markets Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome
Latest development in the food and agricultural commodity markets

(b) Agriculture

- **Ms. Amy Reynolds**, Senior Economist, International Grains Council, London
The current situation and outlook for grains, rice and oilseeds
- **Dr. Jean-Marc Anga**, Executive Director, International Cocoa Organization, London
Latest developments in the cocoa market
- **Mr. Andrei Guitchounts**, Director of Trade Analysis, International Cotton Advisory Committee, Washington, D.C.
Cotton provisions in the United States of America 2014 Farm Bill; United States–Brazil cotton settlement and the post-Bali agenda for cotton producer developing countries.

Interactive discussion

1–3 p.m.

Lunch break



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3–4.30 p.m.

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

Moderator: **Mr. Ashutosh Shastri**, Director, Enerstrat Consulting, London

Presenters:

- **Mr. Sujatmiko**, Director, Directorate General of Mineral and Coal, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Indonesia
- **Mr. Glenn Gemerts**, Senior Geologist, Chair, Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals Metals and Sustainable Development, Suriname
Role of women in mining
- **Mr. Charles Akong**, Economic Affairs Officer, Policy and Regulatory Framework Team, African Mineral Development Centre, Focal Point at the African Mineral Development Centre for the African Union Commodity Strategy, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
African Mining Vision and the African Union Commodity Strategy: Implications for Policy
- **Mr. Aloyce Tesha**, Assistant Commissioner of Minerals, Ministry of Energy and Minerals, United Republic of Tanzania
The United Republic of Tanzania's experience in harnessing mineral resources for development
- **Mr. Michael Tost**, Vale's Head of External Affairs Europe/ North America, based in Switzerland
Lower minerals prices and their impact on Vale's investment plans

Interactive discussion

4.30–6 p.m.

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

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

Moderator: **Mr. Ashutosh Shastri**, Director, Enerstrat Consulting, London

Presenters:

- **Mr. Philippe Chalmin**, Professor, Head of Cyclope, University of Dauphine, Paris, France
Recent developments and new challenges in commodity markets: Energy
- **Dr. Abhishek Deshpande**, Lead Oil Markets Analyst, Commodities Research Natixis, London
Latest developments in the oil markets
- **Mr. Benson Mwakina**, Senior Principal Superintending Engineer, Directorate of Renewable Energy, Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, Kenya
Wind energy in Kenya

Interactive discussion



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10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Item 4. Policy actions for mitigating the impact of price volatility in commodity markets on global food security and increasing access to market intelligence, financial resources and markets for commodity-dependent developing countries

(a) Designing and improving appropriate policies against commodities price volatility and ensuring food security

Moderator: **Mr. Terry Townsend**, former Executive Director of the International Cotton Advisory Committee

Presenters:

- **Ms. Catherine Araujo-Bonjean**, Chargée de recherche au Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Directrice Adjointe du Centre d'Études et de Recherches sur le Développement International, Clermont-Ferrand, France
Food price spike and food security: an illustration from Niger
- **Mr. Francis Mulangu**, Agricultural Economist, African Center for Economic Transformation, Accra
Using weather index insurances to address price volatility
- **Mr. Christophe Gouel**, Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique, Économie publique, AgroParisTech, Paris
Food price stabilization policies: Lessons from economic theory
- **Ms. Catherine Simonet**, Research Officer, Overseas Development Institute, London
Climate Information and Commodities Prices
- **Ms. Gerdien Meijerink**, Head, International Policy Group, LEI Wageningen University and Research Centres, The Hague, the Netherlands
Speculation and volatile food prices: An overview of the debate and research

Interactive discussion

Lunch Break 1–3 p.m.

3–4.30 p.m.

(b) Implementing policies against commodities price volatility and ensuring food security: role of financial resources

Moderator: **Mr. Marwa Joel Kisiri**, Ambassador and Permanent Observer, Permanent Delegation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Switzerland

Presenters:

- **Mr. Abdou Komlabigue**, Programme Officer, Market Access Programme for West Africa, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, Accra, Ghana
General discussion on access to finance with practical examples
- **Dr. Barhat Kulkarni**, Stalwart Management Consultancy Services, Mumbai, India
Role of structured financial products in managing commodities price volatility

Interactive discussion



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4.30–5.30 p.m.

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(c) Issues related to market access

Moderator: **Mr. Malloum Bamanga Abbas**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Chad to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Presenters:

- **Mr. George Mermigkas**, Economist with the Liaison Office of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland
Food security: Public stockholding and World Trade Organization domestic support discipline – Issues for post-Bali negotiations
- **Dr. Steven Were Omamo**, Purchase for progress Unit, World Food Programme, Rome
Strengthening smallholder resilience to shocks from the demand side: Emerging evidence from the Purchase for Progress pilot project
- **Dr. Borgui Yerima**, Chargé de Programme, Programme d'appui à la sécurité alimentaire et nutritionnelle en Afrique de l'Ouest, Agence régionale pour l'agriculture et l'alimentation, Lomé
Regional dimension of food security policies

Interactive discussion

5.30–6 p.m.

Item 5. Closing of the meeting

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