



**MULTI-YEAR EXPERT MEETING ON PROMOTING ECONOMIC INTEGRATION
AND COOPERATION**

Third session

Geneva, Palais des Nations, Salle XXVI, 2-3 July 2015

PROGRAMME

Thursday 2 July 2015

10:00 - 13:00 **Item 1-** Election of Officers

Opening statement by the Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Item 2 - Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Item 3 - Strengthening sub-regional, regional, and interregional dialogue and cooperation and their contributions to economic integration and development: Policy lessons for development-oriented regional integration

SESSION 1: Under what conditions trade could become a growth engine in a process of regional integration?

- Introduction: Richard Kozul-Wright, Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD
- Tatyana Valovaya, Minister in charge of Integration Development and Macroeconomics, Eurasian Economic Commission
- Charles Soludo, Chair African Heritage Foundation, former Governor Central Bank of Nigeria
- Stephen Karingi, Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Q&A and discussion from the floor

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15:00 –18:00 Item 3 continued

SESSION 2: Productive integration as the basis of development-oriented regional integration

Panellists:

- Jan Hoffmann, Chief, Trade Facilitation Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD
- Jesus Felipe, Advisor in the Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department of the Asian Development Bank
- Rashmi Banga, Commonwealth Secretariat, United Kingdom
- Ricardo Carciofi, University of Buenos Aires, former Director of the Institute for the Integration of Latin America and the Caribbean (INTAL)

Q&A and discussion from the floor

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10:00-13:00 Item 3 continued

SESSION 3: Financing for development-oriented regional integration

Panelists :

- Markus Berndt, Head of Policy and Strategy Division, the European Investment Bank
- Gabriel V. Mougani, Chief Regional Integration Economist, African Development Bank
- Ricardo Gottschalk, Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Cooperation and Integration among Developing Countries, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD

Q&A and discussion from the floor

SESSION 4: Chairperson's summary and closing plenary

Item 4 - Adoption of the report of the meeting