

Trade and Development

Commission

16th session

Programme

29 June–3 July, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (CET)

Room XII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Monday, 29 June

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Opening plenary session

Item 1 Election of officers

Item 2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Opening remarks Mr. Pedro Manuel Moreno, Acting Secretary-General of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Statements by UNCTAD member States

3–6 p.m.	Panel discussion
Item 5	<i>Supporting diversification for sustainable and resilient development</i> (TD/B/C.I/63)
Keynote speech	H.E. Ms. Merewalesi Falemaka , Ambassador, Pacific Islands Forum
Presentation	Mr. Ralf Peters , Chief, Trade Analysis Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD
3.30–4.30 p.m.	<u>Discussion 1: Building on trade rules, policy space and market access</u> • H.E. Ms. Sumathi Balakrishnan, Ambassador of Malaysia to the WTO • H.E. Mr. José R. Sánchez Fung, Ambassador of the Dominican Republic to the WTO • H.E. Mr. Ram Prasad Subedi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Nepal to the UN & Other International Organizations at Geneva
Followed by	Statements and Q&A by regional groups and individual delegations
4.30–5.30 p.m.	<u>Discussion 2: Using commodity sectors for structural transformation and drawing on servicification and digitalization</u> • H.E. Dr. Richard Brown, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the UN & Other International Organizations at Geneva • Mr. Septian Hario Seto, Member and Executive Secretary, National Economic Council of the Republic of Indonesia • Mr. Andrey Kuleshov, Chief of Strategy and Development, Common Fund for Commodities • Prof. Erika Kraemer-Mbula, Professor of Economics, University of Johannesburg
Followed by	Statements and Q&A by regional groups and individual delegations
	<u>Closing remarks</u>
UNCTAD contribution	Ms. Luz Maria de la Mora , Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD



10 a.m.–1 p.m. **Panel discussion**

Item 6 *African ports: Key issues, challenges and opportunities*
(TD/B/C.I(16)/CRP.1)

- Issues for discussion
- The session will examine, bearing in mind the AfCFTA objectives:
- (a) The role of African ports and transport corridors in promoting regional integration, intra-continental trade and effective participation in regional and global value chains;
 - (b) Key intervention measures spanning transport, logistics and trade facilitation to modernize port-corridor systems in Africa while enhancing their sustainability, resilience and preparedness in the face of change and disruptions;
 - (c) How to scale up investment in smart, sustainable and resilient port-corridor systems in Africa.

Presentation **Ms. Frida Youssef**, Chief, Transport Section, Trade Logistics Branch,
Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

Discussion

- **H.E. Mr. Salomon Eheth**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cameroon to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- **Mr. Badibalaki Wembie**, Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Permanent Mission of the Togolese Republic to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- **H.E. Mrs. Fancy Chepkemai Too**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- **H.E. Mr. Brian Neil Joseph Glover**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Mauritius to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva
- **H.E. Mr. Negus Kebede Kassaw**, Ambassador Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Ethiopia to the United Nations Office at Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland.

Discussants

- **Mr. Olivier Straub**, Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC)
- UNCTAD Secretariat, Trade Logistics Branch

Followed by Statements and Q&A by regional groups and individual delegations



Tuesday, 30 June

3–6 p.m. **Reports**

Item 3 Reports of expert meetings:

- (a) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development
- (b) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Trade, Services and Development
- (c) Multi-year Expert Meeting on Transport, Trade Logistics and Trade Facilitation

Item 4

Reports of Intergovernmental Groups of Experts:

- (a) Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development
- (b) Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy

Item 7

Progress report on promoting and strengthening synergies among the three pillars

Wednesday, 1 July

10 a.m.–1 p.m. **Informal consultations**

3–6 p.m. **Informal consultations**

Thursday, 2 July

10 a.m.–1 p.m. **Informal consultations**

3–6 p.m. **Informal consultations**



Friday, 3 July

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Informal consultations**

3–6 p.m. **Closing plenary meeting**

Consideration of the draft outcome of the Trade and Development Commission

Item 8 Other business

Item 9 Adoption of the report of the Commission to the Trade and Development Board

