

PROGRAMME OF THE MEETING

Wednesday 27th September 2017	
9:30	Registration of participants and Coffee
10:00 – 13:00	<p>Plenary: Can VSS enhance sustainable gains from Trade?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do VSS improve or deteriorate “sustainable” trade growth? <p>Break-up session 1: What are expected gains from trading VSS-certified products?</p> <p>Break-up session 2: What “pro-active” government measures increase VSS’ effectiveness as a tool to achieve sustainable development?</p> <p>Wrap-up session: Strategic options going forward</p>
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 - 16:15	<p>Multi-Stakeholder Approach at the National Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case study on the national multi-stakeholder VSS platforms of China, India and Brazil • What is the role of a national regulatory framework on VSS? • How do we assess various stakeholders’ interests and concerns on VSS? • Can governments use national platform on VSS to implement policies on sustainable development? <p>Discussants: UNFSS Members: FAO, ITC, UNCTAD, UNE, UNIDO</p>
16:15 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 17:45	<p>Do we need Global Governance on VSS?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When and in which areas is there a need for global governance on VSS? • What type of international cooperation among developing countries should be developed: regulatory cooperation mutual recognition or harmonization? <p style="text-align: center;">-</p>
17:45 – 18:00	Concluding remarks by UNCTAD