

Trade and Development Board, sixtieth session, 16–27 September 2013, Geneva

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Monday, 16 September 2013

10 a.m.

Plenary

Room XVIII

- **Opening of the Trade and Development Board**
- **Special address by H.E. Mr. Hamad bin Abdulaziz Al-Kawari, Minister of Culture, Arts and Heritage of Qatar, President of UNCTAD XIII**

Item 1 Election of officers

Item 2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session (TD/B/60/1/Rev.1)

General statements

- Opening statement by Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
 - Statements by regional groups, member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations
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Item 3 High-level segment

Beyond the curve: UNCTAD and new patterns of growth for trade and development

(TD/B/60/7)

The high-level segment will focus on the new geography of global production, trade and finance that has emerged over the past two decades. The global financial crisis has further accentuated these changes. The timing, pace and mode of exiting from crisis-related policies will have a significant impact on growth, trade and development for all countries. National, regional and international policies will have their impact on a smooth and development-friendly recovery. In this process, monetary and fiscal policies, as well as the rules governing financial and international financial systems, will undergo shifts and changes and the role of industrial policies will also be important. Developing countries have started to seek alternative development strategies, focusing on both domestic demand and sectoral diversification for the generation of linkages and productivity growth. Nevertheless, the use of industrial policy to address post-crisis economic challenges is likely to differ across various groups of countries. The systematic treatment by UNCTAD of these topics over the years highlights its potential contribution to elaborating appropriate development strategies for the future.

Moderators

- Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- President of the Trade and Development Board

Panellists

- Mr. Abdelwahad Matar, Minister of Trade and Handicrafts, Tunisia
- Mr. Hamadoun Touré, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union
- Mr. Francis Gurry, Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization

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Item 4 Interdependence: Towards new patterns in global growth

Item 8 Development strategies in a globalized world: Growing domestic and regional demand for balanced and sustainable growth
(UNCTAD/TDR/2013 and Overview)

Opening remarks

- Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Mr. Alfredo Calcagno, Officer-in-Charge, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD

General statements

- Statements by regional groups and member States

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Item 4 Interdependence: Towards new patterns in global growth (UNCTAD/TDR/2013, chapter I)

Deliberations by the Trade and Development Board under this agenda item will provide an opportunity to review how the performance of the world economy has evolved since 2012. It places this analysis within a longer-term perspective showing the rising importance of several developing countries and regions as additional drivers of global economic growth. Special attention will be given to the policies that developed countries and developing and transition economies should adopt to recover sustained growth rates without reproducing the domestic and global imbalances that led to the financial and economic crisis of 2008–2009. As a background document for the Board's deliberations, chapter I of the "Trade and Development Report, 2013" reviews current trends in the world economy, the implications of global economic interdependence for developing countries, the scope for countercyclical and structural policy measures and the need for a concerted response to global economic challenges.

Opening remarks

- Mr. Alfredo Calcagno, Officer-in-Charge, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD

Presentation of the report

- Mr. Alex Izurieta, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD

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Panellists

- Mr. Michel Aglietta, Professor of Economic Sciences, University of Paris West Nanterre, Adviser to the Centre d'Études Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales and member of the French High Council of Public Finances, France
- Ms. Esther Dweck, Head of Ministry Advisers, Ministry of Planning, Budget and Management, Brazil
- Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Professor of African Development, London School of Economics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- Ms. Sandra Polaski, Deputy Director-General for policy, International Labour Office

Followed by

Interactive debate

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Informal meeting

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**Item 8 Development strategies in a globalized world:
Growing domestic and regional demand for
balanced and sustainable growth**

(UNCTAD/TDR/2013, chapters II–VI)

Deliberations by the Trade and Development Board under this agenda item will focus on the need for active policies to strengthen domestic and regional markets on the demand side and productive upgrading and diversification on the supply side, as the driving principles underpinning long-term development strategies. The current financial and economic crisis is more than just a cyclical episode; it represents a breaking point, after which it will be neither possible nor desirable to return to pre-crisis growth patterns. In many cases development strategies will have to be refocused. Countries will have to strengthen domestic and regional consumption and investment, which in turn will generate imports demand and trade. Global or (at least) regional coordination are important for the sustainability of this process.

Opening remarks

- Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

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Presentation of the Report

- Mr. Alfredo Calcagno, Officer-in-Charge, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD

Panellists

- Mr. Ha-Joon Chang, Reader in the Political Economy of Development at the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- Mr. Nimrod Zalk, Industrial Development Policy and Strategy Adviser, Department of Trade and Industry, South Africa
- Mr. Edgardo Torija Zane, Senior Manager of International Agreements, Central Bank, Argentina

Followed by

Interactive debate

2 p.m. Meeting of the Bureau of the Trade and Development Board Room XXVI

- Terms of reference for multi-year and single-year expert meetings
- Substantive topics for the Commissions

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Item 9 Investment for development: Global value chains and development

(UNCTAD/WIR/2013 and Overview)

With the rise of global value chains (GVCs), a trade-investment nexus permeates and defines today's global economy. The vast preponderance of global trade is ultimately governed by transnational corporations, which orchestrate and coordinate GVCs through foreign direct investment, non-equity modes (such as services outsourcing, contract farming and contract manufacturing) and cross-border transactions with independent firms. There are both opportunities and risks associated with GVCs for developing countries. They need to carefully weigh the pros and cons of GVC participation and the costs and benefits of proactive policies to promote GVCs or GVC-led development strategies, in line with their specific situation. Some countries may decide not to promote it; others may not have a choice. In reality, most are already involved in GVCs to a degree. Policy matters to make GVCs work for development. The Board session will also provide an opportunity for a briefing by the secretariat on the latest developments on foreign direct investment trends and policies.

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Opening remarks

- Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise

Panellists

- H.E. Dr. Kan Zaw, Union Minister of National Planning and Economic Development, Myanmar
- H.E. Mr. Lamine Doghri, Minister of Development and International Cooperation, Tunisia
- Mr. Chris Brett, Vice-President, Olam International
- Professor John Humphrey, Institute of Development Studies, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Followed by

- Interactive debate

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10 a.m.

Plenary

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Item 6 Economic Development in Africa: Intra-African trade: Unlocking private sector dynamism
(TD/B/60/4 and UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2013)

This agenda item will consider the report, “Economic Development in Africa: Intra-African Trade: Unlocking Private Sector Dynamism”, which examines how to strengthen the private sector to boost intra-African trade. The report argues that for countries in Africa to reap expected gains from intra-African trade and regional integration, they will need to place the building of productive capacities and domestic entrepreneurship at the heart of the policy agenda for boosting intra-African trade. In this context, the report recommends that Governments in Africa should promote intra-African trade in the context of developmental regionalism. In particular, it stresses the need for a shift from a process and linear approach to integration, which focuses on elimination of trade barriers, to a more development-based approach to integration, which pays as much attention to the building of productive capacities and private sector development as to the elimination of trade barriers.

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Opening remarks

- Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary- General of UNCTAD

Introduction of the report

- Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes

General statements

- Statements by regional groups and member States

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Item 6 Economic Development in Africa: Intra-African trade: Unlocking private sector dynamism (TD/B/60/4 and UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2013)

Opening remarks

- Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary- General of UNCTAD by videoconference

Panellists

- Ms. Frannie Léautier, Executive Secretary, African Capacity Building Foundation, Zimbabwe
- Mr. Faizel Ismail, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of South Africa
- Mr. Mwangi Kimenyi, Director, Africa Growth initiative, Global Economy and Development, Brookings Institution, Washington, United States of America

Followed by

- Interactive debate

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10 a.m.

Informal meeting

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Item 5 UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the least developed countries: Second progress report (TD/B/60/8 and UNCTAD/ALDC/2013/1)

The session will deliberate on the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020 and UNCTAD's contribution. To assist the discussions of the Board on the

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item, the secretariat produced two background documents: (a) a study titled “Enabling the graduation of the least developed countries: Enhancing the role of commodities and improving agricultural productivity” (UNCTAD/ALDC/2012/1); and (b) first progress report on UNCTAD-wide implementation of the relevant provisions of the Programme of Action (TD/B/59/3). The study, which is intended to advance deliberations on issues of graduation, by the Board, is the outcome of an ongoing work of the UNCTAD secretariat on the least developed countries. It assesses the challenges, opportunities and prospects for meeting the criteria for graduation, particularly by harnessing the role of commodities and improving agricultural productivity. The second background document provides comprehensive information on the UNCTAD-wide activities in implementing the relevant priority areas contained in the Istanbul Programme of Action. It also includes a brief assessment of progress towards some of the key agreed goals, lessons learned and the way forward.

Opening remarks

- Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes

General statements

- Statements by regional groups and member States

Followed by

- Brief remarks by the Chair
- Interactive debate

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- Item 10** UNCTAD’s contribution to the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields (TD/B/60/9)
- Item 11 (a)** Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD (TD/B/WP/253, TD/B/WP/253/Add.1, TD/B/WP/253/Add.2, TD/B/WP/255, UNCTAD/OSG/MISC/2013/1)
- Item 13 (a)** Progressive development of the law of international trade: Forty-sixth annual report of

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United Nations Commission on International
Trade Law (A/68/17)

- (b) Report of the Trade and Development
Commission on its fifth session (TD/B/C.I/31)

Item 15 (a) Report by the President of the Advisory Body
set up in accordance with paragraph 166 of the
Bangkok Plan of Action on the implementation
of courses by the secretariat in 2012–2013 and
their relevant impact

Item 14 Report of the Working Party on the Strategic
Framework and the Programme Budget
(TD/B/WP/255)

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**Item 7 Evolution of the international trading system and
its trends from a development perspective**
(TD/B/60/2)

The Trade and Development Board will deliberate on recent trends in international trade flows in goods and services, important developments in the international trading system and the contribution that international trade can make to address the eradication of poverty within the context of sustainable development in the framework of the post-2015 United Nations development agenda.

In the morning session, the Board will discuss the contribution that international trade can make towards addressing the eradication of poverty within the context of sustainable development in the framework of the post-2015 United Nations development agenda.

Opening remarks

- Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Guest speakers

- To be confirmed

Presentation by

- Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, UNCTAD

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Followed by

- Interactive debate
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Item 7 Evolution of the international trading system and its trends from a development perspective

(TD/B/60/2)

In the afternoon session the Board will deliberate on key developments in the international trading system and trade policies, identifying actions to address twenty-first century issues. The Board will examine ways for achieving policy coherence, including through strengthened cooperation. This session will also offer the opportunity for the recently appointed heads of UNCTAD, the World Trade Organization and the International Trade Centre to share their visions on the future work of their respective organizations, as well as the possible synergies and cooperation among them.

Opening remarks

- Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Guest Speakers

- Mr. Roberto Carvalho de Azevêdo, Director-General of the World Trade Organization
- Ms. Arancha González, Executive Director of the International Trade Centre

Followed by

- Interactive debate
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**Item 11 (b) Report on UNCTAD assistance to the
Palestinian people (TD/B/60/3)**

Opening remarks

- Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Mr. Mahmoud Elkhafif, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD

Followed by

Statements by regional groups and member States

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**Item 12 (a) Matters requiring action by the Board in the
follow-up to the thirteenth session of the
Conference**

The Trade and Development Board at its fifty-ninth session considered a workplan for enhancing the management and administration of UNCTAD, which was developed in accordance with the agreed conclusions of the twenty-sixth special session of the Trade and Development Board on 6 July 2012. At the fifty-ninth session, the Board requested the secretariat to enhance the management and administration of UNCTAD through the implementation of the workplan presented at the session, as contained in document TD/B/59/CRP.2, and based on the deliberations of the Board. The Board also requested a comprehensive progress report on implementation at its sixtieth session in September 2013. The secretariat will report on the implementation of the workplan for enhancing the management and administration of UNCTAD.

Introduction

- Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Item 12 (b) Report of the UNCTAD Public Symposium

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Sessional Committee I – Least developed countries (item 5)

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| 3 p.m. | Informals

Sessional Committee II – Africa (item 6)

Consideration of the outcome | Room XXVI |

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Sessional Committee I or II

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Reports of the sessional committees

Items 15 Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

- (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Body for 2014
- (b) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board
- (c) Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board
- (d) Review of the calendar of meetings
- (e) Membership of the Working Party for 2014
- (f) Review of the lists of States contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)
- (g) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board

Item 16 Adoption of the report on credentials

Item 17 Provisional agenda for the sixty-first session of the Board

Item 18 Other business

Item 19 Adoption of the report