

PROGRAMME
Trade and Development Board
Sixty-eighth executive session, 30 September to 4 October 2019

Monday, 30 September

10 a.m. Plenary Room XVIII

Opening of the session

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session

(TD/B/EX(68)/1)

Opening address by Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Item 4. Economic development in Africa: Made in Africa – rules of origin for enhanced intra-African Trade

(UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2019 and TD/B/EX(68)/3)

Presentation of the report by Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes (ALDC)

Followed by statements by regional groups and member States

3 p.m. Plenary Room XVIII

Item 5. Capturing value in the digital economy

(UNCTAD/DER/2019 and Overview)

Presentation of main findings of the *Digital Economy Report 2019* by Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Expert comments:

- Competition and Markets Authority, United Kingdom [tbc]
- Ms. Jirawan Boonperm, Chair of the Executive Board of Directors, Electronic Transactions Development Agency (ETDA)
- Ms. Omobola Johnson, Senior Partner, TLcom Capital

Followed by an interactive dialogue

Tuesday, 1 October

10 a.m. Plenary

Room XVIII

Item 3. Investment for development

(UNCTAD/WIR/2019 and Overview)

Special economic zones (SEZs) as a key tool for the promotion and facilitation of investment for development. Debate and sharing of country experiences

Opening remarks by Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Scene setting presentation

Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Lead speaker

H.E. Mr. Arkebe Oqubay, Senior Minister and Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of Ethiopia; Chairman of the Ethiopian Industrial Park Development Corporation; Member of the Ethiopian Investment Board

Panel discussion

- Ms. Maria Camila Moreno, Executive Director, Free Trade Zone Association of the Americas – Colombia
- Mr. Fouad Brini, Chairman, Agence Spéciale Tanger Méditerranée, founding member Africa Free Zones Organization – Morocco
- Mr. Herbert Chen, Chief Operating Officer, Tus-Holdings (business and science park development company) – China
- Mr. Richard Bolwijn, Head, Investment Research, DIAE, UNCTAD

Way forward/ Concluding remarks

- H.E. Mr. Arkebe Oqubay
- Mr. James Zhan, Director, DIAE, UNCTAD

2 p.m. Extended Bureau meeting

Room E.8116

3 p.m. Plenary Room XVIII

Item 2. Interdependence and development strategies in a globalized world

(UNCTAD/TDR/2019 and Overview)

Presentation of the report by Mr. Richard Kozul-Wright,
Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies

Panel

- Mr. Arkebe Oqubay, Minister and Special Adviser to the PM of Ethiopia
- Ms. Ann Pettifor, Director of Policy Research in Macroeconomics and Research Fellow at City University, London, United Kingdom

Followed by interactive dialogue

Wednesday, 2 October

10 a.m. Plenary Room XVIII

Item 6. Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people

(TD/B/EX(68)/4)

Presentation of the report by Mr. Mahmoud Elkhafif

Followed by statements by regional groups and member States

Item 7. Activities undertaken by UNCTAD in support of Africa

(TD/B/EX(68)/2)

Presentation of the report by Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director,
Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special
Programmes (ALDC)

Followed by Q&A

2 p.m. Extended Bureau meeting Room E.8116

3 p.m. Plenary Room XVIII

Item 8. Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget
(TD/B/WP/300)

Presentation of the report by the Chair of the WP at its 78th session

Item 9. Other matters in the field of trade and development:
(a) Progressive development of the law of international trade: Annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law; (A/74/17)
(b) Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre.

Item 10. Preparatory process for the fifteenth session of the Conference

Item 11. Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board
(TD/B/EX(68)/R.1 to R.4)

Thursday, 3 October

10 a.m. Informals Room XXVI
Draft agreed conclusions

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Friday, 4 October

10 a.m. Informals Room XXVI
Draft agreed conclusions

3 p.m. Closing plenary Room XXVI
Item 12. Other business
Item 13. Adoption of the report