



Activities related to the implementation of the provisions of the Doha Mandate related to commodities: June 2014 to May 2015

Progress Report

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UNCTAD XIII – Doha Mandate and commodities

- **Doha Mandate (April 2012)**

- Mandate reinforces and builds upon Accra Accord, which remains valid and relevant;
- Provisions of the Doha Mandate related to commodities (para. 4, 5, 27, 31 (i), 46, 56 (g), 61 and 65 (g))

- **Other Mandates and Accord**

- MDGs
- UN General Assembly resolution on commodities
- Istanbul Plan of Action for LDCs 2012-20
- Accra Accord (2008-2012)

- **Development objectives (SUC)**

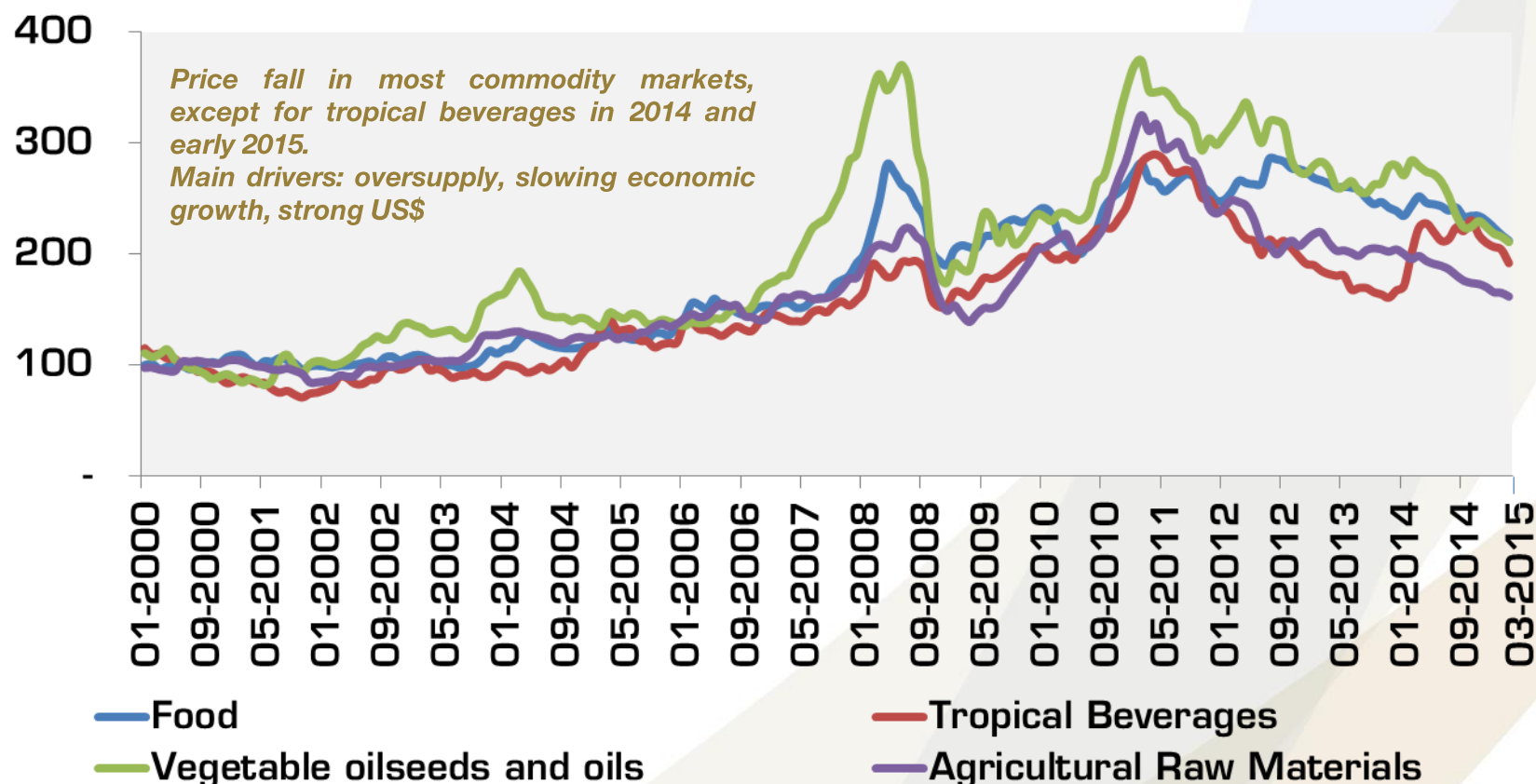
- Improve the capacity of CDDCs to harness development gains from commodities production and trade
- Enhance international cooperation to address problems associated with the commodity economy.

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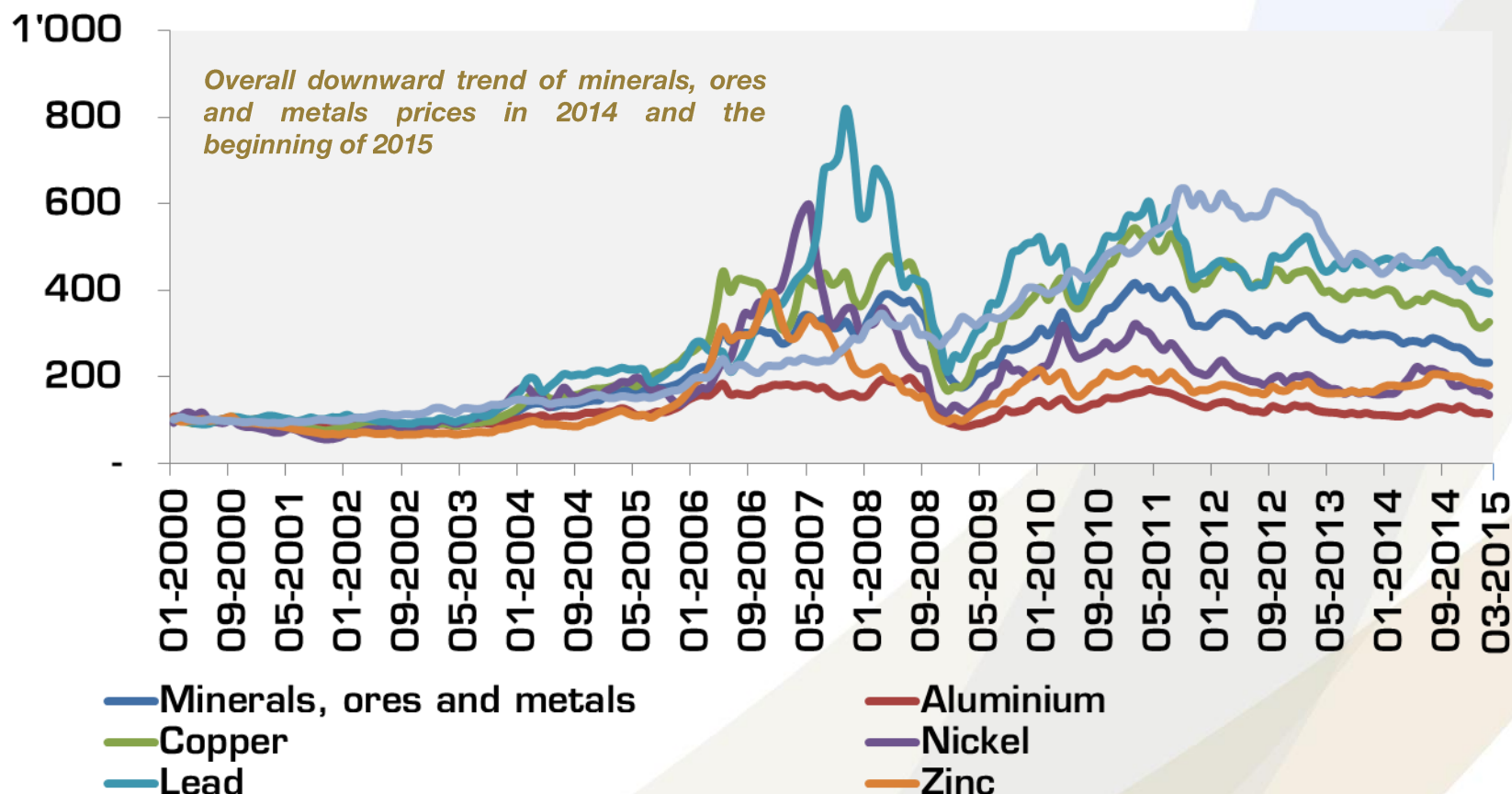
Recent developments in Commodity markets

Agricultural markets



Price indices of selected food and agricultural commodity groups, January 2000 to March 2015 (2000=100), Source: UNCTAD, UNCTADstat

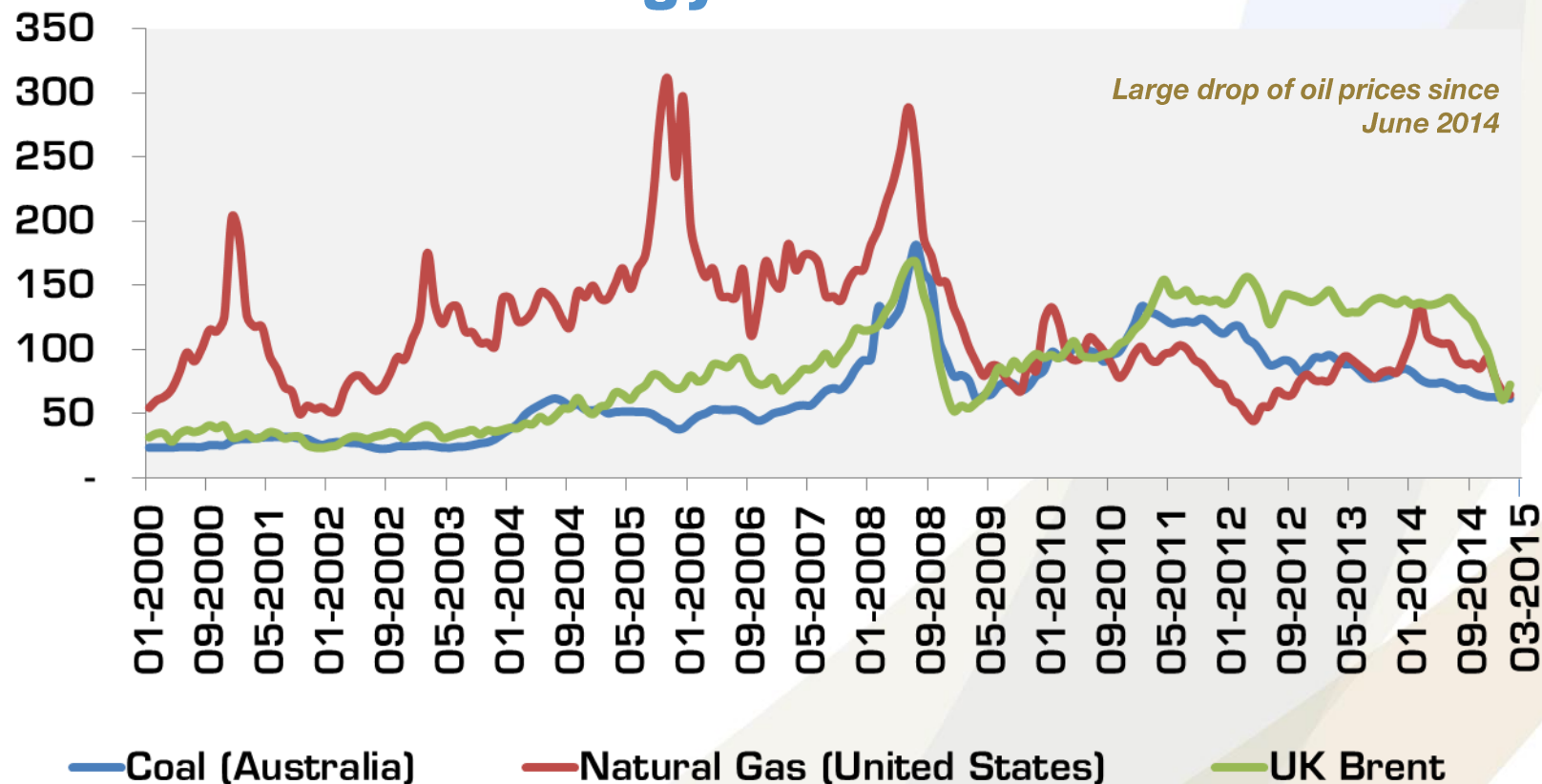
Recent developments in Commodity markets Minerals, Ores and Metals markets



Price indices of selected minerals, ores and metals, January 2000 to March 2015 (2000=100),
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Energy markets

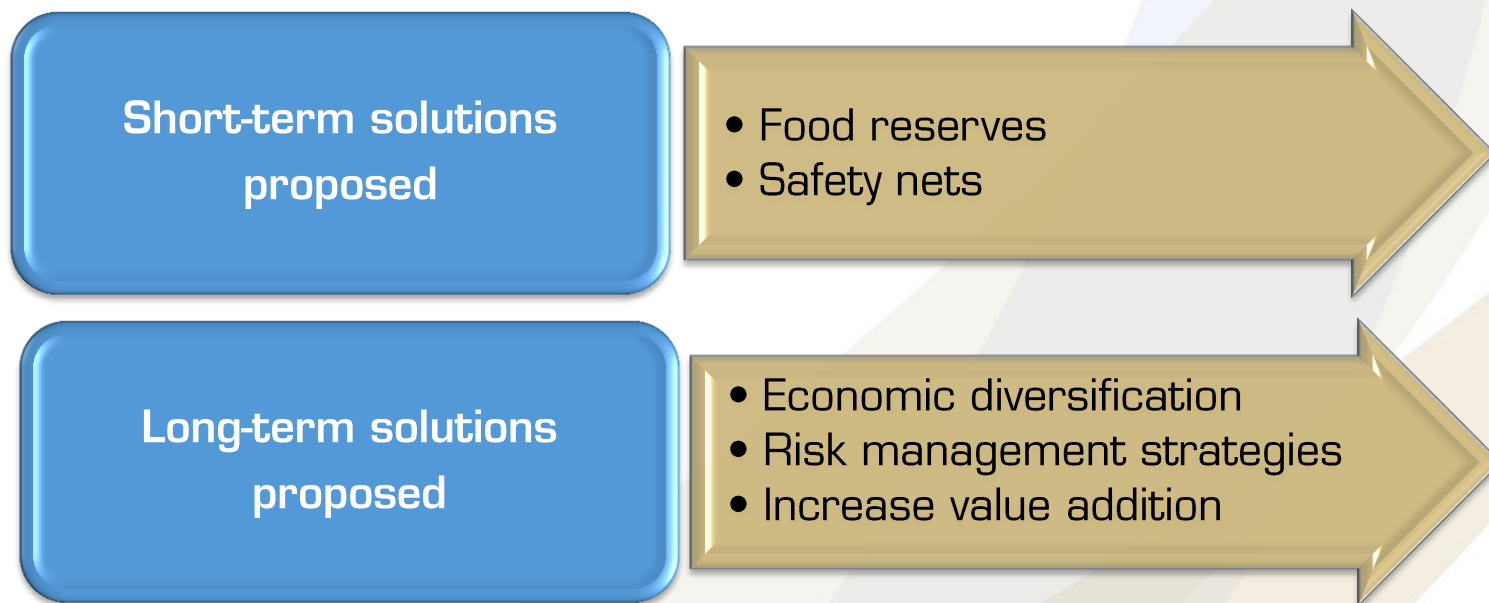


Price indices of crude oil (UK Brent, US\$ per barrel), natural gas (United States, US\$ per million BTU) and coal (Australia, US\$ per metric ton), January 2000 to March 2015 (2010=100)

Source: International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics

Impact of the commodity price volatility?

- **Volatility of commodity prices has adverse impacts on developing and least developed countries. For instance, in regard to food security:**



Current key commodity problematique

As highlighted in the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development background paper, the current key commodity issues are:

- **Dealing with the conundrum of export restriction measures in commodity exporting countries**
- **Supporting small farmers to cope with falling prices**
- **Policy implications of low energy prices**
- **Mitigating commodity price risk exposure**

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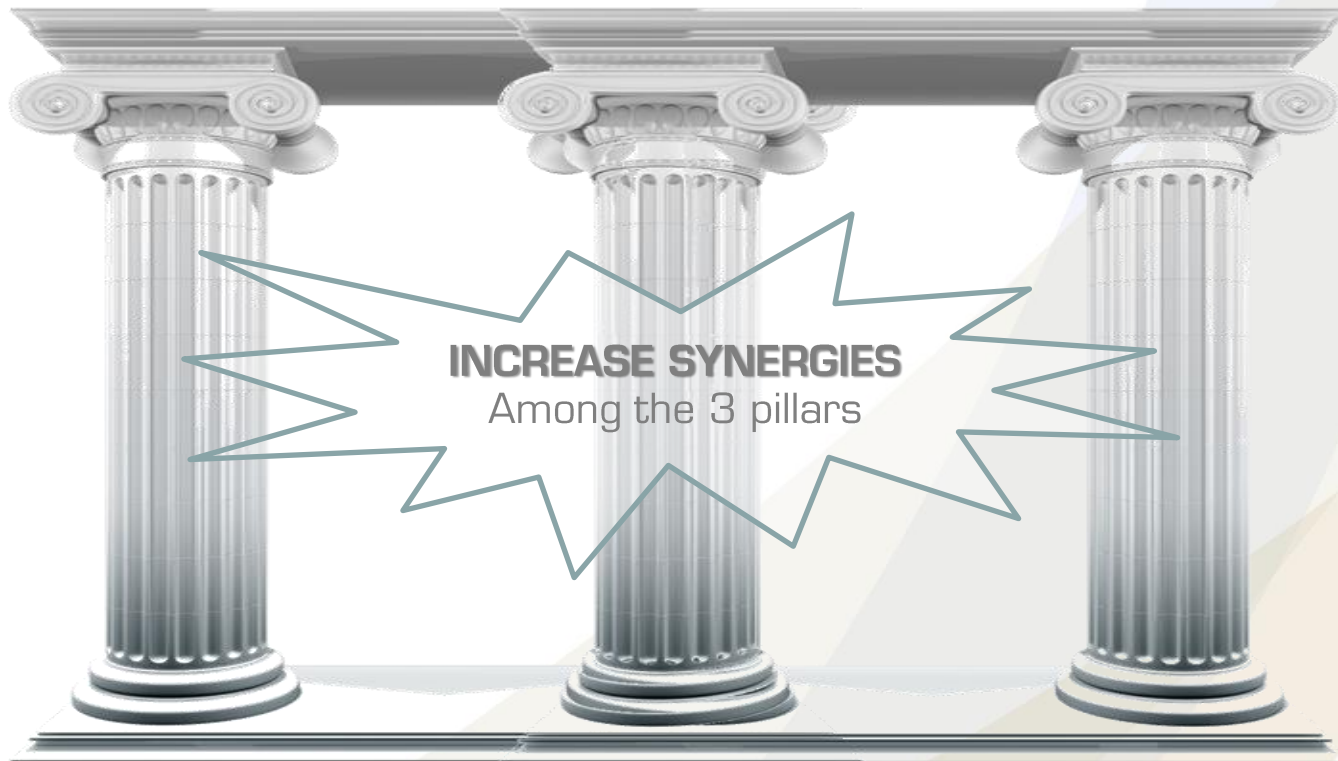
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Major Deliverables on Commodities SUC - UNCTAD

**Research
and analysis**

**Consensus
building**

**Technical
cooperation**



1st pillar: Research and analysis



- **Current issues**

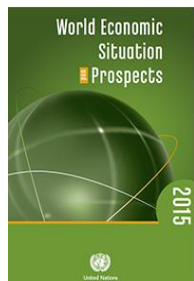
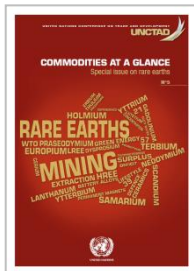
- Price trends and market developments,
- Price volatility,
- Food security,
- Market intelligence and market information systems,
- Challenges facing small-scale producers,
- Coordination among international commodities organizations and other relevant international organizations

- **Recurrent issues**

- Market information,
- Commodity finance and exchanges,
- Commodity policy reviews and commodity development strategies,
- Agri-food standards,
- Resources management (rents, SWF, local content)

1st pillar: Research and analysis (cont.)

- **UNCTAD Commodities and Development Report**
 - Smallholder farmers and sustainable commodity development (*being finalized*)
 - Perennial problems, new challenges and evolving perspectives (2012)
- **Statistical publications**
 - The State of Commodity Dependence (2014) - Next issue in 2016
 - Commodities at a Glance # 5: Rare earths – 2 new editions will be prepared in 2015 (#6 on gold and #7 on shale oil and shale gas)
- **Ad hoc studies on traditional and contemporary issues on commodities**
 - Research paper on cocoa
- **Contribution to the World Economic Situation and Prospects Report (annual)**
- **General Assembly Paper**



2nd pillar: Intergovernmental consensus building

Addressing the core problems associated with commodity production in the developing world

Intergovernmental Consensus Building (by source & partners)



Multi-year Expert Meeting

Africa Oil, Gas and Minerals
Trade and Finance Conference
and Exhibition

G-20 Agricultural Market
Information System

Intergovernmental Forum on
Mining, Minerals, Metals and
Sustainable Development

Network Partners:
CFC, DESA, FAO, World Bank, WTO, ITC,
UN Regional Commissions, ICBs

Global Commodities Forum

UN energy

3rd pillar: Technical cooperation

Help build capacity in key areas of commodities

Technical cooperation focus areas



Market information services

Infocomm, Infoshare

Compliance with trade standards

Sustainability Claims Portal

UN development account (9th tranche)

Enhancing domestic production linkages from the mineral resources sector in ECCA member states

Iron Ore Trust Fund Project

Commodity financing, Exchanges and commodity risk management

UN development account (9th and 10th tranche)

Value addition of cotton by-products in Eastern and Southern Africa

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Concluding remarks

- **Global fall of commodity prices in 2014-2015**
- **Lacklustre economic conditions**
- **Oversupply on commodities markets**
- **Conundrum of export restriction measures in commodity exporting countries**

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