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Expert Meeting on Social Inclusion Programmes  
and Their Impact on Sustainable and Inclusive  
Development and Growth**  
Geneva, 27–28 November 2014  
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**Item 1  
Election of officers**

1. It is recommended that the expert meeting elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur.

**Item 2  
Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

2. The provisional agenda for the meeting is reproduced in chapter I above. A detailed programme will be available one week before the meeting.



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Provisional agenda and annotations

**Item 3**

**Social inclusion programmes and their impact on sustainable and inclusive development and growth**

3. With widespread economic growth in the 2000s, including in some of the poorest economies in the world, there was high expectation that growth would lead to inclusive development. However, the growth experienced in developing countries has not always induced a genuinely inclusive development process, particularly when growth performance did not generate substantial or durable employment opportunities. The jobless growth experienced by many developing countries has intensified the debate on inclusiveness and equity in the growth and development process. In response to growing concerns about inequality and the failure in some developing countries to achieve inclusive development, Governments have turned to special programmes and strategies specifically aimed at enhancing the inclusiveness of growth and development.

4. The objective of the expert meeting is to identify social inclusion programmes that could benefit disadvantaged groups within the framework of structural transformation efforts, with a view to highlighting the expected poverty reduction effects of relevant policies. The meeting is expected to:

(a) Promote among participants a better understanding of social inclusion programmes and the synergies with structural transformation efforts from a poverty reduction perspective;

(b) Identify best practices in the development of economic sectors with inclusive effects, particularly agriculture, small industries and tourism, and provide access to finance for smallholder farms and small and medium-sized enterprises;

(c) Cast light on ways to maximize the impact of social inclusion programmes on overall economic performance.

5. To facilitate discussions, the UNCTAD secretariat has prepared an issues note on social inclusion programmes and inclusive growth in developing countries. In addition, experts are encouraged to prepare brief papers on the subject under discussion. These papers will be made available at the meeting in the form and language in which they are received.

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Social inclusion programmes and inclusive growth in developing countries

**Item 4**

**Adoption of the report of the meeting**

6. The report of the expert meeting will be submitted to the Trade and Development Commission at its next session. The expert meeting may wish to authorize the Rapporteur, under the authority of the Chair, to prepare the final report after the conclusion of the meeting.

**Inputs from experts**

Experts nominated by member States are encouraged to submit brief papers (approximately 5–10 pages) as contributions to the work of the meeting. The papers will be made available at the meeting in the form and language in which they are received. They should be submitted to the UNCTAD secretariat by 17 November 2014 and addressed to Ms. Claudia Roethlisberger, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva, Switzerland; phone: +41 22 917 5638; fax: +41 22 917 0046; e-mail: [claudia.roethlisberger@unctad.org](mailto:claudia.roethlisberger@unctad.org).

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