MULTI-YEAR EXPERT MEETING

on

Enterprise development policies and capacity-building in science, technology and innovation (STI)

Geneva, Palais des Nations, Salle XXVI, 16-18 January 2012

PROGRAMME

Monday, 16 January 2012

10:00 - 10:30 OPENING PLENARY SESSION:

Item 1: Election of Officers

Opening statement by Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

10:30 - 13:00 Item 3: Pro-poor technology, innovation and entrepreneurship policies

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

Introduction by Ms. Anne Miroux, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

INFORMAL SESSION 1: Entrepreneurship and innovation policies for development

Keynote speaker:

• Dr. Charles Wessner, Director, Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Board on Science, Technology, and Economic Policy, the National Academies

Panellists:

- H. E. Mr. Ivo Ivanovski, Minister of Information Society, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Prof. Raphael Kaplinsky, Development Policy and Practice Faculty of Maths, Computing and Technology, the Open University

Interactive debate

15:00 –18:00 INFORMAL SESSION 2: Item 3 - Pro-poor entrepreneurship policies

Introduction:

Ms. Tatiana Krylova, Head, Enterprise Branch, UNCTAD

Panellists:

- Prof. Wim Naudé, Professorial Fellow, UNU-MERIT and Maastricht School of Management, University of Maastricht
- Ms. Leora Rajak, Founder, Enterpriseroom, South Africa
- Ms. Sapphira Nyabunwa, Empretec Women in Business Award 2008, Safi Cleaning Services Limited, Uganda

Discussants:

- Prof. Erkko Autio, QinetiQ EPSRC Chair in Technology Transfer and Entrepreneurship, Imperial College London
- Dr. Armen Orujyan, Chairman, Athgo International, USA
- Mr. Joseph Tackie, Acting Coordinator, National Medium Term Private Sector Development Strategy, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ghana
- Mr. Thomas Heinemeier, Policy Officer, Policy Development for Industrial Innovation Unit, European Commission

Interactive debate

18:00 –19:30 Cocktail, Escargot Bar (3rd Floor E-Building)

Tuesday, 17 January 2012

10:00-13:00 INFORMAL SESSION 3: Item 3 - Pro-poor innovation policies

Introduction:

Dr. Mongi Hamdi, Head, Science, Technology and ICT Branch, UNCTAD

Panellists:

- Prof. Romain Murenzi, Executive Director, Third World Academy of Sciences, Trieste
- Prof. Charles Kwesiga, Executive Director, Uganda Industrial Research Institute
- Ms. Stefanie Bauer, Technical Advisor, Private Sector Development, GIZ India
- Ms. María Belén Sánchez Hidalgo, Ministry for Coordination of Production, Employment and Competitiveness, Ecuador

Interactive debate

15:00 –18:00 INFORMAL SESSION 4: Item 3 - Women entrepreneurship and innovation

Panellists:

• Ms. Julie R. Weeks, President and CEO of Womenable

Discussants:

- Ms. Giulia Corinaldi, Programme Manager, Cherie Blair Foundation
- Ms. Amisha Miller, Research Manager, Endeavor Brazil
- Ms. Barbro Fransson, Managing Director, Power Lake AB, Sweden
- Ms. Gunilla Thorstensson, Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth
- Ms. Waya Quiviger, Director of Special Projects, Social Impact Management and Executive Director, Master in International Relations, IE Business School
- Mr. Mario Piacentini, Trade and Business Statistics, OECD Statistics Directorate

Interactive debate

Wednesday, 18 January 2012

10:00-13:00 INFORMAL SESSION 5: Item 3 - Session on the outcome of UNCTAD's MYEM cycle

Introduction by UNCTAD Secretariat

Panellists:

- H. E. Mr. Ronald Saborío, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the WTO
- Mr. Sergio Arzeni, Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs and Local Development, OECD
- Mr. Thomas Andersson, Senior Advisor of Science, Technology and Innovation, The Research Council, Sultanate of Oman, and Chairman, International Organisation for Knowledge Economy and Enterprise Development

Discussants:

- Ms. Glenda Napier, Manager of Policy Analysis, Danish Enterprise and Construction Authority
- Ms. Karen Wilson, Kauffman Foundation and Founder of GV Partners
- Mr. Anthony Gribben, Team Leader Entrepreneurial Learning, European Training Foundation
- Ms. Onari Duke, Director, Empretec Nigeria

Interactive debate

15:00 –18:00 INFORMAL SESSION 6: Item 3

Interactive debate continued

followed by

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION:

Item 4 – Adoption of the report of the meeting