



**Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development**

**24-25 March 2010 - Room XXVI - Palais des Nations, Geneva**

**Preliminary Programme**

<b>Wednesday 24 March 2010</b>	
09:30	<b>Registration</b>
10:00- 11:00	<p><b>Opening session</b> <i>Opening/Introduction</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Kwabena Baah-Duodu, Senior Adviser to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, OIC of the Special Unit on Commodities</li> </ul> <p><b>Item 1: Election of officers</b> <i>Opening statements by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD</li> <li>• Mr. Andrey Kuleshov, Chief Projects Officer, Common Fund for Commodities</li> </ul> <p><b>Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work</b></p>
11:00 - 13:00	<p><b>Morning session</b></p> <p><b>Item 3: Developments and challenges in commodity markets: current situation and outlook</b></p> <p><b>A. Agricultural commodities</b> Introduction by Mr. Samuel K. Gayi, Chief of the Commodity Research and Analysis Section (CRAS) <i>Lead discussants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. David Hallam, Commodities and Trade Division FAO, Rome</li> <li>• Mr. Etsuo Kitahara, Executive Director, International Grains Council, London, UK</li> <li>• Ms. Christopher L. Gilbert Ph.D., Professor of Economics, University of Trento, Italy</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Interactive discussion</i></b></p> <p><b>B. Oil and Gas sectors and Minerals &amp; Metals sectors</b> Introduction by Mr. Rouben Indjikian, Chief of Commodity Policy Implementation and Outreach Section (CPIOS) <i>Lead discussants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Curtis Stewart, Head of Economics and Environment, International Lead &amp; Zinc Study Group, Lisbon</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Interactive discussion</i></b></p>
<b>13:00- 15:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>

15:00 - 16:00	<p><b>B. Oil and Gas sectors and Minerals &amp; Metals sectors (<i>continued</i>)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Benoit Lioud, Head of Analysis, Mercuria Energy Trading SA, Switzerland</li> <li>• Mr. Ludwig Hachfeld, Litasco SA, Switzerland</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Interactive discussion</i></b></p>
16:00 - 18:00	<p><b>Afternoon session</b></p> <p><b>Item 4: Review and identify opportunities for the diversification of the energy matrix, including renewable energies, while being aware of countries' needs to ensure a proper balance between food security and energy concerns (Accra Accord, paras. 91 and 98)</b></p> <p><i>Lead discussants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Mae-Wan Ho, Director, The Institute of Science in Society, London, UK</li> <li>• Thierno Tall, Director, African Biofuels &amp; Renewable Energy Fund, ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development, Lomé, Togo</li> <li>• Prof. Giacomo Luciani, Director, Gulf Research Center Foundation, Geneva Office, Switzerland</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Interactive discussion</i></b></p>
<b>18:00-19:00</b>	<b>Reception</b>



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10:00-13:00	<p><b>Morning session</b>  <b>Brief introduction by Rouben Indjikian</b></p> <p><b>Item 6: Identify investment and financial policies for accessing financial resources for commodity-based development, including with respect to official development assistance, Aid for Trade and other possibilities (Accra Accord, para. 93)</b></p> <p><i>Lead discussants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Marc Auboin, Counsellor, Trade and Finance and Trade Facilitation Division, World Trade Organization, WTO, Geneva</li> <li>• Ms. Machiko Nissanke Ph.D., SOAS, Professor University of London, UK</li> <li>• Mr. Adrian Hewitt, Head of the ODI Fellowship Scheme and Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute, London, United Kingdom</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Interactive discussion</i></p>
<b>13:00- 15:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
15:00-18:00	<p><b>Afternoon session</b>  <b>Brief introduction by Samuel Gayi</b></p> <p><b>Item 5: Review and identify how trade-related policies and instruments can be used for resolving commodity problems (Accra Accord, para. 93)</b></p> <p><i>Lead discussants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Stephen Mbithi Ph.D., Fresh Produce Exporters Association of Kenya (PEAK), Nairobi, Kenya</li> <li>• Mr. John R. Gagain, Director of Global Studies of the Fundación Global y Desarrollo, Dominican Republic</li> <li>• Mr. Vicente Yu, Programme Coordinator of the Global Governance for Development Programme, South Centre, Geneva</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Interactive discussion</i></p>
	<p><b>Item 7: Adoption of the report of the meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Closing of the Meeting</i></p>

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