



**Multi-year Expert Meeting on Commodities and Development
23 - 25 March 2011 - Room XXVI - Palais des Nations, Geneva
Preliminary Programme**

Wednesday 23 March 2011	
09:30	Registration
10:00- 11:00	<p>Opening session</p> <p><i>Item 1: Election of officers</i></p> <p><i>Opening statements by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD</i> • <i>Amb. Ali Mchumo, Managing Director, Common Fund for Commodities, The Netherlands</i> <p><i>Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work</i></p>
11:00 - 13:00	<p>Morning session</p> <p>Item 3: Developments and challenges in commodity markets: current situation and outlook</p> <p><i>Introduction by Mr. Samuel K. Gayi, Head of the Special Unit on Commodities, UNCTAD</i></p> <p>A. Agricultural commodities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>David Hallam, Director, Trade and Markets Division, Food and Agriculture, Organization of the United Nations, Rome</i> • <i>Etsuo Kitahara, Executive Director, International Grains Council, London International Grains Council, London, UK</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Interactive discussion</i></p>
13:00- 15:00	Lunch Break
15:00 - 16:30	<p>Afternoon session</p> <p>B. Oil and Gas sectors and Minerals & Metals sectors</p> <p><i>Introduction by Mr. Alexei Mojarov, Economic Affairs Officer, Special Unit on Commodities</i></p> <p><i>Lead discussants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Curtis Stewart, Head of Environment and Economics, International Nickel Study Group, Portugal</i> • <i>Anton Löf, Research Analyst, Raw Materials Group, Sweden</i> • <i>Eduardo Lopez, Senior Market Analyst, International Energy Agency, Paris</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Interactive discussion</i></p>
16:30 - 18:00	<p><i>Item 4: Review and identify policy actions to mitigate the impact of highly volatile prices and incomes on commodity-dependent countries, and to facilitate value addition and greater participation in commodity value chains by commodity-producing countries</i></p> <p>A: Agricultural commodities</p> <p><i>Introduction by Mr. Samuel K. Gayi, Head of the Special Unit on Commodities, UNCTAD</i></p> <p><i>Lead discussants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Maximo Torero, Director, International Food Policy Research Institute, USA</i> • <i>Eugenio Diaz Bonilla, Inter-American Development Bank, USA</i> • <i>Bernard Valluis, Président Délégué, Association Nationale de La Meunerie Française, Paris</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Interactive discussion</i></p>
18:00-19:00	Reception



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Thursday, 24 March 2011	
09:30	Registration
10:00– 13:00	<p>Morning session</p> <p>Item 4 (continued): Review and identification of policy actions to mitigate the impact of highly volatile prices and incomes on commodity-dependent countries, and to facilitate value addition and greater participation in commodity value chains by commodity-producing countries (Accra Accord, para. 93)</p> <p>A: Agricultural commodities <i>Lead discussant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Lines, Consultant, Trade and Food Security, United Kingdom <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Interactive discussion</i></p> <p>B: Oil and gas sectors, and minerals and metals sectors <i>Lead discussants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mooya Lumamba, Director, Director of Mine Safety, Zambia • Ben Aryee, Chief Executive, Minerals Commission, Ghana • Jean-François Casanova, CEO, Strategic Risk Management, France <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Interactive discussion</i></p>
13:00–15:00	Lunch break
15:00– 18:00	<p>Afternoon session</p> <p>Item 5: Identify innovative approaches to resolving commodity-related problems based on effective multi-stakeholder partnerships (Accra Accord, para. 93);</p> <p><i>Introduction by Mr. Samuel K. Gayi, Head of the Special Unit on Commodities, UNCTAD</i></p> <p><i>Lead discussants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolf W. Boehnke, Former Managing Director, Common Fund for Commodities, Germany • Mariama Williams, Senior Research Fellow, South Centre, Geneva • John Schluter, CEO, Café Africa International, Switzerland • Christian Häberli, Senior Research Fellow, World Trade Institute, University of Bern <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Interactive discussion</i></p>



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FRIDAY 25 March 2011	
10:00 - 13:00	<p>Special Session</p> <p>The future direction of the Common Fund for Commodities (CFC)</p> <p>Introduction by Mr. Siddarth Singh, Chair of the Governing Board, CFC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CFC as an Institution, Amb. Ali Mchumo, Managing Director, Common Fund for Commodities, The Netherlands</i> <p><i>Lead discussant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Commodities and their Fund, Kees Burger, Associate Professor Development Economics, Wageningen University, The Netherlands</i> <p><i>Statements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Representative from a Producing Country</i> • <i>Representative from an Importing Country</i> • <i>Representative from the Donor Community</i> • <i>Representatives from International Commodity Bodies</i> • <i>Representatives from International/Multilateral Institutions</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Interactive discussion</i></p>
	<p>Item 6: Adoption of the report of the meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Closing of the Meeting</i></p>

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