

First Geneva Dialogue on post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda

10:00-13:00 hrs., Room XXVI, Palais des Nations

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International trade and interrelated issues in the areas of finance, technology, investment and sustainable development have a key role to play in promoting inclusive and sustainable growth and development. As such international trade, finance, technology and investment can enable inclusive growth and catalyze sustainable development in support of post-2015 development goals including poverty eradication and sustainable development. At the 60th session of the Trade and Development Board, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD highlighted that UNCTAD stands ready to inform and support member States in engaging in the post-2015 development agenda including through an open dialogue. As a follow up, this First Geneva Dialogue on the post-2015 sustainable development agenda is being held. It features a special address by Ms. Amina Mohammed, the Special Adviser of the United Nations Secretary-General on Post 2015 Development Planning. The open dialogue will be moderated by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

A: Opening and special address on the post-2015 development agenda

The opening remarks will highlight, firstly, the process and issues relating to the formulation of the post 2015-development agenda and, secondly, the contribution of international trade and interrelated issues of finance, technology, investment and sustainable development to poverty eradication and sustainable development within the post-2015 development agenda framework.

10:00 - 10:10 Opening by Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

10:10 - 10:25 Special Address by Ms. Amina Mohammed, Special Adviser of the United Nations Secretary-General on Post 2015 Development Planning

B: Perspectives from the private sector and civil society

This session will highlight the views of the private sector and civil society regarding key goals that could feature in the post 2015-development agenda and the contribution towards the achievement of such goals by international trade and interrelated issues of finance, technology, investment and sustainable development.

10:25 - 10:35 Intervention by Ms. Carina Larsfalten, Chief International Relations Officer, World Business Council for Sustainable Development

10:35 - 10:45 Intervention by Ms. Melissa de León, Chief Executive, Tropical Panamá Gourmet Inc., Panama, Empretech Business Award Winner 2012.

10:45 – 10:55 Intervention by Mr. Dumindra Rajith Ranayaka, CEO, Etisalat Lanka (Pvt) Limited, Sri Lanka

10:55 - 11:05 Intervention by Mr. Stephen Hale, Deputy and Advocacy Campaigns Director Oxfam International, Head of the Geneva office of Oxfam International

11:05- 11:25 Informal Open dialogue

C: Perspective from international organizations

This session will highlight the views of international organizations regarding key goals that could feature in the post 2015-development agenda and the contribution towards the achievement of such goals by international trade and interrelated issues of finance, technology, investment and sustainable development.

11:25 - 11:40 Address by Mr. Guy Ryder, Director General of ILO

11:40 - 11:50 Intervention by Ms. Arancha González, Executive Director of ITC

11:50 - 12:00 Intervention by Mr. Yonov Frederick Agah , Deputy Director General of WTO

12:00 - 12:45 Informal Open dialogue

12:45 - 13:00 Closing remarks by Ms. Mohammed and Dr. Kituyi