

Programme of meetings

Wednesday, 3 October 2007

10 a.m. Plenary (1009th meeting)

Room XXVI

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- Item 11 Other matters in the field of trade and development
 - (a) Progressive development of the law of international trade: fortieth annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (Vienna, 9–12 July 2007)
 - (b) Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO on its fortieth session (Geneva, 25–27 April 2007)
- Item 3 Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: Regional cooperation for development

2 p.m. Extended Bureau meeting

Room XXV

3 p.m. **Informal meeting**

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Item 3 Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: Regional cooperation for development

Panellists

Mr. Nagesh Kumar

Director-General, Research and Information for Developing Countries

Mr. Brian Thoka Monyake South African Reserve Bank

Mr. Maurice Odle

Economic Advisor to the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community

Mr. José Rivera Banuet

Under-Secretary-General of the Latin American Integration Association

Forthcoming meetings Thursday, 4 October 2007

10 a.m. Plenary (1010th meeting)

Room XXVI

Sessional Committee I

- **Item 4** Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010
 - (a) The Least Developed Countries Report 2007: Knowledge, Technological Learning and Innovation for Development
 - (b) UNCTAD-wide implementation activities in favour of LDCs: Sixth progress report

Opening statement by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, High Representative for the Least

Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

Introduction of agenda item 4 by Mr. Habib Ouane, Director of the Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes

General statements

3 p.m. **Informal meeting**

Room XXVI

Item 4 Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010

Panel of experts: "Knowledge, technological learning and innovation for development"

Panellists

Prof. Dominique Foray

École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland

Dr. Xuan Li

South Centre

Dr. Pedro Roffe

International Centre on Trade and Sustainable Development

Dr. David Dickson

SciDev.Net

Interactive debate

Bureau of the fifty-fourth session of the Trade and Development Board

President H.E. Mr. Petko Draganov (Bulgaria)

Vice-Presidents H.E. Mr. Alberto Dumont (Argentina)

H.E. Ms. Mabel Gomez Oliver (Mexico)
H.E. Mr. Roger Julien Menga (Congo)
H.E. Mr. Mohamed Siad-Douale (Djibouti)
H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio March (Spain)
H.E. Mr. Franciscos Verros (Greece)

Mr. Iouri **Afanassiev** (Russian Federation)

Ms. Lisa Carle (United States of America)

Mr. Chen Jianping (China)

Tenth vice-president to be announced

Rapporteur Mr. Mohammad Ali Zarie Zare (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Chair of Sessional Committee I

H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio March (Spain)

Chair of Sessional Committee II

To be announced

Information for participants

Registration

Registration forms will be placed on the desks in room XIX. It would be appreciated if delegations and observers would complete the forms before leaving the meeting.

Distribution of documents

The documents distribution counter is in the lobby on the second floor of the E-building (door 40).

Participants should bring with them pre-session documents, i.e. documents circulated prior to the opening of the session. Additional copies of pre-session documents may be available, stock permitting, at the distribution counter in the conference room.

Arrangements for regional group meetings

Requests for rooms for regional group meetings should be made to the UNCTAD Meetings and Credentials Unit (*ext.* 75497/72048, office E.3061).

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Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 3 October 2007

1009th plenary meeting

Item 11 Other matters in the field of trade and development

(a) Progressive development of the law of international trade: fortieth annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (Vienna, 9–12 July 2007)

The Board took note of the fortieth annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (A/62/17) and thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

(b) Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO on its fortieth session (Geneva, 25–27 April 2007)

Ms. Gabril Bu, Vice-Chairperson of the JAG presented the report. The Board took note of the report and thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Item 3 Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: Regional cooperation for development

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made a general introduction. Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Director of the Division for Globalization and Development Strategies, made a detailed introductory statement with reference to the *Trade and Development Report*, 2007.

The general debate was opened. The following representatives made general statements: Mexico, Honduras (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Philippines, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), Brazil (on behalf of GRULAC), the Russian Federation, China, India, Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Asian Group), Belarus (on behalf of Group D), United States of America, Japan, Indonesia, Angola and Chad (on behalf of the African Group).

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Informal meeting

Item 3 Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: Regional cooperation for development

Panel

The Board met in an informal panel discussion on agenda item 3 with the participation of the following panellists: Mr. Nagesh Kumar, Director-General, Research and Information for Developing Countries; Mr. Brian Thoka Monyake, South African Reserve Bank; Mr Maurice Odle, Economic Adviser to the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community, Mr. José Rivera Banuet, Under-Secretary-General of the Latin American Integration Association. The panel discussion was followed by an interactive debate.

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