



## Programme of meetings

Thursday, 11 October 2007

10 a.m. *Sessional Committee II* Room XXVI

### Informal meeting

**Item 5** Economic Development in Africa: Reclaiming Policy Space: Domestic Resource Mobilization and Developmental States (TD/B/54/4 and UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2007)

Consideration of draft agreed conclusions (*continued*)

Followed by

### Final plenary meeting

Adoption of agreed conclusions

3 p.m. **Closing plenary (1013<sup>th</sup> meeting)** Room XXVI

**Item 10** Matters requiring action by the Board in the follow-up to the eleventh session of the Conference and arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary and other bodies

- (a) Report on UNCTAD XI multi-stakeholder partnerships (Oral report by the secretariat)
- (b) Hearing with civil society and the private sector, in accordance with paragraph 117 of the São Paulo Consensus (TD/B/54/L.3/Add.1)
- (c) Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on its resumed forty-eighth session (TD/B/WP/197) (Oral report by the Chair of the Working Party)

**Item 7** UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields:

- UNCTAD's contribution, within its mandate, to the implementation of, and to the review of progress made in the implementation of, the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, under its relevant agenda items (TD/B/54/6)

- Item 1** Procedural matters
- (c) Adoption of the report on credentials (TD/B/54/L.4)
  - (d) Provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session of the Board
- Item 4** Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010 (TD/B/54/SC.1/L.1 and L.2)
- Item 5** Economic Development in Africa: Reclaiming Policy Space: Domestic Resource Mobilization and Developmental States (TD/B/54/SC.2/L.1)
- Item 12** Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:
- (a) Report by the President of the Advisory Body set up in accordance with paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action on the implementation of courses by the secretariat in 2006–2007 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of the members of the Advisory Body for 2008
  - (b) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board (TD/B/IGO/LIST/7)
  - (c) Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board (TD/B/NGO/LIST/8; TD/B/EX(41)/R.1; TD/B/54/R.1; TD/B/54/R.2; TD/B/54/R.3; and TD/B/54/L.1)
  - (d) Review of the calendar of meetings (TD/B/54/L.2)
  - (e) Membership of the Working Party for 2008
  - (f) Review of the lists of States contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) (TD/B/INF.206)
  - (g) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board
- Item 13** Other business
- Item 14** Adoption of the report

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**Upcoming meeting of the Preparatory Committee**

**Monday, 15 October 2007**

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Preparatory process for UNCTAD XII

Room XXVI

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

<b>President</b>	H.E. Mr. Petko <b>Draganov</b>	(Bulgaria)
<b>Vice-Presidents</b>	H.E. Mr. Alberto <b>Dumont</b>	(Argentina)
	H.E. Ms. Mabel <b>Gómez Oliver</b>	(Mexico)
	H.E. Mr. Roger Julien <b>Menga</b>	(Congo)
	H.E. Mr. Mohamed-Siad <b>Doualeh</b>	(Djibouti)
	H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio <b>March</b>	(Spain)
	H.E. Mr. Franciscos <b>Verros</b>	(Greece)
	Mr. Iouri <b>Afanassiev</b>	(Russian Federation)
	Ms. Lisa <b>Carle</b>	(United States of America)
	Mr. <b>Chen</b> Jianping	(China)
	<i>Tenth vice-president to be announced</i>	
<b>Rapporteur</b>	Mr. Mohammad Ali <b>Zarie Zare</b>	(Islamic Republic of Iran)
<b>Sessional Committee I</b>		
<b>Chair</b>	H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio <b>March</b>	(Spain)
<b>Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur</b>	Mr. Edouard <b>Bizumuremyi</b>	(Rwanda)
<b>Sessional Committee II</b>		
<b>Chair</b>	H.E. Mr. Guy-Alain Emmanuel <b>Gauze</b>	(Côte d'Ivoire)
<b>Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur</b>	Ms. <b>Liu</b> Lijuan	(China)

## Information for participants

### Registration

Registration forms will be placed on the desks in room XXVI. 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

Thursday, 11 October 2007

### Sessional Committee II

#### Informal meeting

- Item 5** Economic Development in Africa: Reclaiming Policy Space: Domestic Resource Mobilization and Developmental States

Sessional Committee II concluded its consideration of agenda item 4

#### Final plenary meeting

Sessional Committee II adopted its agreed conclusions on agenda item 5

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### Closing plenary (1013<sup>th</sup> meeting)

The Board elected Mr. Holger Rapior (Germany) as the tenth vice-president for its fifty-fourth session.

- Item 10** (c) Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on its resumed forty-eighth session

Mr. Christophe GUILHOU (France), Chair of the Working Party at its forty-eighth session, reported to the Board on this item.

The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made a statement.

The Board took note of the report of the Working Party on its resumed forty-eighth session and endorsed the agreed conclusions as contained in document TD/B/WP/197.

- Item 10** (a) Report on UNCTAD XI multi-stakeholder partnerships

Mrs. Genevieve Feraud, Chief of the New Technologies, Training and Capacity-building Branch, Division for Services Infrastructure for Development and Trade Efficiency (SITE), made an oral progress report on the partnerships concerning information and communications technologies for development and the Virtual Institute.

Mr. Khalil Hamdani, Director, Division of Investment, Technology and Enterprise Development, made an oral report on investment for development partnerships.

Mr. Harmon Thomas, Chief of the Commodities Branch, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, made an oral report on the partnership concerning commodities.

The following delegations made interventions: Portugal; Angola; Honduras (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); United States of America; Belarus; Switzerland; Argentina (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Rwanda; Chad, China; and Thailand.

The Board took note of the oral reports made by the secretariat and thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 10 (a).

**Item 10** (b) Hearing with civil society and the private sector, in accordance with paragraph 117 of the São Paulo Consensus (TD/B/54/L.3/Add.1)

Ms. Anne Laure Constantin, from the Institute of Agriculture and Trade Policy, presented the report.

The Board took note of the report as contained in document TD/B/54/L.3/Add.1.

**Item 7** UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields:  
– UNCTAD's contribution, within its mandate, to the implementation of, and to the review of progress made in the implementation of, the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, under its relevant agenda items

Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Acting Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, presented the secretariat report on this agenda item. The following delegations made interventions: Honduras (on behalf the Group of 77 and China), Mexico (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Thailand (on behalf of the Asian Group), Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), Benin (on behalf of the least developed countries), Chad (on behalf of the African Group) and Angola.

The Board took note of the report as contained in document TD/B/54/6.

**Item 1** (c) Adoption of the report on credentials

The Board adopted the report of the Bureau on the credentials of representatives attending the fifty-fourth session of the Board, as contained in document TD/B/54/L.4.

**Item 1** (d) Provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session of the Board

The Board decided to refer consideration of this item to consultations of the President with the Bureau and regional coordinators. The provisional agenda will therefore be drawn up and submitted for approval by an executive session at an appropriate time.

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

The report of Sessional Committee I was introduced by the Vice-Chair of Sessional Committee I, Mr. Edouard Bizumuremyi (Rwanda).

The Board took note of the chair's summary of the proceedings of Sessional Committee I, as contained in document TD/54/SC.1/L.1, endorsed the agreed conclusions contained in document TD/54/SC.1/L.2, and decided to incorporate the chair's summary in the report of the Board on its fifty-fourth session.

**Item 5** Economic Development in Africa: Reclaiming Policy Space – Domestic Resource Mobilization and Developmental States

The report of Sessional Committee II was introduced by the Chair of Sessional Committee II, H.E. Mr Guy-Alain Emmanuel Gauze (Côte d'Ivoire).

The Board took note of the chair's summary of the proceedings of Sessional Committee II, as contained in document TD/54/SC.2/L.1, endorsed the agreed conclusions contained in document TD/54/SC.2/L.2, and decided to incorporate the chair's summary in the report of the Board on its fifty-fourth session.

**Item 12** Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters

- (a) Report by the President of the Advisory Body set up in accordance with paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action on the implementation of courses by the secretariat in 2006–2007 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of the members of the Advisory Body for 2008

H.E. Mr. Arsene Balihuta, President of the Advisory Body, gave a detailed report on the work of the Advisory Body set up in accordance with paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action.

The Board approved the membership of the Advisory Body from 2007/2008 as follows: H.E. Mr. Petko Draganov, President of the Trade and Development Board (Bulgaria); H.E. Mr. I. Gusti Agung Wesaka Puja (Indonesia); H.E. Mr. Alireza Moaiyeri (Islamic Republic of Iran); H.E. Mr. Ahmed Mohamed Masoud Al-Riyami (Oman); H.E. Ms. Clemencia Forero Ucros (Colombia); H.E. Mr. Mario Matus (Chile); H.E. Mr. Eduardo Ponce Vivanco (Peru); H.E. Mr. Sergei Aleinik (Belarus); H.E. Mr. Guy-Alain Emmanuel Gauze (Côte d'Ivoire); H.E. Ms. Venetia Sebudandi (Rwanda); H.E. Mr. Roger Julien Menga (Congo); H.E. Mr. Jean-Baptiste Mattei (France); Ms. Hilde Skorpen (Norway); Ms. Lisa Carle (United States of America); Mr. Peter Leyenaar (Netherlands).

The Board took note of the report and thus concluded its consideration on this item.

**Item 12** (b) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board

The Board was informed that the list of intergovernmental organizations in status with UNCTAD was contained in document TD/B/IGO/LIST/7, and that there were no new applications to be considered.

**Item 12** (c) Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

The Board was informed that the list of non-governmental organizations in status with UNCTAD was contained in document TD/B/NGO/LIST/8. The Board approved four new applications for observer status:

- Arab Federation for Protection of Intellectual Property Rights: the background information on this organization was before the Board in document TD/B/EX (41)/R.1;
- Civil Society Coalition: the background information on this organization was before the Board in document TD/B/54/R.2;
- Village Suisse ONG: the background information on this organization was before the Board in document TD/B/54/R.3; and
- Arab non-governmental organization Network for Development: the background information on this organization was before the Board in document TD/B/54/R.1.

The Board decided to include the Arab Federation for Protection of Intellectual Property Rights in the special category in accordance with paragraph 12 (b) of Board decision 43 (VII), and to include the three

other organizations in the general category in accordance with paragraph 12 (a) of Board decision 43 (VII).

The Board took note of the fact that two organizations with observer status with UNCTAD, namely the World Confederation of Labour and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, had merged together with other organizations to form what is now called the International Trade Union Confederation. The latter organization was granted observer status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council at its session in July 2007.

The Board took note of those changes and that the International Trade Union Confederation would replace the World Confederation of Labour and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions in the official list of non-governmental organizations.

The Board was informed that, in accordance with Board decision 43 (VII), sections III and IV, and after consultation with the Government of India, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD had decided to enter the Palakkad District Consumers' Association in the register of national non-governmental organizations provided for in Board decision 43 (VII). The background information on this organization is contained in document TD/B/54/L.1.

**Item 12** (d) Review of the calendar of meetings

The Board approved the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 2007 and the provisional calendar of meetings for 2008, as contained in document TD/B/54/L.2, subject to amendments after consultations with member States, which would be contained in an information document.

**Item 12** (e) Membership of the Working Party for 2008

The Board approved the membership of the Working Party for 2008 as follows: Algeria, Belarus, Benin, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, China, El Salvador, Germany, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Mali, Mexico, Netherlands, Portugal, Russian Federation, United States of America.

**Item 12** (f) Review of the lists of States contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)

The Board approved Estonia's request for membership of the Trade and Development Board. The membership of the Board now stands at 151.

**Item 12** (g) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board

The Board was informed that the actions of the Board at its current session had no financial implications for the current programme budget.

**Item 13** Other business

**Item 14** Adoption of the report

The Rapporteur, Mr. Mohammad Ali Zarie Zare, introduced the draft report of the Trade and Development Board on its fifty-fourth session, as contained in TD/B/54/L.3 and Add.1–4; TD/B/SC.1/L.1 and L.2; and TD/B/SC.2/L.1 and L.2. The Board adopted the draft report as contained in those documents and authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report for transmission to the General Assembly.

Closing statements were made by the following representatives: Benin, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), Mexico; and Angola.

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made a closing statement.



