

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Monday, 15 September 2008

10 a.m. **Plenary (1019th meeting)** **Room XVIII**

Item 1 Procedural matters:

- (a) Election of officers
- (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session (TD/B/55/1)

Establishment of Sessional Committee I and Sessional Committee II

General statements

- Opening statement by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Statements by regional groups (Group of 77 and China, European Union and Group D)

Item 2 High-level segment: Trade and productive capacities for achieving internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals (TD/B/55/3)

Opening remarks

- Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Keynote speakers

- H.E. Ms. Monique Nsanzabaganwa, Minister of Trade and Industry, Rwanda
- H.E. Mr. Temístocles Montás, Minister of Economy, Planning and Development, Dominican Republic
- Mr. Yasuo Hayashi, Chairman and CEO, Japanese External Trade Organization (JETRO)

Followed by

- Interactive debate

3 p.m.

Plenary (1020th meeting)

Room XVIII

Item 2 High-level segment: Trade and productive capacities for achieving internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals (*continued*)

Keynote speakers

- H.E. Mr. Enrique A. Manalo, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Philippines
- H.E. Ms. Lineo Molise, Assistant Minister of Home Affairs, Lesotho
- Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- Ms. Mia Horn af Rantzien, Deputy Director-General, Swedish International Development Cooperation (SIDA)

Followed by

- Interactive debate
- Closing remarks by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS
Tuesday, 16 September 2008

10 a.m.

Plenary (1021st meeting)

Room XVIII

Item 6 Evolution of the international trading system and of international trade from a development perspective (TD/B/55/4)

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

Keynote speakers

- Mr. Pascal Lamy, Director-General of WTO
- H.E. Mr. Shree Baboo Chekitan Servansing, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Mauritius

Item 6 Evolution of the international trading system and of international trade from a development perspective (*continued*) **Room XVIII**

- H.E. Mr. Mothae Anthony Maruping (LDC coordinator), Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Lesotho
- H.E. Mr. Eckart Guth, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, European Commission
- Mr. Rahul Khullar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India
- H.E. Mr. Bruce Gosper, Ambassador, Australia
- Mr. Paulo Estivallet de Mesquita, Minister Counsellor, Brazil
- Mr. David Shark, Deputy Permanent Representative, United States of America
- Mr. Martin Khor, Director, Third World Network

Followed by

- Interactive debate

2 to 3 p.m. Briefing on the CEB Inter-Agency Cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity **Room XXVI**

3 p.m. **Plenary (1022nd meeting)** **Room XVIII**

3 to 3:30 p.m. General statements by regional groups and delegations (Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, Least Developed Countries, China and Switzerland)

Followed by

3.30 p.m. **Item 3 Interdependence: Mobilizing resources for development – commodity prices, productive capacity, supply and distribution** (UNCTAD/TDR/2008 and Overview)

- Opening statement by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Introduction by Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies (Overview and chapters 1, 2 and 3)
- Interventions by delegations

Information for participants

Registration

Registration forms will be placed on the desks in room XVIII. 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.* 75599/75497, office E.3061).

Summary of meetings

Monday, 15 September 2008

1019th and 1020th plenary meetings

Opening of the session

The fifty-fifth session of the Board was opened by H.E. Mr. Petko DRAGANOV (Bulgaria), President of the Board at its fifty-fourth session.

Item 1 Procedural matters

(a) Election of officers

The Board elected by acclamation H.E. Mr. Debapriya BHATTACHARYA (Bangladesh) as the President of the Board at its fifty-fifth session.

The Board elected the following 10 vice-presidents:

Vice-presidents

H.E. Mr. Arcanjo Maria DO NASCIMENTO	(Angola)
H.E. Mr. Alberto DUMONT	(Argentina)
Mr. Paulo ESTIVALLET DE MESQUITA	(Brazil)
H.E. Mr. Tomáš HUSÁK	(Czech Republic)
Mr. Christophe GUILHOU	(France)
H.E. Mr. Kwabena BAAH-DUODU	(Ghana)
H.E. Mr. Masood KHAN	(Pakistan)
Mr. Vassily NEBENZIA	(Russian Federation)
H.E. Mr. Javier GARRIGUES	(Spain)
Mr. Otto VAN MAERSSSEN	(United States of America)

The Board elected Ms. Andriani FALKONAKI-SOTIROPOULOS (Greece) as its Rapporteur.

Item 1 (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session

The Board adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document TD/B/55/1.

Organization of work

The Board established two sessional committees:

Sessional Committee I to consider and report on agenda 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 2008*: Recent economic, social and policy trends

(b) Sectors of key interest to the least developed countries in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010: Export competitiveness – policy issues and priorities

Sessional Committee II to consider and report on agenda item 5 – Economic development in Africa: Trade liberalization and export performance in Africa.

General statements

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, addressed the Board.

Representatives of the following member States made statements: Zimbabwe (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); France (on behalf of the European Union); Kyrgyzstan (on behalf of Group D).

Item 2 High-level segment: Trade and productive capacities for achieving internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals

The high-level segment began its consideration of item 2 with a statement by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD. This was followed by presentations from keynote speakers: H.E. Ms. Monique Nsanzabaganwa, Minister of Trade and Industry, Rwanda; H.E. Mr. Temístocles Montás, Minister of Economy, Planning and Development, Dominican Republic; Mr. Yasuo Hayashi, Chairman and CEO, Japanese External Trade Organization (JETRO); H.E. Mr. Enrique A. Manalo, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Philippines; H.E. Ms. Lineo Molise, Assistant Minister of Home Affairs, Lesotho; Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC); Ms. Mia Horn af Rantzien, Deputy Director-General, Swedish International Development Cooperation (SIDA).

The presentations were followed by an interactive debate.

The Secretary-General of UNCTAD and the President of the Board made concluding remarks.