

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 24 September 2008

- 10 a.m. **Sessional Committee I - 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** (*continued*)
- Consideration of draft agreed conclusions
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- 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Lunchtime briefing on *International Partnerships for Sustainable Development*, with a focus on two international partnerships for sustainable development: UNEP-UNCTAD Capacity Building Task Force on Trade, Environment and Development (CBTF); and UNCTAD-FAO-IFOAM International Task Force on Harmonization and Equivalence in Organic Agriculture (ITF). **Room XXVI**
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- 3 p.m. **1029th plenary meeting** **Room XXVI**
- Item 8 Investment for development: transnational corporations, infrastructure and development** (TD/B/55/5)
- Opening statement by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
 - Introduction by Ms. Anne Miroux, Head, Investment Analysis Branch
 - Panel discussion on investment in infrastructure
- Panellists:**
- Mr. Thomas Scott, Development Bank of Southern Africa
 - Mr. Geoffrey Hamilton, Economic Cooperation and Integration Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- Followed by
- *Interactive debate*

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 25 September 2008

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| 10 a.m. | Sessional Committee I - 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 <i>(continued)</i> | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consideration of draft agreed conclusions | |
| 3 p.m. | Sessional Committee II - informal meeting | Room XXVI |
| | Item 5 Economic development in Africa: Trade liberalization and export performance in Africa <i>(continued)</i> | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consideration of draft agreed conclusions | |

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Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur	Mr. Joannes Ekaprasetya TANDJUNG	(Indonesia)

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.

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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.

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Announcements by delegations

The Group of 77 will meet on Wednesday, 24 September, at 9 a.m. in Room XXVI.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 24 September 2008

Sessional Committee I - first informal meeting

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

The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean Feyder (Luxembourg), Chair of Sessional Committee I.

Mr. Habib Ouane, Director of the Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, introduced the draft agreed conclusions.

Sessional Committee I began its consideration of its draft agreed conclusions.

1028th plenary meeting

The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Debapriya Bhattacharya (Bangladesh), President of the Trade and Development Board.

Item 8 **Investment for development: transnational corporations, infrastructure and development** (TD/B/55/5)

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

Ms. Anne Miroux, Head, Investment Analysis Branch, made an introductory statement.

This was followed by presentations from the following keynote speakers: Mr. Thomas Scott, Development Bank of Southern Africa; and Mr. Geoffrey Hamilton, Economic Cooperation and Integration Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

H.E. Mr. Muhamad Noor Yacob (Malaysia), Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the WTO, made a presentation.

During the interactive debate, representatives of the following member States took the floor: Zimbabwe (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Peru (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States); Indonesia (on behalf of the Asian Group); France (on behalf of the European Union); European Commission; Bangladesh (on behalf of the least developed countries); China; Japan; Islamic Republic of Iran; Philippines; and Thailand.

Mr. Thomas Scott, Mr. Geoffrey Hamilton and the secretariat responded to questions and comments.

The President of the Board made concluding remarks.
