

**PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS**

**Thursday, 19 September 2013**

**10 a.m.                      Sessional Committee II – First plenary meeting                      Room XXVI**

**Item 6      Economic Development in Africa: Intra-African trade:  
Unlocking private sector dynamism** (TD/B/60/4 and  
UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2013)

**Opening remarks**

- Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

**Introduction of the report**

- Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes

**General statements**

- Statements by regional groups and member States
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**3 p.m.                      Sessional Committee II – First informal meeting                      Room XXVI**

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**Opening remarks**

- Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

**Panellists**

- Ms. Frannie Léautier, Executive Secretary, African Capacity Building Foundation, Harare
- H.E. Mr. Jean-Marie Ehouzou, Ambassador, Permanent Delegation of the African Union to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland
- Mr. Mwangi Kimenyi, Director, Africa Growth Initiative, Global Economy and Development, Brookings Institution, Washington D.C.

**Followed by**

- Interactive debate
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**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**  
**Friday, 20 September 2013**

**10 a.m.                      Sessional Committee I - First plenary meeting                      Room XXVI**

**Item 5      UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the  
                 Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed  
                 Countries: Second progress report (TD/B/60/8)**

**Opening remarks**

- Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes

**Statement by**

- Mr. Khalil Rahman, Chief of Policy Coordination for Least Developed Countries, on behalf of Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

**Key note address by**

- H.E. Mr. Kan Zaw, Union Minister of National Planning and Economic Development, Myanmar

**General statements**

- Statements by regional groups and member States

**Followed by**

- Brief remarks by the Chair
  - Interactive debate
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**3 p.m.                      Plenary (1105th meeting)                      Room XXVI**

**Item 10      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  
                 (TD/B/60/9)**

**Item 11      (a) Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD  
                 (TD/B/WP/253, TD/B/WP/253/Add.1,  
                 TD/B/WP/253/Add.2, TD/B/WP/255,  
                 UNCTAD/OSG/MISC/2013/1)**

**Item 13      (a) Progressive development of the law of international trade:  
                 Forty-sixth annual report of United Nations Commission  
                 on International Trade Law (A/68/17)**

**(b) Report of the Trade and Development Commission  
                 (TD/B/C.I/31)**

3 p.m.

**Plenary (1105th meeting) (*cont'd*)**

**Room XXVI**

**Item 15** (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 2012–2013 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of members of the Advisory Body for 2014

**Item 14** Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget (TD/B/WP/255)

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**SUMMARY OF MEETINGS**

**Thursday, 19 September 2013**

**Sessional Committee II – First plenary meeting**

**Item 6 Economic Development in Africa: Intra-African trade: Unlocking private sector dynamism (TD/B/60/4 and UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2013)**

Sessional Committee II was opened by the Committee's Chairman, H.E. Mr. Abdul Samad Minty (South Africa). The Committee elected Ms. Shumeng Li (China) as Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

Sessional Committee II began its consideration of agenda item 6 with an opening statement by Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD. Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, introduced the report of the secretariat.

The general debate was opened. The following representatives made general statements: Ecuador (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ethiopia (on behalf of the African Group), Iraq (on behalf of the Asian Group), Brazil (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), the European Union, Benin (on behalf of the least developed countries), Chad, South Africa, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Cuba, Thailand, Algeria, H.E. Mr. Alhaji Usman Boie Kamara, Minister of Trade and Industry of Sierra Leone, Egypt, China, Angola, Japan, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes made final remarks.

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**Sessional Committee II – First informal meeting**

**Item 6 Economic Development in Africa: Intra-African trade: Unlocking private sector dynamism (TD/B/60/4 and UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2013)**

In the afternoon session, Sessional Committee II met in an informal setting with a panel discussion in the context of item 6. Presentations were made by the following panellists: H.E. Mr. Jean-Marie Ehouzou, Ambassador, Permanent Delegation of the African Union to the United Nations; Ms. Frannie Léautier, Executive Secretary, African Capacity Building Foundation, Harare; Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD intervened via videoconference, followed by Mr. Mwangi Kimenyi, Director, Africa Growth Initiative, Global Economy and Development, Brookings Institution, Washington D.C..

The panel discussion was followed by an interactive discussion with interventions by the representatives of Ethiopia, Egypt, Ecuador, Iraq and the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the participation of the panellists and the Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

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