

**PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS**

**Thursday, 17 September 2015**

- 10 a.m. Plenary (1134th meeting) Room XXVI**
- Item 14 Other matters in the field of trade and development:**  
(b) Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre
- Followed by**
- Sessional Committee II – First plenary meeting Room XXVI**
- Item 5 Economic development in Africa: Unlocking the potential of Africa’s services trade for growth and development (TD/B/62/4 and UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2015)**
- Opening remarks**
- Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Presentation of the report**
- Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD
- General statements**
- Statements by regional groups and member States
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- 3 p.m. Sessional Committee II – Second plenary meeting Room XXVI**
- Item 5 Economic development in Africa: Unlocking the potential of Africa’s services trade for growth and development (continued)**
- Panellists**
- Mr. Ibrahim Murtala, Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry, Ghana
  - Mr. Anders Aeroe, Director, Division of Market Development, International Trade Centre
  - Mr. Charles Adjasi, Professor, University of Stellenbosch Business School, Cape Town, South Africa
  - Mr. Juan Marchetti, Counsellor, Trade in Services Division, World Trade Organization
- Followed by**
- Interactive debate
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## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 18 September 2015

9.30 a.m. Meeting of the Bureau of the Trade and Development Board E-8116

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

**Item 4 Contribution of UNCTAD to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020: Fourth progress report (TD/B/62/8)**

**Opening remarks**

- Mr. Joakim Reiter, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

**Presentation of the item**

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

**General statements**

- Statements by regional groups and member States
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3 p.m. Plenary (1135th meeting) Room XXVI

**Item 15 Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:**

- (a) Report by the Chair 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 2014–2015 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of members of the Advisory Body for 2016

**Item 10 Technical cooperation activities:**

- (a) Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD (TD/B/WP/272 and Add.1 and Add.2; and TD/B/WP/275)

**Item 13 Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget on its seventy-first session (TD/B/WP/275)**

**Item 9 UNCTAD contributions 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/62/5)**

**Item 11 Report of the Seventh United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices (TD/RBP/CONF.8/11 and Add.1)**

**Item 14 Other matters in the field of trade and development:**

- (a) Progressive development of the law of international trade: Forty-eighth annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (A/70/17)
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**SUMMARY OF MEETINGS**  
**Wednesday, 16 September 2015**

**1132nd plenary meeting**

**Item 3 Interdependence: Financialization and macroeconomic fragility in the global economy**

The Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, Mr. Joakim Reiter, made an opening statement.

The Head of the Macroeconomic and Development Policies Branch of the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies of UNCTAD, Mr. Alfredo Calcagno, introduced chapters I and II of the *Trade and Development Report 2015*.

The Board heard presentations by the following panellists: Mr. Rogério Studart, Professor, University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Mr. Henri Sterdyniak, Director, Globalization Department, French Economic Observatory, Paris; and the former Director of the Division responsible for the report, Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Honorary Professor, Hamburg University, Germany.

This was followed by an interactive debate with statements by the following delegations: Morocco; the Philippines; Kenya; Nigeria; Indonesia; and South Africa.

The panellists responded to questions from delegations.

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**1133rd plenary meeting**

**Item 1 Procedural matters:**  
(b) Organization of work of the session

The Board elected H.E. Ambassador Modest Jonathan Mero (United Republic of Tanzania) Chair of Sessional Committee II.

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**Item 7 Investment for development: Reforming the international investment regime**

The Secretary-General of UNCTAD, Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, opened the session with a thought-provoking statement.

This was followed by a presentation of the *World Investment Report 2015* by Mr. James Zhan, Director of the Division on Investment and Enterprise of UNCTAD.

The Board heard presentations by the following panellists: Mr. Carlos Márcio Cozendey, Director, Department of Financial and Services Affairs, Ministry of External Relations, Brazil; Mr. Dominic Porter, Deputy Head of Delegation, Permanent Delegation to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva; Mr. Abdulkadir Jailani, Director, Directorate of Economic, Social and Cultural Treaties, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia; Mr. Xavier Carim, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the World Trade Organization; Ms. Nicolle Graugnard, Policy Manager, Commission on Trade and Investment Policy, World Trade Agenda Initiative, International Chamber of Commerce; Ms. Nathalie Bernasconi-Osterwalder, Group Director, Economic Law and Policy, International Institute for Sustainable Development; and Mr. Cristián Rodríguez-Chiffelle, Associate Director, International Trade and Investment, World Economic Forum.

This was followed by an interactive debate with statements by the following delegations: the Philippines, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; Chile, on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; the Netherlands; Switzerland; China; Belarus; Morocco; Thailand; Egypt; Botswana; Ecuador; Tajikistan; Argentina; and the Philippines.

The enriching debate ended with panellists responding to questions from delegations.

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### **Theme and sub-themes for UNCTAD XIV**

The Trade and Development Board agreed to extend the deadline of the silent procedure for the approval of the proposed theme and sub-themes for UNCTAD XIV to close of business on Tuesday, 22 September 2015.

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### **Bureau of the sixty-second session of the Trade and Development Board**

#### **President**

H.E. Ambassador Alberto Pedro D'Alotto (Argentina)

#### **Vice-Presidents**

H.E. Ambassador Filloreta Kodra (Albania)  
H.E. Ambassador Amr Ramadan (Egypt)  
H.E. Ambassador Ulrich Seidenberger (Germany)  
H.E. Ambassador Triyono Wibowo (Indonesia)  
H.E. Ambassador Stephen Ndungu Karau (Kenya)  
H.E. Ambassador Alfredo Suescum (Panama)  
H.E. Ambassador Ana María Menéndez Pérez (Spain)

#### **Sessional Committee II (Africa)**

**Chair** H.E. Ambassador Modest Jonathan Mero (United Republic of Tanzania)

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### **Information for participants**

#### **Registration/attendance forms**

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

#### **Distribution of documents**

The document distribution counter is in the lobby on the second floor of Building E (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, in the meeting 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; office E.8103).

#### **Statements**

Delegates are invited to send electronic versions of their statements to be posted on the UNCTAD website to [statements@unctad.org](mailto:statements@unctad.org). Statements will be made available in the form and language in which they are submitted.