

PROGRAMME OF 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 13** **Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget (TD/B/WP/275)**
- 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 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)**

3 p.m. Plenary (1135th meeting) (continued) Room XXVI

- 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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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 18 September 2015

10 a.m. Plenary (1136th meeting) Room XXVI

- Item 6 Evolution of the international trading system and its trends
from a development perspective (TD/B/62/2)**

Opening remarks

- Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Panellists

- Ms. Arancha González, Executive Director, International Trade Centre
- Mr. Roberto Azevêdo, Director-General, World Trade Organization

Followed by

- Question and answer session

Presentation of the background note

- Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director, Division of International Trade in Goods and Services and Commodities

Followed by

- Open discussions
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3 p.m. Plenary (1137th meeting) Room XXVI

- Item 10 Technical cooperation activities:**
(b) Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people
(TD/B/62/3)

Opening remarks

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

Presentation of the report

- Mr. Mahmoud Elkhafif, Coordinator, Assistance to the Palestinian People, UNCTAD

Address by

- Mr. Mohammad Shtayyeh, Minister, Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction

Followed by

- General statements by regional groups and member States
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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 17 September 2015

1134th plenary meeting

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

- (b) Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre

The Chair of the Joint Advisory Group, H. E. Ms. Patricia O'Brien (Ireland), introduced the report of the Joint Advisory Group on its forty-ninth session.

The Board heard statements from the following delegations: the Philippines, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; and Morocco. The representative of the International Trade Centre also made comments.

The Board took note of the report of the Joint Advisory Group at its forty-ninth session and concluded its consideration of the item.

Item 1 Procedural matters:

- (b) Organization of work of the session

The Board elected H.E. Ambassador Eloi Laourou (Benin) to serve as Chair of Sessional Committee I.

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Item 5 Economic development in Africa: Unlocking the potential of Africa's services trade for growth and development

The Secretary-General of UNCTAD, Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, made an opening statement and introduced the item under consideration. This was followed by a presentation of the *Economic Development in Africa Report 2015* by the Director of the Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes of UNCTAD, Mr. Taffere Tesfachew.

Statements were made by the following members States and regional groups: the Philippines, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the Africa Group; Brazil, on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group; the European Union, on behalf of the European Union and its member States; Benin, on behalf of the least developed countries; Paraguay, on behalf of landlocked developing countries; Ethiopia; Kenya; Zimbabwe; the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; the United States of America; Tunisia; Morocco; China; and Japan.

Sessional Committee II - First informal meeting

Item 5 Economic development in Africa: Unlocking the potential of Africa's services trade for growth and development (continued)

The Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, Mr. Joakim Reiter, opened the informal session by highlighting the areas to be explored by the panel.

The Sessional Committee heard presentations by various panellists. Mr. Ibrahim Murtala, Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry, Ghana, discussed his country's services trade regime with an emphasis on measures to enhance the potential of services trade export. Mr. Anders Aeroe, Director, Division of Market Development, International Trade Centre, focused on two topics: principles for effective policies that enabled services to make valuable contributions to African economies, and the services negotiation agenda in multilateral negotiations. Mr. Charles Adjasi, Professor, University of Stellenbosch Business School, Cape Town, South Africa, described a pan-African approach to enhancing opportunities for services growth in Africa. Mr. Patrick Low, Fung Global Institute, Hong Kong (China), discussed the role of services in global value

chains, and Mr. Juan Marchetti, Counsellor, Trade in Services Division, World Trade Organization, discussed the interaction between domestic and multilateral financial services regulation.

The interactive debate that followed featured statements by the following delegations: Uganda; Canada, on behalf of JUSSCANNZ; the United States of America; Morocco; South Africa; Côte d'Ivoire; Kenya; and Morocco.

The panellists and Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, replied to questions from the floor.

The Board thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

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

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