

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 22 September 2015

10 a.m. **Plenary (1138th meeting)** **Room XXVI**

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

Introductory remarks: Connecting trade and trade policy with sustainable development goals

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

Panellists

- Ms. Susan F. Stone, Director, Trade and Investment Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- Ms. Virginia Cram-Martos, Director, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- Mr. Nanno Mulder, Chief, International Trade Unit, International Trade and Integration Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- Mr. David Luke, Coordinator, African Trade Policy Centre, Regional Integration and Trade Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
- Mr. Mehmet Eris, Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Development and Integration Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

Followed by

- Open discussion

3 p.m. **Plenary (1139th meeting)** **Room XXVI**

Item 12 Follow-up to the Joint Inspection Unit report and the agreed conclusions of the twenty-sixth special session of the Trade and Development Board (TD/B/62/6, JIU/REP/2012/1, TD/B/59/CRP.2)

Followed by

Item 6 Evolution of the international trading system and its trends from a development perspective:

- The role of smallholder farmers in sustainable commodities production and trade (TD/B/62/9)

Opening remarks

- Mr. Samuel Gayi, Head, Special Unit on Commodities, UNCTAD

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Panellists

- Mr. Edouard Nizeyimana, Senior Programme Adviser, Purchase for Progress, World Food Programme, Rome
- Mr. Olivier Eugène, Chief Executive Officer, Geneven S.A., Paris
- Mr. Philippe Egger, Adviser, Development Innovations and Networks, Brussels

Followed by

- Interactive debate

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 24 September 2015

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

10 a.m. Plenary (1140th 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 8 Preparatory process for the fourteenth session of the Conference:

- (a) Establishment of the Preparatory Committee
- (b) Approval of the provisional agenda of the Conference

Followed by

Informal meeting

Sessional Committee I – Second informal meeting (item 4, LDCs)

Sessional Committee II – Second informal meeting (item 5, Africa)

- Consideration of the outcomes
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3 p.m. Informal meeting Room XXVI

Sessional Committee I – Third informal meeting (item 4, LDCs)

Sessional Committee II – Third informal meeting (item 5, Africa)

- Consideration of the outcomes
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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 22 September 2015

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Item 6 Evolution of the international trading system and its trends from a development perspective

The Board began consideration of the agenda item by examining the evolution of the international trading system with presentations by Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD; Mr. Roberto Azevêdo, Director-General of the World Trade Organization; and Ms. Arancha González, Executive Director of the International Trade Centre.

This was followed by a question and answer session. Questions were raised by the following delegations: the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group; China; Morocco; and Uganda.

Mr. Azevêdo, Mr. Kituyi and Ms. González replied to the questions raised by the above-mentioned delegations.

The session continued with a presentation by Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director of the Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, of the background note prepared by the secretariat (TD/B/62/2).

Statements were delivered by the following delegations: the Philippines, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; Guatemala, on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group; the European Union, on behalf of the European Union and its member States; Morocco; and Kenya.

Mr. Valles answered questions from the floor. The representative of Morocco made additional remarks.

The Board will continue deliberations on the agenda item in an informal session on Tuesday, 22 September, in the morning and, along with a panel composed of representatives from the five United Nations regional commissions, will examine ways of connecting trade and trade policy with the sustainable development goals.

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1137th plenary meeting

Item 10 Technical cooperation activities:

(b) Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people

The Board began its consideration of the item with opening remarks by Mr. Joakim Reiter, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD. Mr. Mahmoud Elkhafif, Coordinator, Assistance to the Palestinian People Unit, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, introduced the report of the secretariat on the item (TD/B/62/3). The Board heard an address by Mr. Mohammad Shtayyeh, Minister, Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction.

This was followed by general statements by the following delegations: State of Palestine; the Philippines, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group; the Philippines, on behalf of the Asia-Pacific Group; the European Union, on behalf of the European Union and its member States; Egypt, on behalf of the Arab Group; Jordan; China; Indonesia; Tunisia; Saudi Arabia; Bahrein; South Africa; Qatar; Oman; Lebanon; the Plurinational State of Bolivia; the United Arab Emirates; and Morocco. The representative of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation made a statement.

The Board thus concluded consideration of the agenda item.

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