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**Designation of non-governmental organizations for
the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board**

Application from the China–Africa Business Council

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

Executive summary

The UNCTAD secretariat has received an application from China–Africa Business Council requesting its inclusion by the Trade and Development Board in the list provided for in rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board.

Having reviewed the information provided, the secretariat is of the opinion that, subject to the concurrence of the Bureau of the Board, the organization may be classified in the general category under the provisions of paragraph 12 (a) of Board decision 43 (VII).

The Board may wish to take action on the above-mentioned application at its sixty-fifth executive session.

Information concerning the organization is annexed to this note.



Annex

China–Africa Business Council: Background information

History

1. The China–Africa Business Council is a non-profit organization composed of enterprises, groups and individuals that engage in economic and trade cooperation in Africa and China. The Council was created as a South–South platform for cooperation with the aim to transfer technology and knowledge between China and African countries. It was launched with the support of the United Nations Development Programme, the China International Centre for Economic and Technical Exchanges, and the China Society for the Promotion of the Guangcai Programme. The Council was approved by the Chinese Central Government and officially registered under the Ministry of Civil Affairs in October 2006.

Aims and objectives

2. The principal aim of the Council is to establish a strong international network of international organizations, national investment agencies, chambers of commerce, industrial associations and civil society organizations to address socioeconomic development issues. Other aims are to improve infrastructure; tackle poverty and health issues; and promote vocational education, gender equality, access to energy and full productive employment. The Council is a firm advocate of sustainable industrialization and global partnerships for development.

3. The Council organizes exchanges between delegations from China and African countries and hosts investment seminars to facilitate further collaboration. In addition, the Council markets investment projects and studies their feasibility.

4. Composed of representatives of the public and private sectors, the Council creates an effective business service platform that facilitates trade and investment between China and African countries.

5. The Council organized the following events in 2016:

- Action Makes Vision Reality.
- China–Côte d’Ivoire Conference on Agricultural Cooperation.
- China–Mozambique Forum on Production Capacity and Investment Cooperation.
- Forum on Angola’s Investment Environment and Legal Risks.
- Investing Africa Seminar and signing ceremony of the cooperation agreement between the China–Africa Business Council and the China–Africa Development Fund.
- Fifth China–Africa Think Tanks Forum.
- China–Nigeria Forum on Production Capacity and Investment Cooperation.
- Unleashing the Potential of Pharmaceuticals in the Socioeconomic Transformation of Africa.
- Working dinner with the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.
- Annual meeting of Chinese outbound investment companies.
- Twenty-sixth ordinary session of the African Union Assembly and signing of the cooperation agreement with the Organization of African First Ladies against HIV/AIDS.
- Meeting of China–Africa Business Council Chairs.

Membership

6. The Council is a network of enterprises, groups and individuals that include 129 vice-chairs and directors, and 379 members.

Structure

7. The Council organizes its meetings of the General Assembly, Board of Directors, Board of Supervisors and Office of the President. The General Assembly is the most powerful body of the Council and is convened every five years. The Board of Directors is the executive body of the General Assembly and meets at least once a year; its members serve a term of five years.

8. The current members of the Board are Mr. Zheng Yuewen, Chair; Mr. Wang Xiaoyong, Secretary-General; and Mr. Bai Xiaofeng, Deputy Secretary-General.

Finance

9. The audited cash flow statement of the China–Africa Business Council for the year ended 31 December 2015 is provided below.

Cash flow statement: China–Africa Business Council, 2015

(United States dollars)

Cash flows from operating activities	
Cash received from donations	2 972.00
Cash received from membership fees	354 411.00
Cash received from the provision of services	304 035.60
Other cash received relating to operating activities	119 263.95
Subtotal of cash inflows	780 729.03
Cash received from donations or subsidies	44 467.81
Cash payments to and on behalf of employees	156 332.79
Cash payments for goods acquired and services received	390 264.04
Other cash paid relating to operating activities	152 551.16
Subtotal of cash outflows	743 615.79
Net cash flows from operating activities	37 113.24

Relations with other international organizations

10. The Council does not yet have consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

Publications

11. Recent publications include the following: *Chinese Enterprises in Africa 2015*, *Guide for Chinese Companies to Invest in Africa 2016* and *The Third United Republic of Tanzania–China Business Forum Handbook*.

Liaison

12. Liaison with UNCTAD will be handled by Mr. Bai Xiaofeng, Deputy Secretary-General, China–Africa Business Council.

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Language

14. The working language of the China–Africa Business Council is Chinese.
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