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## Trade and Development Board

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

## Provisional agenda and annotations

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2. *The Least Developed Countries Report 2020: Productive Capacities for the New Decade.*
3. Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget on its eighty-first session.
4. Report of the Eighth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices.
5. Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy.
6. Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development.
7. Report of the Preparatory Committee to the fifteenth session of the Conference.
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9. Provisional agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the Trade and Development Board.
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11. Report of the Trade and Development Board on its seventieth executive session.



## II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

### Item 1

#### **Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

1. The provisional agenda of the seventieth executive session of the Trade and Development Board was approved on 2 October 2020 of at sixty-seventh session of the Board. The provisional agenda for the seventieth executive session is reproduced in chapter I above.

#### *Documentation*

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### Item 2

#### ***The Least Developed Countries Report 2020: Productive Capacities for the New Decade***

2. The UNCTAD secretariat will present *The Least Developed Countries Report 2020: Productive Capacities for the New Decade* to the Trade and Development Board. The least developed countries have so far been spared by the worst effects of the current health emergency, yet the fallout from the coronavirus disease of 2019 (COVID-19) has taken a toll on their economies, threatening to roll back progress towards sustainable development, worsening entrenched inequalities and possibly leading to long-term damage. The ongoing crisis has brought back to the fore the pivotal role of productive capacities for resilience to shocks, as well as for a sustainable and inclusive recovery and sustainable development. Bold concerted policies to strengthen the productive capacities of the least developed countries are as imperative as ever, and they should constitute a key pillar of any sustainable recovery and development strategy. Beyond countercyclical policies to cushion the impact of the crisis, this calls for an investment push to redress long-standing infrastructural gaps and support broader employment creation; forward-looking science technology and innovation policy frameworks to upgrade skills, in line with market needs; and audacious industrial and sectoral policies to promote domestic value addition and deepen productive linkages. The international community should play its part, assisting the efforts of the least developed countries with adequate financial resources, suitable policy space and more effective international support measures, notably in the area of technology transfer.

#### *Documentation*

UNCTAD/LDC/2020                      *The Least Developed Countries Report 2020: Productive  
and Overview                      Capacities for the New Decade*

### Item 3

#### **Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget on its eighty-first session**

3. The report of the eighty-first session of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget, to be held from 18 to 20 January 2021, will be before the Board for its consideration.

#### *Documentation*

TD/B/WP/308                      Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and  
the Programme Budget on its eighty-first session

**Item 4****Report of the Eighth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices**

4. The report of the Eighth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices, which took place in Geneva from 19 to 23 October 2020, will be before the Trade and Development Board for its consideration and onward submission to the General Assembly.

*Documentation*

TD/RBP/CONF.9/9                      Report of the Eighth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices

**Item 5****Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy**

5. The report of the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy will be before the Board for its consideration.

*Documentation*

TD/B/EDE/4/4                      Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy on its fourth session

**Item 6****Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development**

6. The report of the fourth session of Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development will be before the Board for its consideration.

*Documentation*

TD/B/efd/4/3                      Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development on its fourth session

**Item 7****Report of the Preparatory Committee to the fifteenth session of the Conference**

7. It is expected that the Trade and Development Board will hear the report of the Chair of the Preparatory Committee to the fifteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

**Item 8****Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre**

8. The Trade and Development Board will consider the report of the fifty-fourth session of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre.

**Item 9**  
**Provisional agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the Trade and Development Board**

9. The draft provisional agenda for the sixty-eighth session of the Board will be prepared by the secretariat.

*In-session documentation*

**Item 10**  
**Other business**

**Item 11**  
**Report of the Trade and Development Board on its seventieth executive session**

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### Corrigendum

**1. Page 1, item 3**

For the existing text *substitute*

3. Report of the Working Party on the Programme Plan and Programme Performance on its eighty-first session.

**2. Page 2, item 3**

For the existing text *substitute*

### Item 3

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#### *Documentation*

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Report of the Working Party on the Programme Plan and Programme Performance on its eighty-first session

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