SPECIAL EVENT

UNITED NATIONS INTER-AGENCY CLUSTER ON TRADE AND PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY

21 APRIL 2012, 10 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

BACKGROUND

The United Nations Inter-Agency Cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity was officially launched at UNCTAD XIII in 2008.

Coordinated by UNCTAD, and with a current membership of 15 agencies, the Cluster has been delivering Aid for Trade in a coherent and efficient manner through joint programmes in countries that have adopted the Delivering as One approach.

Four years after the official launch, the 15 member agencies, with mandates in the areas of trade and productive capacity, will gather to review the activities of the Cluster and the results achieved towards greater United Nations system-wide coherence.

PURPOSE

This Special Event will take stock of the achievements of the United Nations Inter-Agency Cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity since its official launching in 2008 at UNCTAD XII, and discuss the theme of the Conference from the perspective of the Heads of agencies.

The event will be in two parts, so as to:

(a) Provide an opportunity to take stock of the achievements of the Cluster since its official launching at UNCTAD XII, and discuss further action-oriented steps; and

(b) Allow the Heads of the agencies of the Cluster to contribute to the policy debate by providing their own perspectives on the theme of the Conference: *Development-centred globalization: Towards inclusive and sustainable growth and development*.

The event will be open to participation and interventions from the floor from delegates, civil society representatives and journalists.

OUTCOME

The discussions that take place during both parts of the Special Event will be summarized in a four-page document that will be distributed to the press and included in the outcomes of the Conference.

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