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Provisional agenda and annotations*

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Item 1

Election of officers

1. Under paragraph 3 of rule 64 of the rules of procedure of the Trade and Development Board, and in accordance with the cycle of rotation for the election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur, the Chair of the Working Party on the Programme Plan and Programme Performance at its eighty-second session will be a representative of one of the States members on list A (Africa). The Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur will be a representative of one of the States members on list C.

* The document is submitted after the agreed submission deadline due to an oversight in the submission process.



Item 2

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. The Working Party will be invited to approve the provisional agenda for its eighty-second session, as reproduced in chapter I above.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/309

Provisional agenda and annotations

Item 3

Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing

3. For its consideration of this item, the Working Party will have before it the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing (TD/B/WP/311), which deals with activities undertaken in 2020. This report will be submitted to both the Working Party at its eighty-second session and the Trade and Development Board at its seventy-first executive session. The report contains analytical information on the different sources of financing for the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and the allocation of technical cooperation resources by type of project, product (contained in the *UNCTAD Toolbox*) and region, as well as an updated overview of the structure and functioning of UNCTAD technical cooperation.

4. Annex I to the above-mentioned report, which is subtitled “Review of activities undertaken in 2020” (TD/B/WP/311/Add.1), provides a review of the technical cooperation activities undertaken in 2020 under various projects and products. It contains background information on the activities, as well as information on their impacts and results.

5. Annex II to the above-mentioned report, which is subtitled “Statistical tables” (TD/B/WP/311/Add.2), provides data on financial contributions, project expenditures and the distribution of expenditures among different regions, products and Sustainable Development Goals. It also provides a list of the projects being implemented in 2020.

6. The Trade and Development Board, at its sixty-seventh session in 2020, welcomed the start of the drafting of a new technical cooperation strategy and called on UNCTAD to finalize the strategy in close collaboration with member States and in time for its adoption and implementation immediately after the fifteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The UNCTAD secretariat will circulate a conference room paper on the new technical cooperation strategy, for consideration prior to adoption.

7. Under this agenda item, and in accordance with the relevant paragraphs on technical cooperation in the Nairobi Maafikiano (TD/519/Add.2) and in Trade and Development Board decision 533 (LXIV), beneficiaries, donors and the secretariat will also have an opportunity to interact and consult on all issues regarding UNCTAD technical cooperation activities.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/311

Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing

TD/B/WP/311/Add.1

Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing – Annex I: Review of activities undertaken in 2020 (English only)

TD/B/WP/311/Add.2

Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing – Annex II: Statistical tables (English only)

Item 4
Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview

8. For its consideration of this item, the Working Party will have before it the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD entitled “Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview” (TD/B/WP/310), in which findings from evaluations conducted between April 2020 and April 2021 are presented. The main messages and recommendations from each evaluation are contained in the report, which may be helpful in informing the assessment, design and future implementation of UNCTAD projects and programmes. In the report, lessons learned, addressed specifically to management and programme managers, in the planning and implementation of projects and programmes, are also highlighted.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/310

Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview

Item 5
Preparatory session for the programme plan and performance information

9. In accordance with its terms of reference, the Working Party will provide guidance and orientation for the preparation of the programme plan and performance information document of UNCTAD. The UNCTAD secretariat will circulate a non-paper to facilitate the discussion.

Item 6
Provisional agenda for the eighty-third session of the Working Party

10. In the course of the session, the UNCTAD secretariat will submit a draft provisional agenda for the next session of the Working Party.

Item 7
Other business**Item 8**
Adoption of the report of the Working Party to the Trade and Development Board

11. The report of the eighty-second session of the Working Party will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.



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Corrigendum

Paragraph 6, last sentence

For the existing text *substitute*

The UNCTAD secretariat will update member States on progress and circulate a conference room paper on the new technical cooperation strategy at the eighty-third session of the Working Party, in February 2022, for consideration prior to adoption.
