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**Trade and Development Board**  
**Working Party on the Programme Plan**  
**and Programme Performance**  
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**Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

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## II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

### 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-eighth session will be a representative of one of the States members on list B. The Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur will be a representative of one of the States members on list A (Asia).

### 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-eighth session, as reproduced in chapter I above.

#### *Documentation*

TD/B/WP/329

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### Item 3

#### Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing

3. For its consideration of the item, the Working Party on the Programme Plan and Programme Performance 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/332), which deals with activities undertaken in 2023. The report will be submitted to the Working Party at its eighty-eighth session and to the Trade and Development Board at its seventy-seventh 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: Delivering Results*)<sup>1</sup> 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 2023” (TD/B/WP/332/Add.1), provides a review of the technical cooperation activities undertaken in 2023 under various projects and products. It contains background information on the activities, as well as information on the impacts and results of the activities.

5. Annex II to the above-mentioned report, which is subtitled “Statistical tables” (TD/B/WP/332/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 under implementation in 2023.

6. Under the agenda item, and in accordance with the relevant paragraphs on technical cooperation in the Bridgetown Covenant (TD/541/Add.2) and in Trade and Development Board decision 580 (EX-LXXIV), beneficiaries, donors and the secretariat will also have an opportunity to interact and consult on all issues regarding UNCTAD technical cooperation activities.

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<sup>1</sup> UNCTAD, 2020, third edition (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.20.II.D.5, Geneva).

*Documentation*

TD/B/WP/332	Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing
TD/B/WP/332/Add.1	Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing – Annex I: Review of activities undertaken in 2023 (English only)
TD/B/WP/332/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**

**(a) Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview**

7. For its consideration of the item, the Working Party on the Programme Plan and Programme Performance will have before it the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD entitled “Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview” (TD/B/WP/330), in which findings from evaluations conducted between July 2023 and June 2024 are presented. A summary of key messages and recommendations from each evaluation is 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. An update from the Office of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD is also included on the management response to the 2023 independent evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 2: Investment and enterprise.

**(b) External evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 3: International trade and commodities**

8. At its seventy-fourth executive session, the Trade and Development Board took note of the report of the Working Party at its eighty-sixth session, as contained in document TD/B/WP/326 and endorsed the agreed conclusions therein. The agreed conclusions included a request to the UNCTAD secretariat to conduct an independent evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 3, on international trade and commodities, which the Working Party would consider at its eighty-eighth session, in the context of its consideration of an annual external evaluation of an UNCTAD subprogramme under the agenda item on evaluation. The evaluation report will be prepared by an independent evaluation team, which will present the team’s findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Working Party for its consideration.

*Documentation*

TD/B/WP/330	Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview
TD/B/WP/331	Independent evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 3: International trade and commodities
TD/B/WP(88)/CRP.1	Independent evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 3: International trade and commodities – Supporting materials
TD/B/WP/(88)/CRP.2	Management response update to the independent evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 3: International trade and commodities
TD/B/WP(88)/CRP.3	Independent evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 2: Investment and enterprise – 2024 Management response update

**Item 5**  
**Preparatory session for the 2026 programme plan and performance information**

9. In accordance with its terms of reference, the Working Party on the Programme Plan and Programme Performance will provide guidance and orientation for the preparation of the 2026 programme plan and performance information document of UNCTAD. The UNCTAD secretariat will circulate a non-paper to facilitate the discussion.

**Item 6**  
**Provisional agenda of the eighty-ninth session of the Working Party on the Programme Plan and Programme Performance**

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-eighth session of the Working Party will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.

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