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Item 1

Election of officers

1. Under rule 64, paragraph 3 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 at its sixty-second session will be a representative of list A (Africa). The Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur will be a representative of one of the States members on list C.

Item 2

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

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

Documentation

TD/B/WP/242

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 entitled "Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing" (TD/B/WP/243), which deals with activities undertaken in 2011. This report is being submitted both to the Working Party at its sixty-second session and to the Trade and Development Board at its fifty-ninth session. The report contains analytical information on the different sources of financing for UNCTAD's technical cooperation activities, that is, voluntary contributions and their allocation by thematic areas and by regions or countries, as well as an updated overview of the structure and main features of UNCTAD's technical cooperation programmes and projects.

4. Annex I to the above-mentioned report, which is entitled "Review of activities undertaken in 2011" (TD/B/WP/243/Add.1), provides a review of the technical cooperation activities undertaken in 2011 under various programmes and projects. It contains background information on the activities, as well as information on their impact and results.

5. Annex II to the above-mentioned report, which is entitled "Statistical tables" (TD/B/WP/243/Add.2), provides data on financial contributions, project expenditures and the distribution of activities among different regions and programmes. It also provides a list of the projects under implementation in 2011.

6. Under this agenda item, and in accordance with paragraph 220 of the Accra Accord and paragraph 7 of Trade and Development Board decision 495 (LV), 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/243	Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing
TD/B/WP/243/Add.1	Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing – Annex I: Review of activities undertaken in 2011 (English only)
TD/B/WP/243/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 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/244), which presents evaluation findings from 2011. The report contains descriptions of completed, ongoing and future evaluations, which can be helpful in informing the assessments, design and future implementation of UNCTAD projects and programmes. The Working Party will also be invited to review a proposal for the next iteration of the evaluation plan and to submit its conclusions and recommendations to the Trade and Development Board.

(b) Evaluation report of UNCTAD’s programme on science and technology for development

8. In the context of its consideration of an annual in-depth evaluation of an UNCTAD programme, the Working Party, at its fifty-ninth session in September 2011, requested that member States further discuss the recommendations contained in the evaluation report of UNCTAD’s programme on science and technology for development (TD/B/WP/234, TD/B/WP(59)/CRP.1) and decided that such discussions would take place at the next session of the Working Party on technical cooperation.

(c) Progress report on the implementation of recommendations from the evaluation of UNCTAD’s technical cooperation activities dedicated to least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and other structurally weak, vulnerable and small economies

9. At its fifty-ninth session, the Working Party also requested the secretariat to report back on further progress made in the implementation of the recommendations from the independent external evaluation of UNCTAD’s technical cooperation activities dedicated to least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and other structurally weak, vulnerable and small economies (TD/B/WP/235, TD/B/WP/223, TD/B/WP(56)/CRP.1). The secretariat will provide an update on the progress made in implementing those recommendations.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/244	Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview
TD/B/WP/235	Progress report on the implementation of recommendations from the independent external evaluation of UNCTAD's technical cooperation activities dedicated to least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and other structurally weak, vulnerable and small economies
TD/B/WP/234	In-depth evaluation of UNCTAD's programme on science and technology for development
TD/B/WP(59)/CRP.1	Management response to the in-depth evaluation of UNCTAD's programme on science and technology for development (English only)
TD/B/WP/223	In-depth independent evaluation of UNCTAD's technical cooperation activities dedicated to least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and other structurally weak, vulnerable and small economies
TD/B/WP(56)/CRP.1	Management response to the in-depth evaluation of UNCTAD's technical cooperation activities dedicated to least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and other structurally weak, vulnerable and small economies (English only)

Item 5

Provisional agenda for the sixty-third session of the Working Party

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

Item 6

Other business

Item 7

Adoption of the report of the Working Party to the Trade and Development Board

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