

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 20 September 2012

9.30 a.m. **Meeting of the Bureau** **Room E.8121**

10 a.m. **Sessional Committee II – *First plenary meeting*** **Room XXVI**

Item 6 Economic development in Africa: Structural transformation and sustainable development in Africa

“Towards Sustainable Structural Transformation in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities”

(TD/B/59/4; UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2012)

Opening remarks

- Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Introduction of the report

- Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

General statements

- Statements by regional groups and member States

3 p.m. **Sessional Committee II – *First informal meeting*** **Room XXVI**

Item 6 Economic development in Africa (*cont'd*)

Introduction

- Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

Panellists

- Mr. Xavier Carim, Deputy Director, Department of Trade and Industry, Republic of South Africa
- Mr. Mustapha Kamal Gueye, Acting Head of the Green Economy Advisory Services Unit, Economics and Trade Branch, Division of Technology, Industry and Economy, United Nations Environment Programme

Thursday, 20 September 2012 (*Cont'd*)

Item 6 Economic development in Africa (*cont'd*)

- Mr. Vinaye Ancharaz, Senior Development Economist,
International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development

Discussant

- Mr. Charles Gore, former Head of the Research and Policy
Analysis Branch, Division for Africa, Least Developed
Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

Followed by

- Interactive debate
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**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS
Friday, 21 September 2012**

10 a.m.

Sessional Committee I – *First plenary meeting*

Room XXVI

**Item 5 UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of
the Istanbul Programme of Action for LDCs: First
progress report**

(TD/B/59/3; UNCTAD/ALDC/2012/1)

Opening remarks

- Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of
UNCTAD

Introduction

- Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least
Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

General statements

- Statements by regional groups and member States
- Statement by LDC-Watch

Panellists

- Brief remarks by the Chair/moderator
- H.E. Mr. Leopold Ismael Samba, Permanent Representative
of Central African Republic
- H.E. Mr. Shanker Das Bairagi, Permanent Representative of
Nepal

Followed by

- Interactive debate
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Friday, 21 September 2012 (*Cont'd*)

3 p.m.

1089th Plenary meeting

Room XXVI

Item 12 Matters requiring action by the Board in the follow-up to the thirteenth session of the Conference

(TD/B/59/CRP.1; JIU/REP/2012/1;
TD/B(S-XXVI)/L.1)

Introduction

- Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD
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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS
Wednesday, 19 September 2012

1087th plenary meeting

Item 8 Development strategies in a globalized world: Reducing inequalities for balanced and sustainable development

The Board continued its consideration of item 4 with a panel discussion. Presentations were made by Professor James Galbraith of the University of Texas, United States of America, H.E. Mr. Nicholas Schmit, Minister of Labour, Employment and Immigration, Luxembourg and Mr. Heiner Flassbeck, Director of the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies of UNCTAD.

Next followed an interactive debate, with interventions by the representatives of Egypt, Morocco, Ecuador and Barbados and the participation of the panellists and the President of the Board.

1088th plenary meeting

Item 2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session

The Board established two sessional committees.

Sessional Committee I: to consider and report on agenda item 5 – UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for LDCs: First progress report. H.E. Mr. Mukhtar Tileuberdi (Kazakhstan) was elected Chair of Sessional Committee I.

Sessional Committee II: to consider and report on agenda item 6 – Economic development in Africa: Structural transformation and sustainable development in Africa. H.E. Mr. Umunna Humphrey Orjiako (Nigeria) was elected Chair of Sessional Committee II.

Item 13 Other matters in the field of trade and development

(a) Progressive development of the law of international trade: Forty-fifth annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

The Board took note of the report of the forty-fifth session of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law as contained in document A/67/17.

**(b) Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre
UNCTAD/WTO**

The President of the Joint Advisory Group, H.E. Mr. Francisco Pérez Gordillo (Uruguay), presented the report of the forty-sixth session of the Joint Advisory Group.

The representatives of Egypt and Mexico made statements regarding item 13 (b).

The Board took note of the report of the forty-sixth session of the Joint Advisory Group as contained in document ITC/AG(XLVI)/248.

Item 15 Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters

(a) Report by the President of the Advisory Body set up in accordance with paragraph 166 of the Bangkok Plan of Action on the implementation of courses by the secretariat in 2011–2012 and their relevant impact; and the appointment of members of the Advisory Body for 2013

The President of the Advisory Body, H.E. Mr. Mothae Anthony Maruping (Lesotho), reported on the work of the Advisory Body and the implementation of courses by the secretariat in 2011–2012 and their relevant impact.

The representatives of Oman and Morocco made statements regarding item 15 (a).

The Board took note of the report by the President of the Advisory Body as contained in TD/B/59/CRP.4/Rev.2.

Item 14 Report of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget

Ms. Gabriele Boner (Germany), Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur of the Working Party at its sixty-first session, presented the work undertaken at the session.

The Board took note of and endorsed the agreed conclusions of sixty-first session as contained in TD/B/WP(61)/R.1.

Item 11 Technical cooperation activities

(a) Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD

Ms. Jolaade Adekola Orimoloye (Nigeria), Chair of the Working Party at its sixty-second session, made a presentation on the work of the meeting.

The representatives of Ethiopia and the Dominican Republic made statements regarding item 11 (a).

The Board adopted the decision on the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD, took note of the report of the Working Party on its sixty-second session (TD/B/WP/245) and endorsed the conclusions contained therein.

Item 10 UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields

Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, presented the secretariat's report on this agenda item.

The representatives of the following countries made statements: Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Asian Group), Mexico (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries), Nepal (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries) and the Philippines.

Information for participants

Registration/attendance forms

Registration/attendance forms will be placed on the desks in the meeting room. It would be appreciated if delegations and observers would complete the forms before leaving the meeting.

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Arrangements for regional group meetings

Requests for rooms for regional group meetings should be made to the UNCTAD Meetings and Credentials Unit (ext. 75497, office E.3061).

Statements

Delegates are invited to send electronic versions of their statements to be posted on the UNCTAD website to tdb@unctad.org. Statements will be made available in the form and language in which they are submitted.

Interactive debate

For the interactive debates, the time allotted for interventions by regional groups, individual countries, and organizations is three minutes each.