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Item 1

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

1. The provisional agenda for the session is reproduced above.

Documentation

TD/B/EX(55)/1 Provisional agenda and annotations

Item 2

Activities undertaken by UNCTAD in support of Africa

2. A report on UNCTAD's activities in support of Africa is prepared every year and presented to an executive session of the Trade and Development Board. The report provides an overview of research and analysis being undertaken by UNCTAD with regard to African development, as well as a summary of specific activities, including advisory services and technical cooperation, in each sector that falls under UNCTAD's mandate. This report complements and updates the information in document TD/B/EX(53)/2, which was submitted to the fifty-third executive session of the Board in July 2011. Under this agenda item, a panel will be convened on "The New Partnership for Africa's Development: Performance, challenges, and the role of UNCTAD". An interactive discussion will follow.

Documentation

TD/B/EX(55)/2 Activities undertaken by UNCTAD in favour of Africa
Report by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD

TD/B/EX(55)/3 The New Partnership for Africa's Development:
Performance, challenges, and the role of UNCTAD

Item 3

Matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary bodies:

(a) Report of the Working Party

3. The report of the sixty-first session of the Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget will be before the Board for its consideration.

(b) Topics for multi-/single-year expert meetings

4. In accordance with paragraph 17 of the Doha Mandate and paragraphs 208 and 209 of the Accra Accord, the Board will be invited to approve the topics of the multi-/single-year experts meetings.

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Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

5. At present, there are 202 non-governmental organizations in status with UNCTAD: 112 in the general category and 90 in the special category. A list of these organizations is contained in document TD/B/NGO/LIST/12. The Board will be invited to consider six applications for inclusion in the general category: one from the International Actuarial Association (IAA), one from Bread For All (BFA), one from the Computer and Communications Industry Association (CCIA), one from the International Network for

Standardization of Higher Education Degrees (INSHED), one from the Inter-American Transportation Chamber (CIT) and the last one from the African Business Roundtable.

Documentation

- TD/B/EX(55)/R.1 Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board: Application from the International Actuarial Association
- TD/B/EX(55)/R.2 Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board: Application from Bread For All
- TD/B/EX(55)/R.3 Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board: Application from the Computer and Communications Industry Association
- TD/B/EX(55)/R.4 Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board: Application from the International Network for Standardization of Higher Education Degrees
- TD/B/EX(55)/R.5 Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board: Application from the Inter-American Transportation Chamber (CIT)
- TD/B/EX(55)/R.6 Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board: Application from the African Business Roundtable

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Other business

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Report of the Board on its fifty-fifth executive session
