

## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Monday, 24 September 2012

10 a.m.

**1090<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting**

**Room XXVI**

**Item 9 Investment for development: Towards a new generation of investment policies for inclusive growth and sustainable development**

(UNCTAD/WIR/2012 and Overview)

**Introduction**

- Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

**Panellists**

- H.E. Ms. Anabel González, Minister of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica
- H.E. Mr. Robert Davies, Minister of Trade and Industry of South Africa
- Mr. Jeffrey Sachs, Special Adviser to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon on the Millennium Development Goals and Director of The Earth Institute at Columbia University (via video-link)

**Discussants**

- Mr. Mark Halle, Vice-President, International Institute for Sustainable Development
- Mr. Predeep Mehta, Secretary General, Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS) International

**Remarks**

- Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

**Followed by**

- Interactive debate
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**Monday, 24 September 2012 (Cont'd)**

3 p.m. **1091<sup>st</sup> Plenary meeting** **Room XXVI**

**Item 11(b) Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people**

(TD/B/59/2)

**Opening remarks**

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

**Introduction**

- Mr. Mahmoud Elkhafif, Coordinator of the Unit on Assistance to the Palestinian People, UNCTAD

**General statements**

- Statements by regional groups and member States
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9 a.m. – 10 a.m. **Meeting of the Group of 77 and China** **Room XXV**  
and  
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

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**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**  
**Tuesday, 25 September 2012**

10 a.m. **1092<sup>nd</sup> Plenary meeting** **Room XVIII**

**Item 7 Evolution of the international trading system and its trends from a development perspective**

Key issues arising from the international trading system and the impact on inclusive development

(TD/B/59/5)

**Opening remarks**

- Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

**Keynote address**

- Mr. Pascal Lamy, Director-General of the World Trade Organization

**Followed by**

- Interactive debate moderated by Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities (DITC), UNCTAD

**Discussants**

- Mr. Abdallah al-Dardari, Director, Economic Development and Globalization Division, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Beirut
- Ms. Virginia Cram-Martos, Director, Trade and Sustainable Land Management Division, Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva

**Tuesday, 25 September 2012 (Cont'd)**

**Item 7 Evolution of the international trading system and its trends from a development perspective (cont'd)**

- Mr. Magdhi Farahat, Principal Adviser on Trade, Geneva Interregional Advisory Services, Economic Commission for Africa
- Mr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok
- Mr. Sebastian Herreros, Expert, Division of International Trade and Integration, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago
- Mr. Bernard Hoekman, Director, International Trade Department, World Bank
- Mr. Andrei Tochin, Director, Trade and Policy Department, Eurasian Economic Commission

1 p.m.

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**Lunch event**

**Room XXVI**

- Moderated by Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director, DITC, UNCTAD

**Sandwich lunch**

Showing of video “The BioTrade Initiative” illustrating the work on natural ingredients and fashion value chains. Produced by United Nations Television UNCTAD and the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs

**Introduction of the theme and speakers**

- Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director, DITC, UNCTAD

**BioTrade in Ecuador and the Jambi Kiwa experience with herbal teas**

- H.E. Miguel Carbo, Ambassador of Ecuador to the World Trade Organization

**Development benefits from BioTrade in Mexico**

- Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations and other International Organizations

**The candelilla experience: partnership between Mexico and Yves Rocher**

- Mr. Claude Fromageot, Director of Sustainable Development for the Yves Rocher Group and Director of the Yves Rocher Foundation, Paris, France

**Questions and answers**

**Followed by**

- Exhibition of BioTrade products and tasting of herbal teas
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**Tuesday, 25 September 2012 (*Cont'd*)**

3 p.m.

**1093<sup>rd</sup> Plenary meeting**

**Room XXVI**

**Item 7 Evolution of the international trading system and its trends from a development perspective (*cont'd*)**

Rio+20: How can trade best support sustainable development? Opportunities and costs.

**Keynote address**

- H.E. Ambassador Roberto Azevedo, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the World Trade Organization and UNCTAD

**Guest speakers**

- Mr. Aaron Cosbey, Senior Adviser for the International Institute for Sustainable Development

**Guest speakers**

- Mr. Claude Fromageot, Director of Sustainable Development for the Yves Rocher Group and Director of the Yves Rocher Foundation, Yves Rocher, Paris, France

**Followed by**

- Interactive discussion moderated by Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director, DITC, UNCTAD
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## **Bureau of the fifty-ninth session of the Trade and Development Board**

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**SUMMARY OF MEETINGS**  
**Friday, 21 September 2012**

**Sessional Committee I – *First plenary meeting***

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

Mr. Mohamed Elmurtada Mubarak Ismail (Sudan) was elected Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur. Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made an opening statement on item 5. This was followed by an introductory statement by Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD.

**General statements**

Statements were made by representatives of the following member States or groups of States: Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Nepal (on behalf of the least developed countries); Mauritius (on behalf of the African Group); Paraguay (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries); the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Asian Group); the European Union; Paraguay (on behalf of the landlocked developing countries); Angola; Turkey; China and Bangladesh. In addition, a statement was made by the representative of the non-governmental organization LDC Watch.

The general statements were followed by presentations by two panellists: H.E. Mr. Leopold Ismael Samba, Permanent Representative of the Central African Republic and H.E. Mr. Shanker Das Bairagi, Permanent Representative of Nepal.

The Chair made closing remarks.

**1089th plenary meeting**

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

**Follow-up to the Joint Inspection Unit report and the agreed conclusions of the twenty-sixth special session of the Trade and Development Board on 6 July 2012**

Mr. Petko Draganov, the Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, presented the Work plan for enhancing the management and administration of UNCTAD, contained in document TD/B/59/CRP.2.

Statements were made by representatives of the following member States or groups of States: Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Asian Group); the European Union; Switzerland; Japan; the United States of America; China; Turkey and Mexico.

The President proposed that discussion on the agenda item continue after further informal consultations on the subject.

## **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.

### **Distribution of documents**

The documents distribution counter is in the lobby on the second floor of the E building (door 40). Participants should bring with them pre-session documents, i.e. documents circulated prior to the opening of the session. Additional copies of pre-session documents may be available, stock permitting, at the distribution counter in the conference room.

### **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](mailto: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.