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Item 1

Election of officers

1. It is recommended that the expert meeting elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur.

Item 2

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. The provisional agenda for the expert meeting is reproduced in chapter I above. A detailed programme will be available at the latest one week before the start of the meeting.

Documentation

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Item 3

Assessing the impact of public–private partnerships on trade and development in developing countries

3. Public–private partnerships can play an important role in ensuring that participation in global value chains is conducive to promoting trade for the sustainable growth and development of developing countries. Such partnerships can facilitate the development of the local supply capacity of developing countries to enable domestic small and medium-sized enterprises to engage and scale-up in these chains.
4. The meeting will identify ways and means in which public–private sector partnerships with transnational corporations in developing countries can help achieve this goal by establishing linkages between local producers and global value chains, in particular in the sectors of agriculture, commodities and infrastructure. The meeting will also discuss ways in which public–private sector partnerships may contribute to corporate social responsibility and gender-inclusiveness in these chains.
5. This expert meeting is expected to result in an inventory of good practices in terms of addressing the challenges and difficulties faced by developing countries' small and medium-sized enterprises operating in global value chains, with a view to distilling policy recommendations. It will also draw on lessons from technical assistance programmes, including UNCTAD's Business Linkages Programme. Such understanding and inventory will help in the design of effective and evidence-based policies and programmes in developing countries.

Documentation

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Adoption of the report of the meeting

6. The report of the expert meeting will be submitted to the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission at its fifth session. The expert meeting may wish to authorize the Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur, under the authority of the Chair, to prepare the final report after the conclusion of the meeting.

Inputs from experts

Experts nominated by member States are encouraged to submit brief papers (approximately five pages) as contributions to the work of the meeting. The papers should be submitted to the UNCTAD secretariat in advance of the meeting. Papers, which will draw on national and private sector experience, will be made available at the meeting in the form and language in which they are received.

Experts are invited to submit papers by 15 March 2013. Papers related to global value chains, public-private partnerships and small and medium-sized enterprises development should be forwarded to Ms. Fulvia Farinelli, Enterprise Development Branch, Division on Investment and Enterprise, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland; fax: +41 22 917 0122; e-mail: fulvia.farinelli@unctad.org.
