

## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 18 September 2008

10 a.m.                      **Sessional Committee I - First plenary meeting**                      **Room XXVI**

**Item 4 Review of progress in the implementation of the  
Programme of Action for the Least Developed  
Countries for the Decade 2001–2010: (TD/B/55/**

(a) *The Least Developed Countries Report 2008*: Recent  
economic, social and policy trends

(b) Sectors of key interest to the least developed countries in  
the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least  
Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010: Export  
competitiveness – policy issues and priorities

Opening statement by Mrs. Lakshmi Puri, Acting Deputy  
Secretary General of UNCTAD

Presentation by Mr. Habib Ouane, Director of the  
Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and  
Special Programmes

General statements

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3 p.m.                      **Sessional Committee I - Second plenary meeting**                      **Room XXVI**

**Item 4 Review of progress in the implementation of the  
Programme of Action for the Least Developed  
Countries for the Decade 2001–2010 (*continued*)**

**Panellists:**

Mr. Philippe Besson, Senior Adviser, Issue Manager,  
Harmonization and Alignment, Federal Department of  
Foreign Affairs, Swiss Agency for Development and  
Cooperation, Switzerland

Mr. Carlos Nuno Castel-Branco, Director, Instituto de  
Estudos Sociais e Económicos (IESE), Maputo,  
Mozambique

Followed by

- Interactive discussion

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**  
**19 September 2008**

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

**Item 5   Economic development in Africa: Trade  
liberalization and export performance in Africa**

Presentation by Mr. Habib Ouane, Director of the  
Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and  
Special Programmes

General statements

Followed by

*Interactive discussion*

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3 p.m.                      **Sessional Committee II - Second plenary meeting**                      **Room XXVI**

**Item 5   Economic development in Africa: Trade  
liberalization and export performance in Africa**  
*(continued)*

**Panellists:**

H.E. Mr. Arsene Balihuta, Ambassador and Permanent  
Representative of Uganda, Geneva

Mr. Arne Lennart Bigsten, Director at large, Department  
of Economics, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

Mr. Jean Michel Debrat, Deputy Director General,  
Agence Française de Développement, Paris

Followed by

*Interactive discussion*

**Bureau of the fifty-fifth session of the Trade and Development Board**

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**Sessional Committee II**

<b>Chair</b>	H.E. Mr. Kwabena BAAH-DUODU	(Ghana)
<b>Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur</b>	Mr. Joannes Ekaprasetya TANDJUNG	(Indonesia)

## **Information for participants**

### **Registration**

Registration forms will be placed on the desks in room XVIII. 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.* 75599/75497, office E.3061).

### **Statements**

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### **Audio files**

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### **Announcements by delegations**

The African Group will meet on Thursday, 18 September 2008 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Room XVIII.

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