

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Friday, 19 September 2008

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| 10 a.m. | Sessional Committee II - First plenary meeting

Item 5 Economic development in Africa: Trade liberalization and export performance in Africa
(UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2008; TD/B/55/6) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening statement by Ms. 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 by regional groups and delegations Followed by <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Interactive debate</i> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 20px auto;"/> | Room XXVI |
| 3 p.m. | Sessional Committee II - Second plenary meeting

Item 5 Economic development in Africa: Trade liberalization and export performance in Africa
(<i>continued</i>)

Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. Yves Charpentier, Conseiller auprès du Directeur Général de l'Agence Française de Développement, Paris. Followed by <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Interactive debate</i> | Room XXVI |

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 22 September 2008

10 a.m.	<p>Item 7 Development strategies in a globalized world: Financial policies and productive investment related to trade and development (UNCTAD/TDR/2008 and Overview)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction by Mr. Detlef Kotte, Head, Macroeconomic and Development Policies Branch• Presentation by the secretariat on capital flows, financial policies and investment• Presentation by Professor Gerald Epstein, Co- Director of the Political Economy Research Institute), Professor of Economics, University of Massachusetts <p>Followed by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Interactive debate</i> <hr/>	Room XXVI
2 p.m.	Special session on Cape Verde	Room XXVI
3.30 p.m.	<p>Item 7 Development strategies in a globalized world: Financial policies and productive investment related to trade and development (<i>continued</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation by the secretariat on debt and development assistance• Presentation by Professor Ernest Aryeetey, Director of the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research, University of Ghana, Legon <p>Followed by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Interactive debate</i>	Room XXVI

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