



Programme of meetings

No. 6, Thursday, 24 April 2008

9:30	Meeting of the Group of 77 and China	Committee Hall 1
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9:30	Bureau meeting	Meeting Room 3
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9:30	Meeting of the European Union	Committee Hall 2
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10:00–13:00	Interactive thematic round table 5	Main Hall
	<i>Harnessing knowledge and technology for development</i> (TD/421)	
	<i>Sub-theme 3: Enhancing the enabling environment at all levels to strengthen productive capacity, trade and investment: mobilizing resources and harnessing knowledge for development</i>	
	<i>Opening remarks: Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD</i>	
	<i>Keynote address: Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand</i>	
	<i>Moderator: Mr. Art Reilly, Senior Director, Cisco Systems</i>	
	<i>Panellists:</i>	
	H.E. Mr. Benjamin Aggrey Ntim, Minister of Communications, Ghana	
	H.E. Mr. Frank Heemskerk, Minister for Foreign Trade, the Netherlands	
	H.E. Fadillah Yusof, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Malaysia	
	Mr. Gordon Graylish, Vice-President of Intel Europe, Middle East and Africa	
	Mr. Michael Rawding, Vice-President, Unlimited Potential Group, Microsoft Corporation	

- 13:00–15:00 Lunchtime event**
UNCTAD Empretec Africa Forum Luncheon
(by invitation only)
Jointly organized by the Government of the Netherlands
and UNCTAD
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- 13:30-14:30 Meeting of the LDC Group** **Committee
Hall 2**
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- 15:00–16:00 Presentation by the European Commission on the
European Union export helpdesk for developing
countries** **WIF 3**
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- 15:00–17:00 Interactive thematic round table 6** **Main Hall**
*Debt management solutions supporting trade and
development*
(TD/424)
*Sub-theme 1: Enhancing coherence at all levels for
sustainable economic development and poverty reduction
in global policymaking, including the contribution of
regional approaches*
Moderator: Mr. Ellias E. Ngalande, Executive Director,
Macroeconomic and Financial Management Institute of
Eastern and Southern Africa (MEFMI), Zimbabwe
Panellists:
H.E. Mr. Charles Soludo, Governor, Central Bank of
Nigeria
Mr. Hakon Gulbrandsen, Secretary of State, International
Development, Norway
Mr. Sinan Al-Shabibi, Governor, Central Bank of Iraq
Mr. Jürgen Zattler, Deputy Director-General, Multilateral
and European Development Policy, Trade; Ministry for
Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany
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- 15:00–18:00 General debate (continued)** **Plenary Hall
(tent)**
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- 15:00–18:00 Committee of the Whole (private)** **Committee
Hall 1**
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17:00–19:00 Interactive thematic round table 7

Main Hall

Developing productive capacities in least developed countries

(TD/420)

Sub-theme 3: Enhancing the enabling environment at all levels to strengthen productive capacity, trade and investment: mobilizing resources and harnessing knowledge for development

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Ambassador of Bangladesh to the United Nations Office at Geneva and to the World Trade Organization

Panellists:

Mr. Kandeh Yumkella, Director-General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization

Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Mr. Sid' Ahmed Ould Raiss, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mauritania

Mr. William Kalema, Director, Uganda Manufacturers Association Consultancy and Information Services (UMACIS), Uganda

Mr. Richard Newfarmer, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations Office at Geneva and to the World Trade Organization

Mr. John Clarke, Deputy Head, Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the International Organizations in Geneva

Ms. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlement Programme

Discussants:

Mr. Simone Cipriani, Senior International Market Development Advisor, International Trade Centre (ITC/UNCTAD/WTO)

Ms. Joy Kategwa, Oxfam International, on behalf of the Civil Society Forum

Creative Africa

20:00–24:00	Fashion show, dance and film <i>Designer:</i> Anggy Haif <i>Dance:</i> National Troup of Nigeria <i>Film:</i> White water (Nigeria, directed by Izu Ojukwu) There will be a presentation on the Nigerian film industry by Nigeria's Minister of Information and Communications, Mr. John Ogar Odey. Please present your badge to obtain admission to the event. Shuttles will be provided from the Conference Centre to the National Theatre and, afterwards, to hotels.	National Theatre
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Civil Society Forum

9:30–11:30	Mainstreaming development at the World Trade Organization	NGO Centre
11:30–13:30	New realities in the geography of the world economy	NGO Centre
14:30–16:30	Strengthening UNCTAD: Refounding the World Trade Organization within UNCTAD	NGO Centre

Forthcoming meetings

Friday, 25 April 2008

9:30	Bureau meeting	To be announced
10:00–13:00	Interactive thematic round table 8 <i>Strengthening UNCTAD: enhancing its development role</i> (TD/430) <i>Sub-theme 4:</i> Strengthening UNCTAD: enhancing its development role, impact and institutional effectiveness <i>Moderator</i> Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD <i>Panellists:</i> Mr. Benjamin Mkapa, President Emeritus, United Republic of Tanzania Mr. Hakon Arald Gulbrandsen, Secretary of State, International Development, Norway	Main Hall

Mr. José Manuel Salazar, Executive Director,
Employment Sector, International Labour Office

Mr. George Dragnich, Director, Office of Economic and
Development Affairs, United States Department of State

H.E. Mr. Robert Davies, Deputy Minister for Trade and
Industry, South Africa

To be confirmed	Closing plenary of the Committee of the Whole (<i>public</i>)	Plenary Hall (tent)
10:00-10:30	Signing ceremony between the Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (<i>private</i>)	Meeting Room 2
13:00–15:00	Lunchtime event <i>Amandla (light) project initiative with Royal Philips Electronics and exhibition of Philips corporate social responsibility products</i>	WIF 1
15:00–17:00	Interactive thematic round table 9 <i>Strengthening UNCTAD: enhancing its impact and institutional effectiveness</i> (TD/431) <i>Sub-theme 4: Strengthening UNCTAD: enhancing its development role, impact and institutional effectiveness</i> <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD <i>Panellists:</i> H.E. Mr. Gonzalo Gutiérrez Reinel, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Peru Ms. Anna Tibaijuka, Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) and Director-General, United Nations Office at Nairobi Mr. Andrej Ster, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia Mr. Ransford Smith, Deputy Secretary-General, Commonwealth Secretariat	Main Hall

17:30–20:00 UNCTAD XII Closing plenary

**Plenary Hall
(tent)**

Followed by:

Closing ceremony

Vice-presidents of the Conference

At the opening plenary of the Conference, on 20 April 2008, the following States were elected to fill the posts of vice-president of the Conference:

Mr. Ahmed Ouyahia	Algeria
Mr. Alfredo Chiaradia	Argentina
Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury	Bangladesh
Mr. Andrei Savinykh	Belarus
Mr. Don Stephenson	Canada
Mr. Yi Xiaozhun	China
Mr. Youssouf Soumahoro	Côte d'Ivoire
Mr. Ricardo Cabrisas Ruiz	Cuba
Mr. Ramzy Ezeldin Ramzy	Egypt
Ms. Ana Vilma Albanez de Escobar	El Salvador
Mr. Pierre Jacquemont	France
Ms. Dagmar Wöhrl	Germany
Mr. Rezlan Ishar Jenie	Indonesia
Mr. Seyed Masoud Mir Kazemi	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Mr. Ronald Robinson	Jamaica
Mr. Yasuhide Nakayama	Japan
Ms. Luz María de la Mora Sánchez	Mexico
Mr. Abdellatif Mazouz	Morocco
Mr. Hakon Arald Gulbrandsen	Norway
Mr. Ahmed Ba Omar	Oman
Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi	Pakistan
Mr. Gonzalo Gutiérrez Reinel	Peru
Ms. Erlinda A. Basilio	Philippines
Mr. João Gomes Cravinho	Portugal
Mr. Vladimir Tkachenko	Russian Federation
Ms. Marija Adanja	Slovenia
Mr. Alexander Erwin	South Africa
Mr. Pedro Mejía Gómez	Spain
Mr. Noppadon Pattama	Thailand
Mr. Nelson Gagawala Wambuyi	Uganda
Ms. Dawn Shackelford	United States of America
Mr. Jorge Valero	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Mr. Darius Kurek, Switzerland, was appointed rapporteur.

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