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UNCTAD XII ACCRA, GHANA, 20-25 April 2008

Programme of meetings

No. 4, Tuesday, 22 April 2008

8:30–10:00	Special event <i>Biofuels: opportunities and risks for small producers in developing countries</i> Breakfast event	WIF 3
9:30–10:00	Bureau meeting	Meeting Room 3
9:45–10:00	Signing of memorandum of understanding between UNCTAD and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in the area of small and medium-sized enterprises and entrepreneurship	VIP Lounge
10:00–13:00	Interactive thematic round table 1 <i>Globalization, development and poverty reduction: their social and gender dimensions</i> (TD/422) <i>Sub-theme 1: Enhancing coherence at all levels for sustainable economic development and poverty reduction in global policymaking, including the contribution of regional approaches</i> <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Danny Leipziger, Vice-President for Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank <i>Panellists:</i> H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of Finland H.E. Mr. Albert Koenders, Minister for Development Cooperation, Netherlands Mr. Bader Al-Dafa, Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) Ms. Patricia R. Francis, Executive Director, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO Ms. Rachel Mayanja, Assistant Secretary-General, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and the Advancement of	Main Hall

Women, United Nations

Discussants:

H.E. Mr. Joao Gomes Cravinho, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Portugal

H.E. Mr. Gamini Lakshman Peiris, Minister for Export Development and International Trade, Sri Lanka

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| 10:00–13:00 | General debate (<i>public</i>)
(TD/413)

The general debate includes speakers from Madagascar, Zimbabwe, Hungary, South Africa, Dominican Republic, Russian Federation, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Philippines, Thailand, France, Malaysia, Yemen, Mozambique, United States of America, Australia, United Nations Development Programme, World Tourism Organization and Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change | Committee
Hall 2 |
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| 10:00–13:00 | Committee of the Whole (<i>private</i>)
(TD/L.398, TD/L.398/Add.1) | Committee
Hall 1 |
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| 12:00–13:00 | Global System of Trade Preferences (GSTP)
Ministerial Meeting | Plenary Hall
(tent) |
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| 13:00–15:00 | Luncheon for heads of delegation or their
representatives (<i>by invitation only</i>)

<i>Delivering on development: the role of UNCTAD</i>

<i>Keynote speaker:</i> H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of Finland | |
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| 13:00–15:00 | Lunchtime event

<i>Trade and gender: perspectives for sustainable growth
and poverty reduction</i>

Organized by UNCTAD and the Commonwealth Secretariat | WIF 3 |
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| 13:00–15:00 | <i>Making sustainability standards work for pro-poor
agricultural development and trade</i>

Experts will analyse the impact of sustainability standards on small-scale farmers and try to define strategies that help them maximize benefits while minimizing costs.

<i>Presenters:</i>

The Hon. Mary Nagu, Minister for Industries, Trade and | WIF 2 |

Marketing, United Republic of Tanzania

The Hon. E.A. Debrah, Minister of Food and Agriculture,
Ghana

The Hon. Nelson Gaggawala, Minister of State for Trade,
Uganda

The Hon. Hans Winkler, State Secretary for European and
International Affairs, Austria

Moderator: Ms. Florence Kata, Executive Director,
Uganda Export Promotion Board

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| 14:00–15:00 | Launch of the Global Network for Development Think Tanks and <i>Development and Globalization: Facts and Figures</i> | Meeting Room 3 |
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- Journalists and delegates are welcome.
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| 15:00–18:00 | Interactive thematic round table 2

<i>Creating an institutional environment conducive to increased foreign investment and sustainable development</i>

(TD/426)

<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>Moderator:</i> H.E. Mr. Benjamin Mkapa, President Emeritus of the United Republic of Tanzania and Co-Chair, Investment Climate Facility for Africa

<i>Panellists:</i>

H.E. Mr. Mohamed Nouri Jouini, Minister of Development and International Cooperation, Tunisia

H.E. Mr. Semakula Kiwanuka, Minister of State for Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda

H.E. Mr. Ronald Robinson, Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Jamaica

H.E. Mr. Yi Xiaozhun, Vice-Minister of Commerce, China

H.E. Mr. Alfredo Bonet Baiget, Vice-Minister and General Secretary for Trade, Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade, Spain

H.E. Mr. Marek Belka, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and former Prime Minister of Poland

Mr. Mario Amano, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD | Plenary Hall (tent) |
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Discussants:

H.E. Mr. Gamini Lakshman Peiris, Minister of Export Development and International Trade, Sri Lanka

Ms. Dagmar G. Wöhrl, Parliamentary State Secretary, Ministry of the Economy, Germany

Mr. Mart Laanemae, Undersecretary of Economic and Development Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Estonia

Ms. Jacqueline Coté, Permanent Representative of ICC, Geneva

Mr. Fernando Sedano, Director of Investment Operations and Promotions, National Agency of Investment Promotion, Argentina

Ms. Myriam Vander Stichele, SOMO – Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations

15:00–18:00	General debate (<i>public</i>) (TD/413) The general debate includes speakers from Singapore, Pakistan, China, Zambia, Austria, Ghana, Cuba, Germany, Sri Lanka, Iran (Islamic Republic of), India, Kenya, Turkey, Bulgaria, Spain, Mongolia, Czech Republic, Holy See and Nigeria	Committee Hall 2
15:00–18:00	Committee of the Whole (<i>private</i>) (TD/L.398 and Add.1)	Committee Hall 1
18:00–19:00	Ministerial meeting of the group of landlocked developing countries (LLDCs)	Plenary Hall (tent)
18:00–19:30	Meeting of francophone countries (Organisation internationale de la francophonie)	WIF 1

Creative Africa

12:30–13:30	Inauguration of the exhibition of creative products of gold and artefacts from Ghana Inauguration by the Minister of Culture of Ghana and invited guests	National Theatre
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15:00–18:00 **Free dialogue 2: Ethical fashion – from fashion to African communities and the Millennium Development Goals** **WIF 1**

Open discussion on the opportunities for poor communities, African designers and small and medium-sized enterprises in the global market of ethical fashion and on how to overcome prevailing obstacles to enter the value chains

Regional group meetings

13:00 **African Group meeting** **Committee Hall 1**

13:15–14:30 **Meeting of the European Union** **Committee Hall 2**

14:00 **Meeting of the Group of 77 and China (at the level of heads of delegation)** **Main Hall**

Forthcoming meetings

Wednesday, 23 April 2008

10:00–13:00 **Interactive thematic round table 3** **Plenary Hall (tent)**

The changing face of commodities in the twenty-first century

(TD/428 and Corr.1)

Sub-theme 2: Key trade and development issues and the new realities in the geography of the world economy

Moderator: Mr. Ransford Smith, Deputy Secretary-General of the Commonwealth

Panellists:

H.E. Mr. Joaquim Icuma Muafuamba, Minister of Trade, Head of Delegation, Angola

H.E. Mr. Sid'Ahmed Ould Raiss, Ministre du Commerce et de l'Industrie, Mauritania

H.E. Ms. Esther Obeng Dapaah, Minister of Lands, Forestry and Mines, Ghana

H.E. Mr. Youssouf Soumahoro, Ministre du Commerce,
Côte d'Ivoire

H.E. Mr. Alfredo Chiaradia, Vice-Minister of Foreign
Affairs and Director of International Economic Relations,
Argentina

H.E. Mr. Gamini Lakshman Peiris, Minister of Export
Development and International Trade, Sri Lanka

Mr. Carlos Márcio Cozendey, Director of the Economic
Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brazil

Mr. John Clarke, Deputy Head of Delegation, European
Commission

Mr. Hans-Peter Egler, Head of the Division of Trade
Promotion and the Direction of Cooperation and
Economic Development, Swiss State Secretariat for
Economic Affairs

Discussants:

Mr. Ahmeed Bin Hassan Al Dheeb, Under Secretary for
Commerce and Industry, Oman

Mr. Hamid Rashid, Director General, Multilateral
Economic Affairs Wing, Bangladesh

Mr. Choukri Mamoghli, Secrétaire d'Etat charge du
Commerce, Tunisia

Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary, United
Nations Economic Commission for Africa

H.E. Ambassador Ali Mchumo, Managing Director,
Common Fund for Commodities

Mr. Hafez Ghanem, Assistant Director-General Economic
and Social Development, Food and Agriculture
Organization of the United Nations

Mr. Aftab Alam Khan, Action Aid International, on behalf
of the Civil Society Forum

10:00–13:00

General debate (*continued*)

**Committee
Hall 2**

10:00–13:00

Committee of the Whole (*private*)

**Committee
Hall 1**

13:00–14:00

Lunchtime event

WIF 2

*Compal: what type of deliverables on competition law
and policy?*

Organized by UNCTAD, with the financial support of the

Swiss Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)

- 13:00–15:00** **Aid for Trade: regional perspectives** **WIF 1**
- A side event of the United Nations regional commissions
- Welcoming remarks and presentation:* Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, Current Coordinator of the Regional Commissions
- Opening remarks:* Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Presenters:*
- Mr. Bader Al Dafa, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, ESCWA
- Mr. Marek Belka, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, UNECE
- Mr. Zengpei Xuan, Director, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP
- Mr. Osvaldo Rosales, Director, International Trade and Integration Division, ECLAC
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- 14:00–15:00** **Lunchtime event** **WIF 3**
- Making trade work for sustainable use of biodiversity***
- Organized by UNCTAD's BioTrade Initiative, with financial support of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs
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- 15:00–18:00** **Interactive thematic round table 4** **Plenary Hall (tent)**
- Emergence of a new South and South–South trade as a vehicle for regional and interregional integration for development***
- (TD/425)*
- Sub-theme 2:* Key trade and development issues and the new realities in the geography of the world economy
- Moderator:* H.E. Mr. Christopher Sinckler, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and International Business, Barbados
- Panellists:*
- H.E. Ambassador Clodoaldo Huguency, Head of the Permanent Mission of Brazil in Geneva
- H.E. Ambassador Ramzy Ezz El-Din Ramzi, Deputy

Foreign Minister For Economic Affairs, Egypt

H.E. Mr. G.K. Pillai, Commerce Secretary, India

H.E. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, President of ECOWAS

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

H.E. Mr. Gamini Lakshman Peiris, Minister of Export Development and International Trade, Sri Lanka

Discussants:

H.E. Mr. Noppadon Pattama, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Thailand

H.E. Mr. Christopher Sinckler, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and International Business, Barbados

H.E. Mr. Keitaro Sato, Ambassador in Charge of Africa, Fourth Tokyo International Conference on African Development

H.E. Mr. Ahmed Bin Hassan Al Dheeb, Under Secretary for Commerce and Industry, Oman

H.E. Mr. Gabriel Kapris, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Papua New Guinea

H.E. Mr. Marcin Korolec, Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Economy, Poland

H.E. Mr. Zainul Abidin Rasheed, Senior Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Singapore

Mr. Osvaldo Rosales, Director, International Trade Division, ECLAC (on behalf of all United Nations regional commissions)

Ms. Patricia R. Francis, Executive Director, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

15:00–18:00 **General debate** (*continued*)

**Committee
Hall**

15:00–18:00 **Committee of the Whole** (*continued*)

**Committee
Hall**

Creative Africa

20:00 Power over poverty concert

National
Theatre

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:

Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Belarus, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Germany, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Thailand, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

The names of the individual representatives filling the posts will be announced in tomorrow's Journal.

Note: To reserve rooms for bilateral meetings, please contact Ms. Marguerita Lettieri at 021-677077 or marguerita.lettieri@unctad.org.

Announcement

**Luncheon for heads of delegation or their representatives
State Banquet Hall, Tuesday, 22 April 2008, 13:00–15:00**

The theme of this event is “Delivering on development: the role of UNCTAD”, and the keynote address will be delivered by H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of Finland.

Please note that participation in this event is by invitation only and that there is an overall limit on numbers. Invitation cards (one per delegation) can be collected from the Protocol Desk in the International Conference Centre (tel. 024 8367 139) on a “first-come first-served” basis. Cards must be presented at the door.

This event enjoys the financial support of Qatar.

Webcasts

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