



INFORMAL INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE ON COMMODITY MARKETS

Draft Programme

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10:00 - 10:40	OPENING SEGMENT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garcés President of the General Assembly of the United Nations • Director General of FAO (tbc) • Secretary General of UNCTAD (tbc)
10:40 - 11:40	INTERACTIVE PANEL 1
	<p>Commodity Prices and Development</p> <p>Commodities continue to play an important role in the economies of many developing countries, with commodity price movements significantly impacting economic growth, poverty, food security and the path to a socially, economically and environmentally sustainable growth. The commodity price surges of 2008 and 2012 gave way to lower global prices, and prices are generally expected to remain at lower levels in the short to medium term. These events renewed global interest in the relationship between commodity prices and long-term economic development. The panellists will be invited to discuss how commodity-dependent countries can design policies that promote productivity, diversification, value addition and value-chain development, promoting inclusive growth and enabling the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</p>
11:40 - 12:30	PLENARY SEGMENT
12:30 - 13:00	LAUNCH OF UNCTAD REPORT ON THE STATE OF COMMODITY DEPENDENCE
15:00 - 16:00	INTERACTIVE PANEL 2
	<p>Moving up the commodity value chain</p> <p>Commodity trade is characterized by long and complex value chains in which producers are generally stuck at the entry level. As most of the value is captured by participants in upper nodes of the value chain, producers only get a very small share of the value of the final good derived from the primary commodity that they produce. The panellists will discuss the main reasons why commodity-dependent developing countries fail to move up along the value chain and suggest ways and means that can help them to achieve this. Case studies of successful and not so successful experiences will be shared to make the discussion specific while drawing generalizable lessons.</p>
16:00 - 17:00	PLENARY SEGMENT
17:00 - 17:30	CLOSING REMARKS
	<p>Ms. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garcés President of the General Assembly of the United Nations</p>