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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS


Tuesday, 1 December 2015

9 a.m.	Group 77 Task Force meeting	M6 (ground floor)
9.15 a.m.	Informal meeting of the Credentials Committee (for members of the Credentials Committee only)	M0E24 (ground floor)
9.15 a.m.	European Union Coordination meeting	M7 (ground floor)
9.30 a.m.	Informal consultations led by Norway on the draft resolution submitted under item 15	M6 (ground floor)
9-10 a.m.	3rd plenary meeting Item 4: Organization of work	Plenary Hall (first floor)
	General debate Items 7 to 23 (<i>continued</i>)	
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 9: UNIDO Donor meeting 2015	Plenary Hall (first floor)
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Main Committee — 1st meeting	Board Room A (second floor)
1-3 p.m.	European Union Coordination meeting	M7 (ground floor)
1-3 p.m.	Side event: Launch of the Oxford Handbook of Africa and Economics “Africa: Whatever you thought, think again” (<i>refreshments served in front of the event area</i>)	Board Room A (second floor)

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS (*continued*)

3-4 p.m.	4th plenary meeting General debate Items 7 to 23 (<i>continued</i>)	Plenary Hall (first floor)
4-6 p.m.	Item 9: The fourth UNIDO Forum on Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (part II)	Plenary Hall (first floor)
3-6 p.m.	Main Committee — 2nd meeting	Board Room A (second floor)
6-7:30 p.m.	Side event: Role of innovation hubs for sustainable industrialization and shared prosperity	Board Room A (second floor)
7:30-9 p.m.	Cocktail reception — Hosted by the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan	Area in front of Board Room A (second floor)

FORECAST OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 2 December 2015

9.30 -10.15 a.m.	Credentials Committee	M6 (ground floor)
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5th Plenary meeting General debate Items 7 to 23 (<i>continued</i>)	Plenary Hall (first floor)
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Main Committee — 3rd meeting	Board Room A (second floor)
1-2 p.m.	Side event: Youth and women entrepreneurship	Press Room (first floor)
3-4 p.m.	6th Plenary meeting Launch of the Industrial Development Report 2016	Plenary Hall (first floor)
4-6 p.m.	General debate Items 7 to 23 (<i>continued</i>)	Plenary Hall (first floor)
3-6 p.m.	Main Committee — 4th meeting	Board Room A (second floor)
6-7:30 p.m.	Side event: External launch of the industrial Development Report 2016	Austrian Development Bank (Oesterreichische Entwicklungsbank AG, “Reitersaal”, Strauchgasse 3, 1011 Vienna, Austria)

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS
MONDAY, 30 November 2015
1st PLENARY MEETING

Item 1: Opening of the sixteenth session

The Conference was opened by H.E. Mr. Alfredo Chuquihuara Chil, Outgoing President of the fifteenth session of the General Conference (Peru), who made a statement.

The Conference observed a minute of silence dedicated to all victims of terrorism.

A video on UNIDO's major activities from the Lima Declaration to the sixteenth session of the General Conference was shown.

Item 3: Adoption of the agenda

The Conference adopted the agenda as contained in document GC.16/1/Rev.1.

Item 2: Election of officers

(a) Election of the President

H.E. Ms. Christine Stix-Hackl, Permanent Representative of Austria, was elected by acclamation to the office of President of the sixteenth session of the General Conference.

(b) Election of other officers

The following candidates were elected by acclamation to fill the position of Vice-Presidents:

H.E. Mr. CHENG Jingye (China)
H.E. Ms. Pilar Saborio De Rocafort (Costa Rica)
H.E. Mr. Friedrich Däuble (Germany)
H.E. Mr. Michael Okoth Oyungi (Kenya)
H.E. Ms. Paulina Franceschi Navarro (Panama)
H.E. Ms. Maria Zeneida Angara Collinson (Philippines)
Mr. George V. Mikhno (Russian Federation)
Mr. Albin Otruba (Slovakia)
H.E. Mr. Ghazi Jomaa (Tunisia)

The newly elected President of the sixteenth session of the General Conference made an introductory statement.

Item 1: Opening of the sixteenth session (*continued*)

With the President in the Chair, statements were made by H.E. Mr. Heinz Fischer, President of Austria; Mr. LI Yong, Director General of UNIDO; Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA, delivering a message on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations; H.E. Mr. Oleg Pankratov, Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs of Kyrgyzstan; H.E. Mr. Romain Schneider, Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs of Luxembourg, delivering a statement on behalf of the European Union; H.E. Mr. FANG Aiqing, Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Commerce of China; H.E. Mr. Bernard Hippolyte Dah, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Handicrafts of Burkina Faso; H.E. Mr. Jean Claude Bru, Minister of Industry and Mining of Côte d'Ivoire; H.E. Mr. Mohamed Yousif Ali Yousif, Minister of Industry of Sudan; H.E. Ms. Bernarda Gonçalves Martins, Minister of Industry of Angola; H.E. Mr. Hamoyoon Rasaw, Minister of Commerce and Industry of Afghanistan; H.E. Mr. Salvador Pardo Cruz, Minister of Industry of Cuba; and H.E. Mr. Hussein El Hajj Hassan, Minister of Industry of Lebanon.

2nd PLENARY MEETING

With the President in the Chair, the Nobel Prize winning economist Mr. Joseph Stiglitz delivered the keynote speech of the Conference.

Item 9: Fourth UNIDO Forum on Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (part I)

An introduction was made by the journalist Mr. Todd Benjamin, the event's moderator.

An introductory statement was made by Mr. LI Yong, Director General of UNIDO.

Panellists: Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA; Ms. Moono Mupotola, Division Manager of the Regional Integration and Trade Division at the African Development Bank; Ms. Heike Ruetters, Head of Division, ACP Policy and Portfolio, European Investment Bank (EIB); Mr. Pavel Kabat, Director and Chief Executive Officer, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis; Mr. Martin Ledolter, Managing Director, Austrian Development Agency; and Mr. Philippe Scholtès, Managing Director of the Programme Development and Technical Cooperation Division of UNIDO.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cocktail reception by the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan

The Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan is honoured to invite all participants to a cocktail reception on Tuesday, 1 December, hosted in conjunction with side event “Role of innovation hubs for sustainable industrialization and shared prosperity”. The cocktail reception will commence at 7.30 p.m., immediately following the end of the side event and will take place in the area in front of Board Room A on the second floor.

Transparency Initiative: Launch of the Open Data Platform for all programmes and projects at a glance

As part of the Transparency Initiative, the new Open Data Platform, which presents all programmes and projects at a glance, will be available to external stakeholders as of 30 November 2015. The Platform displays an interactive world map with details of ongoing programmes and projects — including outcomes and outputs, timelines, financial information, gender equality information, project documents as well as country statistics, donor information and more.

The Open Data Platform has been designed to display data directly from the enterprise resource planning (ERP) system and is updated on a regular basis. It serves as a central user-friendly access point to enable better monitoring and reporting for all stakeholders.

The Platform has already been demonstrated to the Member States and donors at previous occasions and tested by the Transparency Initiative Liaison Group of Member States prior to its launch. In 2016, UNIDO will continue to extend and improve the scope, quantity, and quality of the information available.

Delegates are invited to visit the two exhibition areas located on the first and second floors in M01 and M02 to receive live demonstrations and learn more about UNIDO’s Transparency Initiative.

UNIDO mobile application

As part of its continuing efforts to increase the seamless transmission of up-to-date information to its Member States, UNIDO is proud to launch the new UNIDO mobile application at this session of the General Conference. Available on both i-Phones and Android, the UNIDO mobile application makes navigating the sixteenth session of the UNIDO General Conference easy and intuitive.

Delegates are invited to visit the exhibition area located in M0E, opposite the Cybercafé, to learn more about the UNIDO mobile application.

Cybercafé

A cybercafé will be available on the ground floor of the M-building with desktop computers connected to the Internet.

Conference coverage on Internet

In line with the paperless nature of the UNIDO General Conference, all official documents have been published on the UNIDO website (www.unido.org/gc/16) and can also be easily accessed through the UNIDO mobile application. In accordance with Board decision IDB.41/Dec.12 (I), summary records are not provided for this session. However, digital recordings of the public meetings of the Conference are available through the UNIDO Extranet (www.unido.org/extranet) and the VIC Online Services at: <http://myconference.unov.org>.

The VIC Online Services will also allow participants convenient access to documentation and information for participants regarding facilities and services available in the VIC. The application can be accessed from participants’ mobile devices such as smart phones and tablet PCs at the following address: <http://myconference.unov.org>