

UNCTAD - Mitigation or Aggravation?



- **Prosperity for all**
- **Trade as an engine for inclusive growth & sustainable development**

The UNCTAD Regime and Africa

- Beneficial integration of DCs, including African countries, especially LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS, into the international trading and financing system and the global economy:
 - Quantitatively
 - Qualitatively

The UNCTAD Regime and Africa

- Trade in goods, services & commodities,
- Globalisation and finance,
- Investment & Enterprise,
- Technology, Transport and Logistics,
- Competition and Consumer issues
- Sustainable development (environment, resilience, climate change)

The UNCTAD Regime and Africa

- Partnerships for development
 - Member States
 - Civil Society & NGOs - TWN,
 - Other UN agencies like ECA
 - Regional IGOs like RECs, AUC
- UNCTAD Office in Africa opened in July 2015

TOWARDS UNCTAD 14

- **From Decision to Actions** -



Host

- Kenya announced on 17 Nov 2015 it will host UNCTAD 14, from 17-22 July in Nairobi in the Kenyatta International Conference Center (KICC)
- Now have about 5 months to prepare
- Set up a National Coordinating Committee
- Over the last 12 months Kenya has hosted series of high profile visits, including WTO MC10. So gained much experience.

2015

- Report of UNCTAD SG to UNCTAD 14: From Decisions to Actions
- 14-25 September, 62nd Session of the TDB
 - Approval of the themes and sub-themes and establishment of the PrepCom
- 2 October: 1st meeting of the PrepCom
- 1 December: 2nd meeting of the PrepCom
 - Presentation of group position papers
- December/January 2016: preparation of the Chair's "Zero Draft"

2016

- 12 February: 3rd meeting of the PrepCom
 - Presentation of the "Zero Draft" and establishment of the "Friends of the Chair"
- 14 March: 4th meeting of the PrepCom
 - Discussions on the "Zero Draft" and hopefully, 1st reading (14, 15 and 18 March)
- Mid-March to End May: Negotiations on the draft outcome of UNCTAD 14 (see calendar)
- 27 May: Final meeting of the PrepCom and Special Session of the TDB
- June 2016: informal PrepCom meetings
- 17-22 July : UNCTAD 14 in Nairobi



UNCTAD 14

Nairobi, 17–22 July 2016



Fourteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

From decision to action: Moving towards an inclusive and equitable global economic environment for trade and development

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

as of 3 February 2016

	14 July Thursday	15 July Friday	16 July Saturday	17 July Sunday	18 July Monday	19 July Tuesday	20 July Wednesday	21 July Thursday	22 July Friday
Main Track		Meeting of I27 Senior Officials (p.m.)	Ministerial Meeting of the LDCs (a.m.) / followed by Ministerial Meeting of the LDCs (p.m.) Fourteenth Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 and China (p.m.)	Fourteenth Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 and China (a.m.) OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE Opening Ceremony (p.m.) Opening Gala Dinner offered by the Hosting Government (7–9 p.m.)	OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE (a.m.) World Leaders Summit Opening Session (a.m.) Round Table of Heads of Agencies (2–4 p.m.)	High-level Round Table on Building Productive Capacity to Transform Economies (a.m.) High-level Round Table on Tackling Vulnerabilities, Building Resilience (a.m.)	High-level Round Table on More Effective States and More Efficient Markets (a.m.) High-level Round Table on Strengthening Multilateralism, Finding Common Solutions (a.m.)	Africa day? Technology day?	Africa day? Technology day?
Negotiations					Committee of the Whole - Opening Plenary (p.m.)	Committee of the Whole	Committee of the Whole	Committee of the Whole	Committee of the Whole - Closing Plenary (a.m.)
General Debate					General Debate (p.m.)	General Debate	General Debate	General Debate	
World Investment Forum (WIF)					WIF High-level Segment (4–6 p.m.)	WIF: High-level Tripartite Conference on Investment Promotion on SDGs WIF: IIA Conference 2016	WIF: High-level Round Table on Investment, Business Linkages and Enterprise Development WIF: High-level meeting of the Sustainable Stock Exchange Initiative	WIF: High-level Meeting on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (3–6 p.m.) WIF: Women in Business Award Ceremony (7–9 p.m.)	
Global Commodities Forum		Global Commodities Forum	Global Commodities Forum						
Civil Society Forum	Civil Society Forum	Civil Society Forum	Civil Society Forum	Civil Society Forum (a.m.)	Civil Society Forum (p.m.)	Civil Society Forum	Civil Society Forum	Civil Society Forum	
Side Events						(breakfast) (a.m.) (lunchtime) (p.m.)	(breakfast) (a.m.) (lunchtime) (p.m.)	(breakfast) (a.m.) (lunchtime) (p.m.)	(breakfast) (a.m.) (lunchtime)
Youth Forum						Youth Forum	Youth Forum	Youth Forum	

Civil Society

- Host organization: Nairobi-based "Tax Justice Network", working with many other NGOs
- Creation of an International Steering Group (by UNCTAD and host organization)
- Accreditation on-going: deadline 30 April (spread the word!)
- Civil Society Hearings: Geneva, 6 April and 26 May A.M.
- Financial support by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung
- IPU should also be involved (WIF and maybe a separate event)

At UNCTAD 14:

- Venue: inside the KICC
- Civil Society Forum Plenary Sessions 14-16 July
- Continuation of the Civil Society Forum 18-21 July
- Detailed programme to be circulated at later stage but surely, interaction with high-level events and Youth Forum

TOWARDS UNCTAD 14 - Theme

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development**



UNCTAD 14 - Sub-Themes

- 1. Challenges and opportunities in multilateralism for trade & development**
- 2. Promoting sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth through trade, investment, finance & technology to achieve prosperity for all.**
- 3. Advancing economic structural transformation & cooperation to build economic resilience & address trade and development challenges & opportunities, at all levels, within the UNCTAD mandate**
- 4. Contributing to the effective implementation of & follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development & relevant outcomes from global conferences and summits, as related to trade and development**

**TOWARDS
UNCTAD 14 - Zero draft of the
outcome document**

**Pre-conference negotiating
text**

**Submitted by the Chair of the
Preparatory Committee**



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