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Commodity Dependence and Development

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PROGRAMME

Geneva, Palais des Nations		Room XXVI
10:00 - 10:15	<p>Welcome remarks by Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, DTL</p> <p><i>Sessions will be moderated by Ms. Randa Jamal, Project Coordinator, Policy Capacity Building Section, Knowledge Development Branch</i></p>	
10:15 - 13:00	<p>Session 1</p> <p>This session will first look at what commodity dependence means in the context of development. It will discuss the negative terms of trade, price volatility, commodity resource management, and macroeconomic challenges associated with commodity economies. The analysis will show how continued dependence on commodities will negatively affect Commodity-dependent developing countries (CDDCs) efforts towards meeting the SDGs, particularly SDGs 1, 2, 8, 9 and 10. Potential solutions out of the commodity conundrum will also be highlighted.</p> <p><i>Q&A session</i></p> <p><i>Presented by Mr. Janvier Nkurunziza, Chief, Commodity Research and Analysis Section/Commodities Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD</i></p>	

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The objective of this short course will be to sensitize member states on the importance of commodities for their economies and the need to find long-term solutions to the problems afflicting the commodity sector in these countries. Solutions such as the widespread use of hedging instruments, and different forms of economic and export diversification, will be discussed.

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