UNCTAD VIRTUAL INSTITUTE ANNUAL MEETING
(With the support from the Canadian International Development Agency)

PROGRAMME

MONDAY 11 July 2005

10:00-11:00
(room E-7052)
Registration and introduction

11:15-12:30
(room E-9055)
Welcome remarks
  Peter Fröhler, Officer-in-Charge, SITE, UNCTAD
  Adair Heuchan, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Canada

Keynote speech 1:
"Economic research and analysis for development: the role of UNCTAD"
  Carlos Fortin, Officer-in-Charge, UNCTAD

Discussion

14:00-17:30
(room VB 7)
Session 1:
Enhancing teaching and research of trade-related issues - how do we do this?
  Presentations by members
Session 1:
Enhancing teaching and research of trade-related issues - how do we do this?
( 2 )
Presentations by members

Session 2:
Building the Vi network ( 1 )
Workshop session exploring some of the following questions: What do we want to achieve and how do we get there? What can we do in cooperation with one another?

Session 2:
Building the Vi network ( 2 )
Continuation of the session

Keynote speech 2:
"How to build national trade-related capacities"
Anthony Hill, former Ambassador of Jamaica to the WTO
Discussion

Session 3:
Virtual Institute teaching materials ( 1 )
Interactive session on the concept, design and localization of Vi teaching materials using existing examples

Session 3:
Virtual Institute teaching materials ( 2 )
Interactive session on the concept, design and localization of Vi teaching materials, based on presentations of the following prospective Vi training packages:
"Economic and legal aspects of International Investment Agreements"
Anna Joubin-Bret, Senior Legal Advisor, and Marie-Estelle Rey, Legal Advisor, Investment Agreements Section, UNCTAD
"Economics of commodity production and trade"
Mehmet Arda, Chief, Commodities Branch, UNCTAD

Keynote speech 3:
"Linking international trade with poverty reduction"
Charles Gore, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Special Programme for LDCs, UNCTAD
Discussion
Keynote speech 4:
"The importance of developing country involvement in the multilateral system - focus on dispute settlement"
   Niall Meagher, Centre for WTO Law, Geneva
Discussion

Session 4:
New website of the Virtual Institute
   Hands-on session on the concept, features and use of the site

Session 5:
Virtual Institute network plan of activities 2005-6
   Brainstorming session leading to the identification of activities to be undertaken next year by the Virtual Institute network

Session 6:
Partnership with universities to promote the development of sustainable national trade policy capacity: results of the first meeting of the UNCTAD Virtual Institute
   Presentations by members and the Vi for representatives from Geneva-based missions, partners of the Virtual Institute and other interested parties

Official closure