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Draft Agenda
Meeting of Senior Officials on Commodities

21 – 22 November, 2005

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1. **Opening of the Meeting**
2. **Election of the Bureau**
3. **Adoption of the Agenda**
4. **Organization of Work**
5. **Presentation of the Results of the Seminar on African Commodities: Problems and Strategic Options**
6. **Presentations on Technical issues in the Commodity Sector**
 - (a) Presentation of, and general discussions on Enhancing Commodity Finance and Managing Shocks in Africa (UNCTAD).
 - (b) Presentation of, and general discussions on the Technical Requirements for the Establishment of Commodity Exchanges (CFC).
7. **Presentations on General Commodity Issues**
 - (a) Presentation of, and general discussions on World Commodity Situation and its impact on Africa; Improving the Competitiveness of the African Commodity Sector (UNCTAD).
 - (b) Presentation of, and general discussions on Developments in the African Commodity Exchange (CFC/UNCTAD).
8. **Discussion on Policy Strategies**
 - (a) Discussion on Policies and Actions to improve Competitiveness and Promote Diversification.
 - (b) Discussion on the Required Policy Environment, Institutional and Legal Framework for the Development of the Commodity Exchange
9. **Discussion on the organisation and protection of the commodity sector**
 - (a) Discussion on Managing Commodity Shocks.
 - (c) Discussion on the Relative Merits of National and Regional Exchanges as well as their Complementarities.



10. **Consideration of Proposals of Inputs by the two Committees to the Draft Ministerial Declaration on Commodities.**
11. **Adoption of the Draft Ministerial Declaration on Commodities.**

