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## Trade and Development Board

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of the agenda**

## Provisional agenda and annotations

### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Economic development in Africa: Unlocking Africa's trade potential – Boosting regional markets and reducing risks.
3. Adoption of the report of the Trade and Development Board.



## II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

### Introduction

1. At the closing plenary of its seventy-seventh executive session, on 5 February 2025, the Trade and Development Board decided to convene a special session of the Board, at the earliest date possible, for the consideration of the 2024 edition of the *Economic Development in Africa Report*.

### Item 1

#### Adoption of the agenda

2. The provisional agenda for the session is reproduced in chapter I.

##### *Documentation*

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### Item 2

#### **Economic development in Africa: Unlocking Africa's trade potential – Boosting regional markets and reducing risks**

3. Under the agenda item, the Board will consider the *Economic Development in Africa Report 2024: Unlocking Africa's Trade Potential – Boosting Regional Markets and Reducing Risks*. The nexus between trade, regional integration and stability is analysed in the report, with a view to advancing effective mechanisms to strengthen Africa's resilience in the face of interconnected global challenges. A road map is provided for proactive and adaptative strategies and programmes through which trade enterprises, economic agents and investors (domestic and foreign) can use trade (particularly intra-African trade) and regional cooperation (enhancing trade and economic partnerships) to mitigate perceived exposure to shocks and address immediate vulnerabilities to the polycrisis.

##### *Documentation*

UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2024      *Economic Development in Africa Report 2024:  
Unlocking Africa's Trade Potential – Boosting  
Regional Markets and Reducing Risks*

UNCTAD/ALDC/AFRICA/2024      *Economic Development in Africa Report 2024:  
(Overview)*                      *Unlocking Africa's Trade Potential – Boosting  
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### Item 3

#### **Adoption of the report of the Trade and Development Board**

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