



# Consultative Meeting of LDCs and Friends of LDCs on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in LDCs

27 - 28 June 2017

Glen Cove, New York

**Draft Programme**

## Tuesday, 27 June

**17.30** Departure from UNHQ / New York City

**20.00** Dinner with remarks by:

*Welcoming remarks:* Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, USG and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS  
H.E. Mr. Masud Bin Momen, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh and Chair, LDC Group

*Remarks:* Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General

## Wednesday, 28 June

**9.00 – 10.45** Session 1: Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals in the Least Developed Countries

*In the recent year, the international community has adopted the policies and tools for building prosperous, equitable, and sustainable world. Further, the Midterm Review of the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) analysed one year ago the progress made in the past 5 years and to discussed what has to be done to achieve the goals set in the IPoA, as well as the SDGs. In going forward, national ownership and adaptation of SDGs to the national context, including national plans and budgeting processes, play a crucial role.*

*This session will discuss what are the experiences of the least developed countries in localising sustainable development goals and the Istanbul Programme of Action. The session will identify both best practices and constraints as well as actions and initiatives needed to overcome them.*

*Chair:* Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox, Director, OHRLLS

*Speakers:* Mr. Tegegnetwork Gettu, Associate Administrator, UNDP  
H.E. Mr. Gebeyehu Ganga, Deputy Permanent Representative, Ethiopia  
Mr. Mamadou Dia, LDC National Focal Point, Ministry of Economy, Finance and Planning, Senegal  
Mr. Gauri Pradhan, International Coordinator, LDC Watch

*Interactive discussion*

#### **10.45 – 11.00 Coffee break**

#### **11:00 – 12.00 Session 2: UN system support to LDCs**

*Implementing the 2030 Agenda and achieving the SDGs will require enhanced support from the UN system. The issue of how the UN needs to adapt to best respond has been the topic of much debate over the past 3 years. What are the specific needs of the LDCs, and how is the current UN architecture positioned to provide the support required*

*Chair:* H.E. Mr. Marc Pecsteen de Buytsverve, Permanent Representative of Belgium

*Speakers:* H.E. Mr. Khiane Phunsourivong, Permanent Representative of Lao People's Democratic Republic (tbc)  
Mr. Namsuk Kim, Economic Affairs Officer, CDP-Secretariat, DESA

#### **12.00 – 12.30 Briefing on the Investment Support programme for the LDCs in the areas of investment-related negotiations and dispute settlement**

*Chair:* Mr. Americo Zampetti, Senior Programme Officer, OHRLLS

*Speaker:* Mr. Kabir Duggal, Baker & McKenzie LLP

*Interactive discussion*

#### **12.30 – 14.00 Lunch**

#### **14.00 – 15.30 Session 3: Financing SDGs in LDCs**

*There is widespread agreement that the SDGs need to be achieved in LDCs in order to reach them globally. As the SDGs cover a broad range of issues even beyond the IPoA, there is increased need for financing not only in the social sectors but especially for building productive capacity, including infrastructure, in order to achieve structural transformation. While some flows like FDI and remittances have increased over the past years, ODA is still the most important source of external financing for most LDCs, but it will not be sufficient.*

*This session will discuss financing options for LDCs to achieve the SDGs and IPoA goals taking into account the change in the development financing landscape and exploring which options LDCs could tap into, taking into account their specific constraints for example with respect to capacity.*

*Chair:* H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Saikal, Permanent Representative of Afghanistan (tbc)

*Speakers:* Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice President, World Bank Group

Ms. Judith Karl, Executive Secretary, UNCDF

Mr. Oliver Schwank, FfD Office, DESA

Ms. Susanna Wolf, Deputy Chief, OHRLLS

*Interactive discussion*

### **15.30 – 15.45 Coffee break**

### **15.45 – 16:45 Session 4: Resilience Building**

*LDCs have been facing a range of environmental, economic, public health and related shocks with disproportionate impacts. LDCs need to significantly reinforce their capacity to resist and recover from the effects of shocks without compromising their long-term development prospects. Keeping in mind the long-lasting structural handicaps and capacity constraints, the key challenges are to undertake specific measures at different levels with a view to building resilience of LDCs to cope with various shocks and crises. The possible questions to be addressed are:*

*The session will discuss how effective are the existing risk-management mechanisms and what are the major gaps in the existing mechanisms. Also what kind of measures need to be undertaken for comprehensive and effective crises mitigation and resilience building for LDCs?*

*Chair:* H.E. Mr. Necton D. Mhura, Permanent Representative of Malawi (tbc)

*Speakers:* H.E. Mr. Durga Prasad Bhattarai, Permanent Representative, Nepal

H.E. Mr. Robert Sisilo, Permanent Representative, Solomon Islands

Dr. Daniel Edward Osgood, Lead Scientist, Financial Instruments Sector Team, the Earth Institute at Columbia University

Mr. Abdul Alim, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, OHRLLS

*Interactive discussion*

**16:45 – 17.00 Session 5: Way forward and closing remarks**

Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, USG and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS

**17.30 Departure to New York City**

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