

OFFICE OF THE HIGH REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (OHRLLS)

Support to NEPAD

Period of Report: 2004 - 2005

Inputs of the Office of the High Representative focus on its advocacy work to support NEPAD as a total of 34 of the 50 least developed countries are African, 15 are landlocked countries and 6 are small island states in Africa.

1. Dakar meeting of Ministers of Trade from 4 to 5 May 2004 was to build capacity and develop a common policy position. It has resulted in a Declaration which formed an input into UNCTAD XI discussions.
2. Infrastructure issue, a priority of NEPAD, was addressed at the meeting on “The Role of International, Regional and Sub-regional Organizations for the Implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action” from 29 to 31 March 2005 in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The meeting brought together senior officials dealing with regional transport infrastructure development and trade facilitation from more than 30 regional and sub-regional organizations in Africa, Asia and Latin America to discuss detailed strategy for the establishment of efficient transit systems in their respective sub-regions as well as sub-regional priority projects and deliverables related to infrastructure development and trade facilitation.
3. OHRLLS collaborated with the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) in organising an ECOSOC Ministerial Roundtable Discussion on “Synergies between the Brussels Programme of Action (BPOA) and NEPAD in Attaining MDGs: Partnership for Capacity Building” on 1 July 2005.