

WORKSHOP
FOR LEAST-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOCAL POINTS
NEW YORK, 17-21 MAY 2004

RECOMMENDATIONS

We, LDCs Focal Points,

Having met at the UN Headquarters in New York from 17 to May 21, 2004, at a workshop organised by the Office of the High Representative for Least developed Countries, Landlocked Developing States and Small Island Developing Countries in collaboration with LDC Coordination Bureau on the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action (BPOA) for the LDCs for the decade 2001-2010;

Recommend the following

I To the LDC Governments

- 1- To continue their efforts to meet their commitments in implementing the BPOA. To that end, appropriate national structures should be put in place and strengthened, where appropriate, in order to monitor and ensure the follow-up of the implementation of the BPOA;
- 2- To encourage and facilitate networking among their national Focal Points with a view to promoting the sharing of best practices for an efficient implementation of the BPOA. In this regard, there is a need to support LDCs National Focal Points with appropriate financial and logistical resources;

II To bilateral and multilateral development partners

- 3- To make stronger efforts to meet their commitments in providing in particular, financial resources and technical assistance needed for the effective implementation and monitoring of the BPOA. In this regard the leading role for

mobilization of resources should be played by designated bilateral and multilateral development partners in sectors in which they have comparative advantage or expertise;

- 4- To support the LDCs National Focal Points with necessary financial and logistical resources so as to enable them to adequately ensure the follow-up of the implementation of the BPOA;

III TO UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS

- 5- To organize regular regional meetings of LDCs Focal Points with a view to evaluating the implementation of the BPOA at regional level;

IV TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

- Attention of the Office of the High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS.

- 6- To continue to ensure a UN system wide dissemination of and advocacy for the BPOA and encourage its mainstreaming in the programme of work of all UN system bodies and their respective intergovernmental processes so as to meet the goals and objectives of the BPOA, consistent with their respective mandates;
- 7- To negotiate with bilateral and multilateral development partners and designate among them, Chef de file (Leaders) for Key sectors of critical importance for the mobilization at global level of resources and technical assistance needed for the implementation of the BPOA;
- 8- To promote and strengthen coherent networking and collaboration with all stakeholders involved in the implementation of the BPOA, in particular the LDCs Coordination Bureau;

- 9- To publish regularly all contributions of LDCs development partners, in particular their financial contributions;
- 10- To inform on a regular basis with appropriate documentation particularly in French and English, the LDCs Group of the activities and of the annual programme of work of the Office of the High Representative;
- 11- To submit as requested by the LDC Ministerial Conference held in August 2002 in Cotonou, annual matrix of achievements at LDCs level as well as at bilateral and multilateral development partners level for consideration at ECOSOC substantive sessions.

New York, 21 May 2004