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**Fourth United Nations Conference
on the Least Developed Countries**

Istanbul, Turkey (9–14 May 2011)



Programme of meetings

Sunday, 8 May 2011

Inter-Parliamentary Union: Parliamentary Forum

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Lütü Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre
Room Rumeli A

2.30–5.30 p.m. Lütü Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre
Room Rumeli A

Group of 77 (on the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Lütü Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre
Room Rumeli B

Group of Least Developed Countries: Summit

3–6 p.m. Lütü Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre
Room Rumeli B

Special events

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2–6 p.m. Commodity dependence and the impact of the multiple global crises on LDCs: Mapping the exposure to market volatility and building resilience to future crises (organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD); and the Common Fund for Commodities (CFC)) (*Istanbul Congress Centre: Hamidiye Hall*)

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Press conferences

Sunday, 8 May 2011

Loft (Lütfi Kırdar Convention and Exhibition Centre) 

- 11–11.30 a.m. Common Fund for Commodities, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) [*Participants*: Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; and Mr. Ali Mchumo, Director, Common Fund for Commodities, UNCTAD]
- 12 noon Noon briefing of the Conference Spokesperson
- 2–2.30 p.m. Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) [*Participants*: Mr. Anders B. Johnsson, Secretary-General, Inter-Parliamentary Union; Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, Secretary-General of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries; and H.E. Mr. Mehmet Ali Şahin, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey]

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 9 May 2011

Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

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| | Lütfi Kırdar Convention and Exhibition Centre |
| 9 a.m.–1 p.m. 1st plenary meeting | <i>Anadolu Auditorium</i> |
| 1. Election of the President | [2] |
| 2. Opening of the Conference | [1] |
| 3. Adoption of the rules of procedure (A/CONF.219/2) | [3] |
| 4. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work, including the establishment of the subsidiary organs (A/CONF.219/1 and A/CONF.219/1/Add.1) | [4] |
| 5. Election of officers other than the President | [5] |
| 6. Credentials of representatives participating in the Conference: appointment of members of the Credential Committee. | [6 (a)] |
| | Lütfi Kırdar Convention and Exhibition Centre |
| 3–6 p.m. ¹ 2nd plenary meeting | <i>Anadolu Auditorium</i> |
| General debate ² | [7] |

¹The plenary meeting will end at 6 p.m. There will be no evening session.

²Delegations are reminded that interventions in the general debate *should be limited to 10 minutes for Member States and 8 minutes for other participants*, on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts.

High-level interactive thematic debate

3–6 p.m. (To be confirmed)

Thematic debate 1: “Enhancing productive capacities and the role of the private sector in least developed countries”

Co-Chairs:

H.E. Mr. Madické Niang, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senegal

H.E. Ms. Ritva Koukku-Ronde, Under-Secretary of State for Development Policy and Cooperation, Finland

Keynote speakers:

H.E. Sheikh Hasina Wajed, Prime Minister, People’s Republic of Bangladesh

H.E. Mr. Josef Deiss (Switzerland), President of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly, United Nations

Panellists:

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Mr. Kandeh K. Yumkella, Director-General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization

Mr. Houlin Zhao, Deputy Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union

Mr. Francis Gurry, Director-General, World Intellectual Property Organization

Mr. Juan Somavía, Executive Director, International Labour Organization

Mr. Alhaji Bamanga Tukur, Chair, African Business Roundtable and the New Partnership for Africa’s Development Business Group

Mr. Roberto Bissio, Coordinator of the International Secretariat of Social Watch

*Interactive discussion***Forthcoming other meetings**

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Group of Least Developed Countries and G-20 Development Working Group: High-level meeting

Thursday, 12 May 2011, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Room Rumeli D (Lütfi Kırdar Convention and Exhibition Centre).

Forthcoming special events

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Monday, 9 May 2011

- 1.15–2.30 p.m. Aid for trade for the LDCs: Mobilizing resources and ensuring effectiveness (organized by the World Bank Group) (*Istanbul Congress Centre: Hamidiye Hall*)
- 1.15–2.30 p.m. Building a strong and sustainable trading future for LDCs: Market entry and capacity building (organized by the World Trade Organization and the Enhanced Integrated Framework Executive Secretariat) (*Lütfi Kırdar Convention and Exhibition Centre: Room Topkapi A*)
- 1.15–2.30 p.m. New realities, challenges and opportunities for rural development in LDCs — Findings from the IFAD Rural Poverty Report 2011 (organized by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)) (*Lütfi Kırdar Convention and Exhibition Centre: Room Topkapi B*)
- 4–6 p.m. Innovative financing: A solution to meet LDCs' development goals (organized by the Leading Group on Innovative Financing for Development, in partnership with the United Nations) (*Lütfi Kırdar Convention and Exhibition Centre: Room Topkapi A*)
- 6.15–8 p.m. Joint event with the CEB's Inter-Agency Cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity — “Development of productive capacities and trade: The key to inclusive and sustainable growth” (organized by the United Nations Cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity) (*Istanbul Congress Centre: Çamlica Hall*)
- 6.15–8 p.m. The international commitment to reduce the cost of remittances and the importance of remittances for LDCs' development (organized by the Governments of Australia, Bangladesh, Benin, France and Italy, and the World Bank Group) (*Lütfi Kırdar Convention and Exhibition Centre: Room Topkapi B*)

General information

More details on the information below are available in document [A/CONF.219/INF/1](#).

Circulation of written statements

Delegations wishing to have their statements distributed to the meeting participants are requested to deliver 350 copies to the meetings services assistants located at the documents distribution counter outside Anadolu Auditorium prior to the start of the meeting at which the statement is being delivered. Delegations who wish to have written statements distributed to the media are requested to deliver 300 copies to the media documents counter located in the basement of Rumeli Hall. Participants are reminded that the Secretariat will not be in a position to offer reproduction services for such texts.

Delegations that wish to have statements posted on the Internet <www.un.org/webcast> are requested to provide, in advance, an electronic copy of their statement, in any of the official languages, on CD-ROM to the United Nations webcast room located in the basement of Rumeli Hall or by e-mail (webcast@un.org).

Distribution of official documents

The official documentation of the Conference will be issued in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The main documents counter for delegations will be located outside Anadolu Auditorium. Each delegation will be assigned an individual box in which copies of all official documents issued during the Conference will be placed. Delegations are reminded that the document boxes are exclusively for the distribution of official documents of the Conference and may not be used for circulation of any other papers or documents. For the convenience of participants, a documents counter will also be located at the entrance of Rumeli Hall.

Receipt and circulation of other documents

Other documents that United Nations entities, Governments, non-governmental organizations and business sector entities or other accredited organizations may wish to make available to participants in the Conference are to be provided by the entity concerned in appropriate languages and quantities. Members of United Nations entities should forward two copies of each document they intend to distribute to Ms. Sonia Elliott for screening. Ms. Elliott can also be reached by e-mail at elliotts@un.org. Any material not cleared by the above official will be considered unauthorized and will be removed.

Arrangements for bilateral meetings

For bilateral meetings among Member States at the Head of State or Government or ministerial level, eight small temporary booths, each with a capacity to hold a maximum of six participants, will be available in Room Domabache C (Lütfi Kırdar Convention and Exhibition Centre), from Monday, 9, to Friday, 13 May 2011.

Live coverage

The Department of Public Information is providing live and on-demand Webcast coverage of the Conference in English and the original language of the speaker. Internet users around the world are able to follow the Conference proceedings by viewing the live webcast coverage and access information such as statements and archived video at www.un.org/webcast. Delegations wishing to have their statements published on the official Conference Web site should send an advance electronic copy to the following e-mail address: webcast@un.org.

Press conferences

Daily press briefings by the Spokesperson for the Conference will be held in the Loft, Lütfi Kırdar Convention and Exhibition Centre, at 12 noon. Requests for press conferences should be directed to scaddan@un.org. A daily schedule of press briefings will be posted in the media centre, in the daily *Journal* and on the Conference Web site, and updates to the schedule will be posted at twitter.com/UN_LDC_IVSpox.