



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 May 2016

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to my previous letter dated 31 March, which convenes a one-off one day informal interactive dialogue on commodity markets, as requested by the General Assembly Resolution A/RES/70/191.

I take the opportunity to thank all delegations and United Nations organizations which have kindly contributed with their views, inputs and suggestions to the preparation and final agenda of the high-level dialogue mandated by the aforementioned Resolution 70/191. The dialogue entitled “Trends and Perspectives in Commodities Markets and Their Implications in Commodity-Dependent Developing Countries - CDDCs” will start at 10.00 a.m. on 16 May, 2016, at the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

I look forward to welcoming you on 16 May and count on your participation to discuss scenarios and identify best practices and policy recommendations, with a view to aligning commodities policies with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft', written in a cursive style.

Mogens Lykketoft

To All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

**“Trends and Perspectives in Commodities Markets and Their Implications in
Commodity-Dependent Developing Countries - CDDCs”
(New York, 16 May 2016)**

Agenda

Morning Session

10:00-10:10

Opening Remarks

President of the General Assembly

10:10-11:10

Segment 1: Recent developments in commodities markets and the debt impact and long term structural constraints to diversify commodity economies

Moderator: Ambassador Dian Triansyah Djani, Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations in New York

Keynote speakers:

Mr. Samuel K. Gayi, Director, Special Unit on Commodities, UNCTAD, Geneva

Mr. Prakash Loungani, Chief, Development Macroeconomics in the IMF's Research Department. Adjunct Professor at Vanderbilt University's Owen School of Management

11:10-13:00

Interventions by Member States

Afternoon Session

15:00-16:00

Segment 2: Integrating commodity policies into wider development and poverty eradication strategies at all levels

a) Implications on CDDCs export revenues, food security, job creation and macroeconomic stability

b) Best practices

c) Policy recommendations

Moderator: Mr. Chantal-Line Carpentier, UNCTAD Special Representative Director to the United Nations in New York

Keynote speakers:

Mrs. Ellen Houston, Adjunct Professor, Department of International Studies, Marymount Manhattan College

Mr. Vinicius Pinheiro, ILO Special Representative to the United Nations in New York

16:00-17:00

Interventions by Member States

17:00-17:30

Closing segment

Moderator's summary
