

Civil Society Consultation Concept Note

As part of the preparatory process for the Fifth UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries ([LDC5](#)), civil society representatives are invited to [register](#) to attend a consultation with UN Member States in advance of the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee (PrepCom).

The consultation will take place virtually via Zoom on **Thursday, 20 May 2021 from 8:00am to 9:30am**, NY Time at the request of the Ambassadors of Bangladesh and Canada to the UN in New York, Mrs Rabab Fatima and Mr Robert Rae, in their capacity as co-chairs of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for LDC5 as a way to gather inputs from civil society representatives in preparation for the first PrepCom Session, which will take place in hybrid format 24-28 May 2021. The co-chairs would like to hear about civil society's perspectives on the [themes for the first PrepCom](#), and views on what priorities civil society organizations believe should be part of the new programme of action that the LDC5 Conference is expected to adopt as its outcome document in Doha, Qatar in January 2022.

Due to time constraints, only a limited number of participants will be able to speak during the meeting, but we encourage anyone who would like to [register](#) and attend the meeting. We welcome and will take into account written statements as well. Written statements can be sent via email to erica.carroll@un.org and will be posted on the OHRLLS/LDC5 website. The UN and LDC Watch, the organization coordinating civil society participation in the process, will select the organizations to speak during the meeting based on the responses to the registration questions, remaining mindful of geographic and thematic balance.

For further information about this event or about civil society engagement in the LDC5 process, please contact **Ms. Erica Carroll-Ogunka** from the Office of the High Representative of LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS at erica.carroll@un.org, or **Mr. Demba Moussa Dembele** from LDC Watch at ldc-watch@googlegroups.com.

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/33d8LxK>