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High-level Thematic Round Table 2
Leveraging the power of science, technology and innovation for the sustainable
development of least developed countries

6 March 2023, Doha time: 9am to 12 noon
Thematic Roundtables Hall

Draft Programme

9:00 – 9:08 **Opening remarks by Co-Chairs**

- H.E. Lotay Tshering, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bhutan
- H.E. Édouard Ngirente, Prime Minister of the Republic of Rwanda.

9:08 – 9:20 **Keynote address**

- Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Secretary-General, ITU

9:20 – 9:50 **Presentations by high-level panelists**

- Mr. Omran Hamad AlKuwari, CEO of Qatar Foundation International
- H.E. Mr. Vellamvelly Muraleedharan, Minister of State for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs, Republic of India
- Mr. Maikel Wilms, Partner and Director, Boston Consulting Group
- Prof. Mohamed H.A. Hassan, President of the Sudanese National Academy of Sciences (SNAS), Chair of Council of UN Technology Bank

9:40 -10:00 **Interventions by lead discussants**

- H.E. Ms. Mariin Ratnik, Deputy Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development Cooperation, MFA Estonia
- Professor Dr. Hasan Mandal, President, TÜBİTAK

10:00 – 11:45 **Interactive debate among States and other relevant stakeholders**

11:45 – 11:55 **Response by Panelists**

11:55 – 12:00 **Closing remarks by Co-chairs**