

29 April 2021

Dear Colleagues,

In our capacity as Co-Chairs, we have the honour to invite you to the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries to be held on 24, 25, 27 and 28 May 2021, in line with the General Assembly resolution 74/232B. The opening meeting scheduled from 10:00am-1:00pm on 24 May 2021 and the closing meeting from 10:00am to 1:00pm on 28 May 2021 will be held in-person. The rest of the meetings will be virtual to hold interactive and thematic panel discussions.

In preparation for the session, please find attached the following documents:

1. Annotated Provisional Agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the Fifth United Nations Conference on the LDC, 24-28 May 2021, A/CONF.219/2021/IPC/2.
2. Proposed organization of work for the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, 24-28 May 2021.
3. Themes for the panel discussions at the first session of the Preparatory Committee for LDC5.
4. Draft Provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the Fifth United Nations Conference on the LDC, 26-30 July 2021, A/CONF.219/2021/IPC/L.1

Additional information and documentations related to organizational and logistical matters will be circulated at a later date and posted on the LDC5 website at <https://www.un.org/ldc5/preparatory-process>.

On the morning of Monday, 24 May, under item 3(b) “Preparations for the Conference: substantive preparations”, we invite representatives of Groups and Member States to deliver remarks. Participants should indicate their interest in delivering a statement using the e-speakers module in the e-deleGATE portal starting from 3 May to 17 May 2021. There will be further opportunities for Groups, Member States and other stakeholders to participate during the thematic panel discussions. Information on how to register the expression of interest to participate in the dialogues of the thematic sessions will be communicated in due course.

Please note that in line with continued restrictions on in-person meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, access to the in-person meetings will be restricted to one delegate per Member State and one delegate each from the Holy See, the State of Palestine, and the European Union. Additional information on precautionary measures aimed at mitigating the spread of COVID-19 will be circulated in advance of the session.

Heads of UN Agencies

The proceedings of the meeting will be webcast live and on-demand on UN Web TV.

The virtual informal meetings will take place using the remote simultaneous interpretation platform “Interprefy”.

For any question, please contact Mr. Ziad Mahmassani, mahmassani@un.org, and Mr. Yeshey Dorji, yeshey@un.org.

I look forward to your active participation.

Yours sincerely,



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