

INFORMATION SESSION

10 November 2021



LDC5
5TH UNITED NATIONS
CONFERENCE ON THE
LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

- **What**: Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
- **When**: 23 – 27 January 2022 (Pre-Conference Events on 22 January 2022)
- **Where**: Hosted by the State of Qatar in Doha, Qatar
- **Who**: Heads of State Level UN Conference



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Preparatory Process 2020/2021



**Preparatory Committee Sessions
GA/ECOSOC events**

LDC Future Forum

Asia-Pacific Regional Review

Africa Regional Review



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Conference Programme Overview



- 18 inter-governmental sessions: the **Opening, general debate & thematic roundtables**
- Up to 65 **side events** by member states, UN and partner agencies
- **Stakeholder engagement** throughout the conference: Private Sector Forum, Civil Society Forum, Youth, South-South Cooperation
- **Pre-Conference Events:** LDC Summit, Youth Forum, Parliamentary Forum
- Commemoration of **50-years of LDC Category** with music and a cultural celebration of LDCs
- **Exhibitions and interactive spaces**



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Private Sector Forum

- **23 to 25 January 2022**
- Co-organized by **OHRLLS and Microsoft**
- Promote **partnership opportunities** for private sector investments and financing in LDCs in **five priority sectors**:
 - ❖ Sustainable energy
 - ❖ Agriculture and rural development
 - ❖ Connectivity
 - ❖ Climate Change
 - ❖ Sustainable tourism

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Parliamentary Forum



- **22 January 2022**
- Co-organized by **Shura Council of Qatar and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)**
- Mobilizing parliaments in the implementation of the new Programme of Action
- The forum will consist of:
 - ❖ High-level plenary
 - ❖ Thematic discussions on the priority areas relevant to the conference



Civil Society Forum

- **22 to 26 January 2022**
- Co-organized by **OHRLLS** and the **Core Civil Society Group**
- Opportunity for civil society organisations:
 - ❖ Showcase their work in relation to LDCs priorities
 - ❖ Network and share experiences
 - ❖ To plan and mobilize for the implementation of the new Programme of Action.
- Representatives from LDCs, development partners and other developing countries are expected

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Youth Track



- 22 to 26 January 2022
- Putting Youth at the forefront
- **Various Youth events and engagements** during the week, including:
 - ❖ **Youth Forum on 22 January**
 - ❖ **Inter-Generational Dialogue on 24 January**
 - ❖ **Thematic sessions: 24-26 January**
 - ❖ Youth Pavilion and much more.

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Ministerial Conference on South-South Cooperation

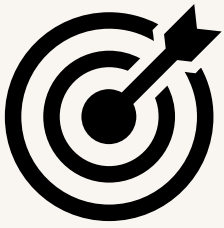
- **25 January 2022**
- Organized by UN-OHRLLS in collaboration with **UN Office for South-South Cooperation, UN Capital Development Fund, UNCTAD, Qatar (host country) and Malawi (LDC Chair)**.
- The South-South Conference will:
 - ❖ Exchange on lessons learned for scaling up South-South cooperation for the implementation of the new Programme of Action
 - ❖ Identify new areas of South-South and triangular cooperation and initiatives to increase contribution of South-South cooperation to the implementation of the new programme of action for LDCs.
- LDCs, development partner countries, UN agencies, NGOs and the private sectors to attend.



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Outcomes of LDC5

- **Doha Political Declaration and New Doha Programme of Action** (2022 – 2031) – coinciding with the “Decade of Action” for the SDGs
- Concrete deliverables, new initiatives
- **Parliamentary** Message to the Doha Conference
- **Private Sector Partnerships**
- **Civil Society** Declaration
- **Youth Declaration** expressing young people's vision
- **South-South** Summary Report





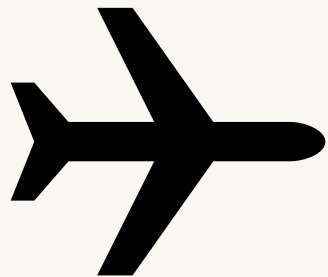
Participation

- More than **5,000 people expected** to attend the conference
- GA Res 74/232B calls for **participation at the highest possible level**, including Heads of State and Government
- **Multi-stakeholder** participation
- It will be crucial for the success of the conference to have high-level participation not only from the LDCs, but also from **development partners** and the **UN system** and other stakeholders



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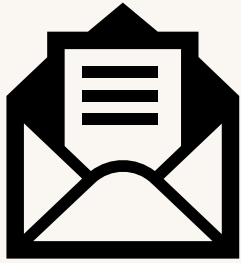
Travel Support from Qatar

- The State of Qatar has generously agreed to **sponsor 14 participants from each LDC**
 - ❖ 8 Government Representatives (including Head of State and PR to the UN)
 - ❖ 1 Parliamentarian
 - ❖ 1 Private Sector Representative
 - ❖ 2 Civil Society Representatives
 - ❖ 1 Media Representative
 - ❖ 1 Youth Representative
- **UN Resident Coordinator** from each 46 LDCs



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Accreditation and Registration

- **Member State Representatives**

- ❖ Registration should be done through the Permanent Missions to the UN in New York. Pre-registration started on 9 November 2021 via the 'eRegistration' portal and will close on 3 January 2022 (<https://edelegate.un.int>)

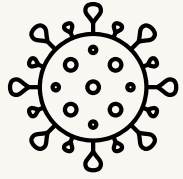
- **Other Stakeholders**

- ❖ CSO, private sector representatives, and organizations with ECOSOC consultative status will be able to register via Indico.
- ❖ Other Stakeholders without ECOSOC consultative status are required to get accredited before registering (**open until 15 November**): <https://indico.un.org/event/35735/>.



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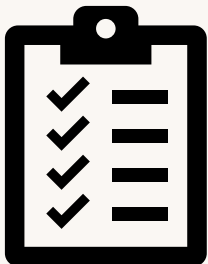
COVID-19 prevention and mitigation measures

- **An Advisory Committee on Health and Safety** has been established (Qatar Ministry of Health and Foreign Affairs, WHO, DOS, UN Medical Services, OHRLLS)
- The United Nations and the host country are jointly developing a **COVID-19 prevention/mitigation protocol** for the LDC5 Conference.
- Comprehensive **precautionary measures** will be in place during the Conference to ensure the safety of participants and the local community.



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Information Note

- Conference logistics
- Organization of work of the LDC5 Conference and Seating Arrangements
- Accreditation and registration
- Hotel accommodation and local transport
- Visa requirements
- Important information on visiting Qatar

The Note will be available on the LDC5 Website shortly.



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**Thank You
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