

July 12, 2021

Your Excellencies,

In view of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee for LDC5 that will be held from July 26-30, we have the honour to share with you the Zero Draft of the Doha Programme of Action for LDCs for 2022-2031 with great enthusiasm. We wish to offer our warmest thanks to the LDC Group for having come up with such a comprehensive roadmap for LDCs for the next decade.

Prior to the Second Preparatory Committee, we would like to invite you to an Informal Meeting of the Preparatory Committee on **Thursday, 22 July 2021 from 3-6pm**. The purpose of the Meeting will be to proceed with an introduction of the text by the LDC Group and welcome general comments.

With reference to the Organization of Work of the Second Preparatory Committee (contained in A/CONF.219/2021/IPC/4 attached) and in order to complete a first reading during the week, we do not plan to proceed with a paragraph by paragraph review of the text; we will welcome general comments and reactions to the zero draft section by section in the following manner tentatively:

- Monday July 26, 3-6pm: Introduction, Paragraphs 1-26;
- Tuesday July 27, 10-1pm: I. Investing in people in LDCs: Eradicating poverty and building capacity to leave no one behind, Paragraphs 27-92;
- Tuesday July 27, 3-6pm: II. Leveraging the power of science, technology, and innovation to fight against multidimensional vulnerabilities and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, Paragraphs 93-117;
- Wednesday, July 28, 10-1pm: III. Structural transformation as a driver of prosperity, Paragraphs 118-154;
- Wednesday, July 28, 3-6pm: IV. Enhancing international trade of least developed countries and regional integration, Paragraphs 155-200;
- Thursday, July 29, 10-1pm: V. Addressing climate change, recovering from COVID-19 pandemic, and building resilience against future shocks, Paragraphs 201-237;

- Thursday, July 29, 3-6pm: VI. Mobilizing international solidarity, reinvigorated global partnerships and innovative tools for risk-informed sustainable development - A march towards sustainable graduation, Paragraphs 238-291; and
- Friday, July 30, 10-1pm: Implementation, follow-up, and monitoring, Paragraphs 292-311.

To complement this first reading, written proposals and submissions on the text can be submitted to Ms. Margherita Musollino (musollino@un.org) **by end of day on 30 July**. A compilation of all the submissions received will be made available here: <https://www.un.org/ldc5/content/preparatory-committee-second-session>.

Based on written inputs received and proposals made during the Second PrepCom, a First Revision of the Draft Programme of Action will be prepared and issued as a Co-Chairs text at the end of August with a view to holding an Informal Meeting of the Preparatory Committee **the week of 13 September**.

Finally, on Friday **23 July from 1000-1130am**, you are invited to a consultation with civil society organizations to share thoughts in advance of the Second Preparatory Committee Meetings. Further details of the upcoming meetings will be announced in the UN Journal.

We remain at your disposal should you have any questions or further guidance.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration,



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