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Youth Track

**4-9 March 2023, Qatar National Convention Centre
Doha, Qatar**

Provisional Programme

#LDC5

4 March (Saturday)

Time: 10:00-12:00

Venue: Meeting Room 104

Workshop on Leadership and Negotiations for LDC5 Youth Delegates (with Doha Debates)

Organizers: UN-OHRLLS, Doha Debates

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Time: 14:00-17:00

Venue: Auditorium 3

Youth Forum

The Youth Forum provides a platform for young people from LDCs to discuss development issues that affect them – including educational and skills capacity building, health, employment, climate change, peace and security, human rights and migration. The Forum also provides an opportunity for young people to share their solutions, actions and impact. The outcome of the Youth Forum will be the adoption of the Youth Declaration, titled “For All Generations”. The Youth Declaration depicts young people’s vision for a better future, asserts young people’s commitment to contributing to the Doha Programme of Action and includes thorough thematic commitments.

Organizer: UN-OHRLLS

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5 March (Sunday)

Time: 09:00-10:00

Venue: Plenary Hall

Opening of the LDC5 Conference

Time: 10:15-12:00

Venue: Plenary Hall

50 Years of LDCs: Building a new generation of partnerships for progress

- i. Time: 14:00-15:30
Venue: Exhibition
Hall 2B

Decent jobs for forcibly displaced youth in LDCs

The session will discuss the challenges and opportunities to support forcibly displaced youth in LDCs, including refugees, IDPs and host community youth, secure a smooth transition into decent work. Recognizing the resilience and creativity of forcibly displaced youth to shape their futures as well as the vital role youth employment stakeholders including governments, the private sector and youth-led organisations can play in helping these young people realise their full potential, this event will spotlight innovative solutions supporting young refugees and host community youth access decent jobs.

The event seeks to: (1) Discuss the socio-economic challenges faced by forcibly displaced youth in LDCs and opportunities to address them. (2) Facilitate an interactive conversation among young people and youth employment stakeholders on solutions to support forcibly displaced youth access decent jobs. (3) Spotlight initiatives that meaningfully engage young people in shaping policy solutions and programmes.

Organizers: ILO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Qatar University, Microsoft, Silatech

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- ii. Time: 14:00-16:00
Venue: Auditorium 3

Putting youth at the forefront: Paving the way for an enabling environment for youth to thrive and prosper

The session will bring to the table youth from marginalized communities and conflict-affected contexts, young civil society representatives and young entrepreneurs, to discuss what the preconditions are to enable young people not only to prepare

and survive in situations of emergencies but to thrive and prosper and realize their full potential.

The discussion will address the opportunities and challenges faced by youth relating to the Sustainable Development Goals, how to overcome these challenges, strengthen resilience, and take action to contribute to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda by “flipping the script” fear into hope, and division into togetherness.

Organizers: Qatar Fund for Development, UNDP, ITU

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iii. Time: 16:00-17:00
Venue: Auditorium 3

Youth-centred innovative finance – investing sustainably in future generations

Youth-specific and youth-centred financing is essential to achieving the vision embedded in the Doha Programme of Action. This thematic session will convene a different array of stakeholders to share their experiences and lessons learned around defining sustainable and innovative financing solutions (e.g., blended finance vehicles) for youth and help highlight development pathways to increasing the flow and availability of SDG investment capital in LDCs.

Organizers: UNCDF, UNDP

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6 March (Monday)

Time: 09:00-10:30
Venue: Room 104

Fostering youth economic inclusiveness and entrepreneurial skills

To enable youth to build a better and more sustainable future, the actions of a multitude of players such as policy makers, business support organizations, training institutions, employers and youth themselves, need to be interlocked and build upon each other. This panel will highlight how ecosystem stakeholders support youth employability and entrepreneurship on the micro, meso and macro level by equipping youth with the soft and hard skills demanded by the labour market. In their interventions, young entrepreneurs as well as public and private sector representatives will share how innovative and unique approaches to foster youth economic empowerment on a national and global level.

Organizers: International Trade Centre, Ministry of Sports and Youth of Qatar

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Time: 10:45-12:00
Venue: Room 104

Transforming education in LDCs: ensuring a focus on inclusion and gender equality

This panel discussion will review progress on education in least developed countries, discuss action undertaken with a focus on youth efforts to close inclusion and equality gaps, and leverage commitments to advance and transform education.

Organizers: UNESCO, Education above All Foundation, SDG4Youth Network

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Time: 14:00- 15:30
Venue: Auditorium 3

Inter-Generational Dialogue: “Young people, keyholders of sustainable development in LDCs”

The Dialogue will bring together young people from the LDCs, with world leaders, heads of state and government, decision-

makers, senior UN officials and senior diplomats. During the interactive discussions, young people will share their actions, ideas, best practices, and identify challenges in the realization of the Doha Programme of Action for LDCs (DPoA), while Member States and other stakeholders will share commitments on the inclusion of youth in the implementation of the DPoA at the national, regional and global level.

Organizer: UN- OHRLLS

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Time: 16:00 -17:15

Venue: Auditorium 3

Qatari youth empowerment: Live experiences

This panel discussion will reflect experiences of youth in Qatar in the fields of diplomacy, business, sustainable tourism & sport as part of the youth empowerment programs of Qatar.

Organizers: Ministry of Sports and Youth of Qatar

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7 March (Tuesday)

Time: 9:00-10:30

Venue: Room 104

From LDC5 back home: The journey for advocacy continues

Young people are changing the world by taking action that shifts mindsets and policies, guiding others to engage and advocate in real and digital spaces, and initiating movements in their communities.

This youth-led session draws on the growing consensus that young people's engagement must extend beyond participation in high-level events and into influencing change in their communities after the event has over and they get back home.

Organizers: LDC5 Youth Delegates, UNICEF, UN-OHRLLS

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Time: 10:30-12:00

Venue: Room 104

Canon Workshop for selected Youth Delegates

Time: 15:00-16:30

Venue: Auditorium 3

Youth enabling digital development in LDCs

Young people are leaders in digital transformation today. Youth around the world continue to produce innovative solutions to some of our most complex problems in digital development; furthermore, we must empower and acknowledge young voices in this space as we work towards engaging youth in the digital development dialogue to build a more connected global community.

Highlighting initiatives like ITU's Generation Connect and UNCDF's Inclusive Digital Economies to Leave No One Behind, and ITC's FastTrackTech, Youth and Trade and ecomConnect this session will explore the benefits of developing digital solutions to fully unlock youth's potential. Join us and share your thoughts and experiences on youth leadership in digital transformation.

Organizers: ITU, UNCDF, ITC

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8 March (Wednesday)

Time: 10:30-12:00

Venue: Room 104

Unleashing the power of youth: supporting youth-led climate action in LDCs

This session intends to feature how children and young people can be meaningfully engaged in the design and content of climate policies, priorities, and related processes. The session also aims to present key initiatives that support young peoples' engagement on climate change in LDCs, promote an intergenerational dialogue between young people and Member States on the climate change agenda in LDCs, discuss climate change recommendations from young people to transform the

LDC5 Youth Declaration into action and discuss commitments by UN partner organizations and Member States on actions they will take to support young people's role in climate action in LDCs.

Organizers: Education Above All Foundation, UNESCO, UNDP, UNICEF

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Time: 14:00-15:30

Venue: Room 104

Becoming leaders: Young women scientists from LDCs share their stories

This session will demonstrate how specialised networks, tools and resources can be developed to support young women scientists from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to step into positions of leadership and influence in scientific research and policy making in their own countries. These networks also provide mechanisms for participation in scientific research and decision making at the global level, ensuring that the ideas, challenges, solutions and innovations offered by such women can be considered and implemented around the world, having a positive impact on communities and contributing to the excellence and relevance of scientific research in general.

Three young women scientists from LDCs (Rep of Congo, Yemen and Nepal) will describe their personal success stories. Two of these women are also the protagonists of short videos made to celebrate their careers, which will be shown. Senior women mentors who have played significant roles in supporting young women scientists will also contribute, including the Minister of Science from Rep. of Congo; the Vice President of TWAS and of OWSD; as well as the Chair of the OWSD Jordan National chapter who has set up a mentoring circle. The executive director of TWAS, Romain Murenzi will also comment on

TWAS's major contribution to creating networks of scientific excellence in the developing world. Panelists will use short 'Ignite-style' talks to ensure the session is engaging and inspiring and there will be ample time for discussion. Tonya Blowers, Coordinator of OWSD will moderate the session.

Organizers: UNESCO's Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World

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Time: 15:30-17:00

Venue: Room 104

Canon Workshop for selected Youth Delegates

Time: 20:00

Venue: Rixos Gulf Hotel

Networking dinner with Doha Debates Ambassadors

Organizers: Doha Debates

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9 March (Thursday)

Time: 9:00-12:00

Venue: Room 104

Canon Workshop for selected Youth Delegates

Time: 15:30-17:00

Venue: Plenary Hall

Closing of LDC5