



Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Group of LDCs

Sunday, March 5, 10:15-12:00

Theme: A New Generation of Partnerships for Progress

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[The Commemoration session will be Chaired by the ex-officio President of the Conference Honourable State Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar]

[Heads of State/Government/Ministers will be sitting on their national seats. Before their statements, they will be escorted from their seats by the UN Protocol]

- 10:15-10:20** **Opening remarks:** H.E. Mr. Soltan bin Saad Al-Muraikhi, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar
- 10:20-10:25** **Opening film** LDC5: A New Generation of Partnerships for Progress
- 10:25-10:38** **Welcome address** Ms. Rabab Fatima, Under Secretary-General and High Representative and Secretary-General of the Fifth UN Conference on LDCs
- 10:38-10:46** **Statement** H.E. Ms Mariam Chabi Talata Zime Yerima, Vice-President of Benin (former LDC chair): *Structural transformation and resilience building at the heart of LDCs' progress*
- 10:46-10:56** **Keynote Speech** H H.E. Mr. Narayan Kaji Shrestha Prakash, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Physical Infrastructure and Transportation of Nepal (former and incoming LDC chair): *A vision for the future of the LDCs*
- 10:56-11:00** **Musical interlude** Live performance from Yemeni Musicians (4 mins)
- 11:00-11:08** **Special Address** H.E. Ms. Nataša Pirc Musar, President of the Republic of Slovenia: *Addressing challenges and harnessing potentials through partnerships for sustainable development of LDCs*

- 11:08-11:16** **Statement** H.E. Ms Buthaina bint Ali Al Jabr Al Nuaimi, Minister of Education of Qatar: *Education at the heart of LDCs' progress*
- 11:16-11:20** **Live performance** Cultural performance from Nigeria (3 mins)
- 11:20-11:27** **Statement** H.E. Mr Harjit S. Sajjan, Minister of International Development, Canada: *A New Generation of Global Partnerships for LDCs*
- 11:27-11:30** **Musical finale** Live performance from Tanzanian dancers (3 mins)