

Side event at PrepCom1, 24-28 May 2021

Title	The future of manufacturing in LDCs: First lessons for the post-pandemic era
Timing	24 May 2021 (13:15 – 14:45 NYT)
Organizer	UNIDO
Meeting link	https://zoom.us/j/98714357731?pwd=SzlsRTRyT29wKyt2TVIraHI1Sjd2dz09 Meeting ID: 987 1435 7731, Passcode: 704959
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Thematic focus and expected outcome	<p>LDCs in Africa have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in various ways. ECOSOC 2021 argues that aside from the direct effect of loss of life, the pandemic has triggered indirect crises of declining exports, GDP, FDI and remittances, fiscal contraction and worsening of the debt situation, increasing food insecurity and growing numbers of people in extreme poverty, especially in LDCs. Recent data suggest that the direct effects of the COVID pandemic and the confinement measures on LDC industries are secondary to the indirect effects of economic disruptions in a global value chain context.</p> <p>This side event will bring experts and practitioners in industrial policy together to discuss the future of manufacturing in LDC countries in the post-COVID era. A keynote shall provide an overview of the impact of the pandemic on LDC industries and some of the reactions of LDC governments to it. In the subsequent panel discussions, panellists will provide anecdotal evidence for adequate policy responses to mitigate COVID 19 impacts on LDC industries. The moderator will then engage with participants on a debate on the effects of disruptions in global value chains on LDC industries and how LDC industries should be supported by policies to better absorb disruptions in the future.</p>
Contribution to LDC5	The side event will contribute to the crafting of policies that support the inclusive and sustainable development of the productive sector in the post-COVID era. It can inform the crafting of resolutions on how to build back better industries in LDCs after COVID-19.
Speakers	<p>Opening remarks (10 minutes): Mr. Hiroshi Kuniyoshi, Deputy to the Director General, UNIDO</p> <p>Keynote (15 minutes): “LDC industrial production and trade in the COVID era and resulting policy reactions” Mr. Frank Hartwich, Industrial Policy and Research, UNIDO</p> <p>Panel discussion with questions and answers (60 minutes):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Dr. Fitsum ASSEFA ADELA, Commissioner, National Planning and Development Commission, Ethiopia (tbc) 2. H.E. Ms. Beata HABYRIMANA, Minister MINICOM, Rwanda 3. H.E. Mr. Albert Mushanga, Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Mining (ETIM), African Union Commission (tbc) 4. Mr. Paul MAKANZA, chairperson, Confederation of Tanzanian Industry (confirmed) <p>Moderation: Federico Castellani Koessler, External Relations and Policy Research, UNIDO</p>