



**Experts' Group Meeting on Leveraging the Potential of Foreign Investment for Structural Economic Transformation and Sustainable Development in Landlocked Developing Countries  
(10-11 November, 2022- New Delhi, India)**

**Draft Programme (Participation of all experts to be confirmed)**

**Day 1**

09:30 to 10:00	<p><b>Welcome and introduction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg- Chief, UN-OHRLLS</li><li>• Ms. Mikoko Tanaka- Head of UN-ESCAP Sub-regional Office for South and South-West Asia</li></ul>
10:00 to 11:00	<p><b><u>Session 1: Foreign investment trends in LLDCs and implications for sustainable recovery</u></b></p> <p>This session after reviewing foreign investment trends in LLDCs over the last few years will specifically focus on LLDCs' FDI data from 2021, highlighting the degree to which investment levels have recovered after the COVID-19 pandemic and the implications for a sustainable recovery. It will cover data from all sources: FDI based on balance of payments, greenfield projects announcements, mergers and acquisitions and international project finance. It will also analyse structural impediments to foreign investment and the reasons for the natural resource-oriented investment profile of many LLDCs.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg- Chief, UN-OHRLLS Keynote speaker: H.E. Dr. Shankar Prasad Sharma, Ambassador of Nepal to India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Arslan Chaudhary, Economic Affairs Officer, UN-OHRLLS</li><li>• Senior Expert, UNCTAD</li><li>• Ms. Gema Sacristan, Chief Investment Officer IDB Invest, IADB</li></ul>

11:00 to 13:00	<p><b><u>Session 2: Enhancing foreign investment in LLDCs for structural economic transformation and the role of global and regional value chains</u></b></p> <p>This session will focus on policy recommendations for enhancing levels of foreign investment and their impact on structural economic transformation in LLDCs. It will specifically address the issues of 1) Overcoming trade and transit constraints, and 2) Modernizing investment promotion policies and regulations within the context of the current global investment governance climate 3) Recommendations for LLDCs to attract investment in productive sectors that can lead to greater integration with global and regional value chains</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Mikoko Tanaka- Head of UN-ESCAP Sub-regional Office for South and South-West Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Konstantin Wacker, Assistant Professor, University of Groningen</li> <li>• Mr. Yusuke Tateno, Economic Affairs Officer, UN-ESCAP</li> <li>• Mr. Arslan Chaudhary, Economic Affairs Officer, UN-OHRLLS</li> <li>• Mr. Ronald Butiong, Chief Regional Cooperation and Integration, Asian Development Bank</li> <li>• Mr. Joseph Mpunga, Chief Investment Promotion Officer, COMESA Secretariat</li> <li>• Ms. Sonam Lhamo, Senior Officer, FDI Division, Department of Industry, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Bhutan</li> <li>• Representative, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, India</li> </ul>
13:00 to 14:30	<p><b>Lunch break</b></p>
14:30 to 16:30	<p><b><u>Session 3: Experiences from selected countries and Investment Promotion Agencies’ perspectives</u></b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p>This session will discuss successful cases from LLDCs and other developing countries on how enhanced levels of foreign investment in productive activities and infrastructure have contributed to structural economic transformation. In addition, representatives from Investment Promotion Agencies (IPAs) from LLDCs or other developing countries will present their perspectives on the opportunities and challenges in attracting foreign investment in the current global economic environment.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Yusuke Tateno, Economic Affairs Officer, UN-ESCAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Heather Lynne Taylor-Strauss, Economic Affairs Officer, UN-ESCAP</li> </ul>

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## Day 2

09:30 to 11:00	<p><b><u>Session 4: Interactive Session with Experts</u></b></p> <p>In this interactive session, experts from LLDCs and other developing countries will discuss key issues, opportunities and challenges for attracting foreign investment in the current global economic environment and linking it to structural transformation and sustainable development. A panel of experts will facilitate the discussion and provide closing comments.</p> <p>Moderator (and expert): Mr. Rajan Ratna, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, UN-ESCAP SSWA</p> <p>Other experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Konstantin Wacker, Assistant Professor, University of Groningen</li> <li>• Ms. Heather Lynne Taylor-Strauss, Economic Affairs Officer, UN-ESCAP</li> </ul>
11:00 to 12:00	<p><b><u>Session 5: Partnerships to support higher foreign investment in LLDCs for structural transformation</u></b></p> <p>This session will address how all stakeholders including LLDC governments, development partners, multinational firms, international organizations and international finance institutes can support higher foreign investment in LLDCs in a way that can promote structural transformation and ultimately sustainable development.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Nnana Pheto, Economic Affairs Officer, UN-OHRLLS</p> <p>Keynote speaker: Major General Vetsop Namgyel, Ambassador of Bhutan to India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Steve Olive, Mission Director, Regional Development Mission for Asia, USAID</li> <li>• Ms. Zodwa Mabuza, Principal Regional Integration Officer, African Development Bank</li> <li>• Mr. Babjide Sodipo, Senior Manager, AFRIEXIM Bank</li> <li>• Mr. Hector Gomez Ang, Director South Asia, International Finance Corporation</li> </ul>

12:00 to 12:30

***Way forward and closing: Summary of discussions, key policy messages, and recommendations***

- Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg- Chief, UN-OHRLLS
- Ms. Mikoko Tanaka- Head of UN-ESCAP Sub-regional Office for South and South-West Asia