

Third LDC Future Forum to Address Resilience Building in Least Developed Countries

New York, 13 March 2025 – The United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) together with Finland and Zambia are pleased to announce the Third LDC Future Forum, scheduled for April 1-3, 2025, in Lusaka, Zambia.

This forum aims to convene policymakers, researchers, private sector leaders, and other stakeholders to share innovative solutions and practical policy recommendations to enhance the resilience of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) against systemic shocks.

Event Details:

• **Date:** April 1-3, 2025

• Venue: Intercontinental/ Holiday Inn, an IHG Hote, Lusaka, Zambia

Key Highlights:

- High-Level Dialogue: Discussions will focus on the critical need for financing to bolster LDCs' resilience against various challenges, including economic downturns, natural disasters, and health emergencies.
- Thematic Sessions: Four sessions will explore:
 - Climate-smart agriculture practices to improve food security and sustainable agricultural development.
 - Strategies for integrating sustainable water and energy solutions to enhance resilience.
 - Innovative approaches to circular economy and green industrialization to promote diversification and resilience.

- Methods for strengthening resilience through targeted social protection programs.
- Fireside Chat with the Private Sector: Industry leaders will discuss their roles in driving the transition towards a circular economy, fostering sustainable development, and building resilience in LDCs.

Media Opportunities:

• Interview Availability: Selected speakers and organizers will be available for interviews upon request.

Key links:

• Website: https://www.un.org/ohrlls/ldc-future-forum-2025

• Programme: <u>programme_3rd_ldc_ff.pdf</u>

Social Media:

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