Hand in Hand Initiative: An update on an initiative for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

Virtual Thematic Briefing

Thursday, 8 April 2021, 10:30 am-12:00 pm (EDT)

Organized by the UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (OHRLLS) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), in collaboration with the Chairs of the LDC Group, LLDC Group and of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)

Programme

Moderated by Ms. Angélica María Jácome Daza, Director, FAO Office for SIDS, LDCs and LLDCs

10.30 am　　**Opening remarks**
- H.E Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS (UN-OHRLLS)
- H.E. Mr. Perks Master Ligoya, Permanent Representative of Malawi to the United Nations, Chair of the Group of LDCs
- H.E. Mr. Magzhan Ilyassov, Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations, Chair of the Group of LLDCs
- H.E. Mr. Walton Webson, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations, Chair of the AOSIS

10.50 am　　**Keynote presentation**
- *Update on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative*
  Mr. Máximo Torero Cullen, FAO Chief Economist

11.00 am　　**Country perspectives**
- H.E. Salem Abdullah Issa Al-Soqtari, Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Fisheries, Republic of Yemen *(video message)*
- H.E. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Linkham Douangsavanh, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Lao People's Democratic Republic *(video message)*
- H.E. Johannes Petrus Hoogeveen, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to FAO and Chair of the FAO Programme Committee, Italy
- Ms. Xiangjun Yao, FAO Subregional Coordinator for the Pacific Islands and FAO Representative in Samoa *(video message)*

11.20 am　　**Interactive discussion**

11.55 pm　　**Concluding remarks**
- Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox, OHRLLS Director

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