

# Preparatory Process for the Fifth UN Conference on the LDCs

Annual Workshop for the LDC National  
Focal Points

13 November 2019, UNHQ



**UN-OHRLLS**



UNGA Res. 73/242 decided  
to convene UNLDC-V in 2021  
at highest possible level with mandate to:

- Undertake a comprehensive appraisal of IPOA implementation
- Identify effective international and domestic policies, new emerging challenges, best practices, and means to address
- Reaffirm global commitment to address LDCs special needs
- Mobilize additional international support measures and action

The State of Qatar will host the Conference in Doha from 21-25 March 2021.



# FIFTH UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

Doha, State of Qatar, 21-25 March 2021  
(date to be confirmed by the UN General Assembly)

Commemorative Event on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary of the creation of the LDC category

Parallel Thematic  
Roundtables/Panels

Forum for LDC  
Parliamentarians

Civil Society & Private  
Sector Forums

Side Events and Exhibitions

## PREPARATORY PROCESS

**Pre-  
Conference  
Events** on  
thematic  
priority areas  
2020-2021

**Informal  
Consultations**  
between LDCs  
and  
Development  
Partners  
2019-2021

**Intergovernmental Preparatory  
Committee Sessions**  
8-14 Sept 2020 and 11-15 Jan 2021 (TBC)  
UNHQ, New York

**Advocacy /  
Media Events  
and  
Initiatives**  
2019-2021

**Relevant Inter-  
governmental  
Processes and  
Global Events**  
2019-2021

**Africa Regional  
Review Meeting**  
11-13 Feb 2020  
Blantyre, Malawi  
**ECA COM**  
18-24 March 2020  
Addis Ababa,  
Ethiopia

**Asia-Pacific  
Regional Review  
Meeting**  
TBC, Spring 2020  
**ESCAP COM**  
18-22 May 2020  
Bangkok, Thailand

**National Review Reports and Country-Level Preparations**  
2019/2020

UNLDC-V to  
be preceded  
by substantive  
preparations

## National

- LDCs to report on progress in their country

## Regional

- Two preparatory review meetings

## Global

- Two sessions of Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee

Lessons learned from  
five years of implementing the  
Istanbul Programme of Action for the  
Least Developed Countries

# National level review process

- LDC National Review Reports
- Annual Workshop of LDC National Focal Points
- OHRLLS to prepare analytical review and assessment of LDC national reports and priorities
- National reviews to feed into regional level preparations

# Regional level review process

- Africa (+ Haiti)

- Ministerial Review Meeting in Blantyre, Malawi, 11-13 Feb 2020
- In close cooperation with ECA
- Report on 10-year implementation of IPOA in the region
- Outcome Document
- Endorsement by ECA COM, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, March 2020

- Asia-Pacific (+ Yemen)

- Ministerial Review Meeting in April 2020, TBC
- In close cooperation with ESCAP
- Report on 10-year implementation of IPOA in the region
- Outcome Document
- Endorsement by ESCAP COM, Special Body, May 2020

# Global Preparatory Process

- UN System and other partners are invited to contribute

Thematic  
appraisals

Special  
events

- Multi-stakeholder engagement
  - ✓ CSOs
  - ✓ Private Sector
  - ✓ Academia
  - ✓ Parliamentarians
  - ✓ Youth
- PGA, ECOSOC, Second Committee events TBD

Dates	Selected Events
April 2020	Financing for Development Forum, NY
May	Development Cooperation Forum, NY SEforALL Forum, Rwanda
June	WTO Ministerial Conference, Kazakhstan Vienna Energy Forum, Austria
July	High Level Political Forum, NY
September	1 <sup>st</sup> session PrepCom, NY Ministerial Meeting of LDCs
October	OHRLLS/UNU-WIDER Academic Conference, Finland UNCTAD XV, Barbados
November	UNFCCC COP26, UK
January 2021	2 <sup>nd</sup> session PrepCom, NY
March	Fifth UN Conference on LDCs, Qatar Celebration of 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of LDC Category



# UN System's commitments so far:

Thematic Preparatory Events		Thematic Appraisals	
UNIDO	LDC Ministerial held in Abu Dhabi, 2 November 2019	ILO	Report on Decent Work for All in LDCs, in context of future of work
WTO	Contribute to pre-conf events Side event at UNLDC-V	WTO	Report on LDC graduation Dedicated report for UNLDC-V
ESCAP	Co-organize the Asia-Pacific regional review meeting – Spring 2020	ESCAP	2020 flagship report on 'Countries with Special Needs' with special focus on LDCs
UNCTAD	Event at UNCTAD XV and side event at UNLDC-V on structural transformation	UNCTAD	2019 LDC Report on Development Finance + 2020 LDC Report Compendium of Policy Options to Achieve SDGs in LDCs Productive Capacity Index
OHRLLS/ UNU- WIDER	Academic Conference: Achieving Sustainable Development in LDCs – towards UNLDC-V	WIPO	Studies on Intellectual Property, Science and Technology for LDCs Development
WHO	Ministerial level event at UNLDC-V	UNCDF	Study on subnational finance and blended finance to unlock finance at local level to achieve SDGS
ITC	Special event at 2020 World Export Development Forum in Mongolia		
UNCDF	Thematic discussion at UNLDC-V on subnational and blended finance		