



MEETING OF THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ISTANBUL PROGRAMME OF ACTION (IPOA)

CONFERENCE ROOMS 11 AND 6 / UN HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK / 12 – 13 JULY 2018

Programme

12 July (Thursday) Conference Room 11

08:50-09:30	Registration
09:30-10:00	<p>Opening</p> <p>Welcome Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa ‘Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS • Mr. Elliot Harris, Assistant Secretary-General, Chief Economist, DESA • H.E. Mr. Masud Bin Momen, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN, and Chair of the LDC group • H.E. Ms. May-Elin Stener, Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway to the UN
10:00-12:15	<p>SESSION I: Achieving structural transformation and economic growth in LDCs: challenges and opportunities</p> <p>(This session will address some key structural impediments of LDCs in promoting higher-value-added sectors for economic diversification, and identify challenges as well as a range of effective policy options to accelerate implementation of the IPoA)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Bartholomew Armah, Chief, Renewal of Planning, Macroeconomic Policy Division of UNECA</p> <p>Keynote Presentations (10 minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Paul Maseli, Director, NY Office, UNIDO • Mr. Matthias Bruckner, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, CDP Secretariat, DESA

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Raymond H. Landveld, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD New York Office • Mr. Kaven Zahedi, Deputy Executive Secretary for Sustainable Development, ESCAP <p>National presentations on achieving structural transformation through building productive capacity (7 minutes each)</p> <p>Interactive discussion</p>
12:15-12:30	Break
12:30-13:30	<p>Launch of report entitled “Broadband for national development in four LDCs: Cambodia, Rwanda, Senegal and Vanuatu” in collaboration with the Broadband Commission</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Amir Dossal, the Commissioner of Broadband Commission; President and Chief Executive Officer of the Global Partnerships Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa ‘Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS (UN-OHRLS), Commissioner of the Broadband Commission • Remarks by H.E. Mr. Odo Tevi, Permanent Representative of Vanuatu to the UN • Remarks by Ms. Ursula Wynhoven, ITU Representative to the UN, New York Office • Remarks by the representative of the Broadband Commissioner: Ms. Elizabeth Rojas Levi, Senior Director, Public Affairs & Government Relations, Americas, Nokia Corporation <p>Key discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Vanessa Gray, Head, Least Developed Countries, Small Island Developing States & Emergency Telecommunications Division Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU • Mr. Ethan Lucarelli, Director, Regulatory and Public Policy at Inmarsat, on behalf of the Broadband Commissioner, Mr. Rupert Pearce <p>Interactive discussion</p>
13:30-15:00	Lunch Break

15:00-17:30	<p>SESSION II: Monitoring the implementation of the IPoA and SDGs: A focus on data challenges</p> <p>(This session will address statistical constraint of LDCs in monitoring the IPoA and SDGs, and discuss tailored support for capacity building.)</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Eunice Kamwendo, Strategic Advisor, UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa, New York</p> <p>Keynote Presentations (10 minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. El Iza Mohamedou, Deputy Manager, PARIS21 Secretariat, Statistics and Data Directorate, OECD • Mr. Ronald Jansen, Assistant Director, Data Innovation and Capacity Branch, Statistics Division, DESA • Mr. Michael Landau, Chairman and CEO, MPWR DATA • National Presentations (7 minutes each) <p>Interactive discussion</p>
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13 July (Friday) Conference Room 6

10:00-12:00	<p>Session III: Graduation from LDC status and enhanced support measures for graduating and graduated LDCs</p> <p>(This session will take stock of progress concerning graduation from the LDC category and exchange views on enhanced support to graduating and graduated LDCs for sustainable graduation.)</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox, Director, OHRLLS</p> <p>Presentations (10 minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Matthias Bruckner, Senior Economic Affairs Officer of CDP • Ms. Susanna Wolf, Senior Programme Officer, Deputy to the Chief, OHRLLS <p>National presentations (7 minutes each)</p> <p>Interactive discussion</p>
12:00-12.45	<p>Session IV: Interactive discussion on the role of NFPs to enhance implementation of the IPoA</p> <p>(This session will build on the discussions at the NFP meeting in 2017, where several proposals on strengthening the role of NFPs were made.)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg, Chief, LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS, OHRLLS</p>

	Interactive discussion
12.45-13:00	Closing Concluding remarks: Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS (UN-OHRLLS)