



MEETING OF NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ON THE MAINSTREAMING OF THE DOHA PROGRAMME OF ACTION

Kigali, Rwanda
6 - 7 June 2022

PROGRAMME

Monday, 6 June 2022

WHERE: Park Inn by Radisson

08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:30	<p>Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox, Acting High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS• Mr. Fodé Ndiaye, UN Resident Coordinator in Rwanda• Mr. Hüseyin Özen, First Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye

09:30-10:00	<p>Session 1: Presentation on the Doha Programme of Action for LDCs (DPoA) and the Fifth UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5)</p> <p><i>The Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2022-2031 (DPoA) was adopted on 17 March 2022. The General Assembly endorsed the DPoA on 1 April 2022. The overarching goals of the DPoA are to achieve rapid, sustainable and inclusive recovery from the pandemic, build resilience against future shocks, eradicate extreme poverty, enable graduation from LDC category, ensure access to sustainable and innovating financing, leverage the power of science and technology and innovation, bring structural transformation and achieve SDGs. It comprises an ambitious, comprehensive and wide-ranging set of actions and targets. The LDC5 will be held in Doha, Qatar from 5 to 9 March 2023.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short video • OHRLLS • Q&A
10:00-11:00	<p>Session 2: Success and lessons learned in mainstreaming the Istanbul Programme of Action into national development strategies</p> <p><i>For the full and effective delivery of the DPoA, it is vital to learn from previous experiences and draw upon best practices in mainstreaming the IPoA into national development strategies. This section offers an opportunity for peer learning among the NFPs. The NFPs are expected to review measures and arrangements that are conducive to incorporate new targets and commitments into national development strategies, and identify challenges. It is also an opportunity to identify areas where enhanced global support through new initiatives is needed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderated by UN-OHRLLS • Presentation by Ms. Mama Keita, Director, Subregional Office for Eastern Africa, Economic Commission of Africa • Interactive discussion
11:00-11:15	<p>Coffee break</p>

11:15-12:30	<p>Session 3: Updates on status of implementation of national development plans</p> <p><i>The DPoA represents a new generation of renewed and strengthened commitments between the LDCs and their development partners, including governments and all other stakeholders. It falls largely within the remaining decade of the 2030 Agenda. How to dovetail implementation of the DPoA with the SDGs so as to best use limited resources and achieve effective delivery is a challenge. The COVID-19 pandemic has exerted disproportionate impacts on LDCs. Albeit in a much slower pace, LDCs are forecasted to recover from the shock brought by the pandemic and realize the aspirations of achieving long-term resilient and sustainable. In this session, the NFPs will brief participants on domestic frameworks for the design and timeline of national development strategies, and update on their implementation. They will also shed light on challenges in building coherence between the DPoA and the SDGs amidst constraints entailed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and in mainstreaming the new targets and commitments contained the DPoA into respective national development plans.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderated by Ms. Josephine Marealle Ulimwengu, Strategic Planning & Team Leader, Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in Rwanda • Presentation by OHRLLS on the timeline of national development plans • Interactive discussion
12:30-14:00	<p>Lunch break</p>
14:00-15:00	<p>Session 4: Strengthening the role of National Focal Points in implementation of the DPoA</p> <p><i>The National Focal Points play a vital role in facilitating and coordinating effective implementation of the Programme of Action for LDCs at the national level. On an annual basis, the NFPs meet to discuss progress towards national-level implementation and monitoring of the Programme of Action. The DPoA is a new generation of renewed and strengthened commitments by the LDCs and their development partners to accelerate progress towards sustainable and resilient development. In this session, the NFPs will brainstorm and deliberate on the work of the NFPs, and measures to strengthen the role of NFPs in the implementation and monitoring of the DPoA. The NFPs are also expected to identify areas where capacity building initiatives are needed.</i></p> <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the role of the National Focal Points in the mainstreaming of the DPoA in national planning processes? What are the constraints? 2. What mechanisms are necessary to maintain a dynamic and active group? 3. What support measures and capacity building initiatives are needed to enhance the role of the National Focal Points? <p>Interactive discussion, moderated by UN- OHRLLS.</p>
15:00-15:15	<p>Coffee break</p>
15:15-16:15	<p>Session 4: (continued)</p>
16:15-16:25	<p>Closing</p> <p>Concluding remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mrs. Agnes Mary Chimbiri Molande, Permanent Representative of Malawi to the UN and LDC Chair

WHEN: Tuesday, 7 June 2022

WHERE: Main Auditorium, Kigali Convention Centre

Information session for LDCs on Partner2Connect Initiative

The International Telecommunication Union, ITU, a UN specialized agency for information and communication technologies launched the Partner2Connect Digital Coalition (P2C) in 2021. P2C is a multistakeholder alliance to foster meaningful connectivity and digital transformation globally, with a focus on, but not limited to, hardest-to-connect communities in Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS). This session will focus on how the Partner2Connect Initiative is being used as a tool for delivering some of the DPoA elements on digital transformation in LDCs. It will provide an opportunity for sharing information on how LDCs can benefit from and, contribute to the Partner2Connect Initiative.

08:00	Registration
08:15-08:35	Opening Segment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox, Acting High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS• Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, International Telecommunication Union• H.E. Ms. Paula Ingabire, Minister of ICT and Innovation, Rwanda• Ms. Michele Sumilas, Assistant to the Administrator of the Bureau for Policy, Planning, and Learning (PPL), USAID <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Alex Wong, Chief, Special Initiatives, Telecommunication Development Sector, ITU</i></p>
08:35-09:30	Presentations <p>Mr. Maikel Wilms, Partner and Director, Boston Consulting Group: why and how LDCs should build digital ecosystems</p> <p>Presentations by stakeholders that have made pledges to enhance meaningful connectivity in LDCs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Kefilwe Madingoane, Executive Head of Department, Digital Regulation • Public Policy and Regulatory Affairs, Vodafone Group; "Vodacom/Vodafone implementation of P2C pledge on increasing 4G population coverage in Mozambique, Tanzania, Lesotho and the Democratic Republic of Congo"• Ms. Naria Santa Lucia, General Manager, Digital Inclusion, Microsoft: "how LDC governments can access the P2C skilling initiative pledged by Microsoft"• Ms. Carla Montesi, Director, DG International Development and Cooperation (INTPA), Green Deal, Digital Agenda, European Commission• Mr. Alfie Hamid, Senior Manager: Global Partnerships, Cisco Corporate Affairs "P2C pledge via NetaCad and Skills for All programs impacting over 250,000 people across 46 LDCs"• Mr. Robert Opp, Chief Digital Officer, UNDP; "Creating inclusive digital ecosystems: UNDP's support for whole-of-society digital transformation"• Mr. David Roos, Deputy Head of the Sector Programme Digital Development, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH: "Introduction to the GovStack initiative and its' country activities" <p>Interactive Discussion</p> <p>Concluding remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LDC representative• Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox, Acting High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS

09:30-12:00	Networking opportunities with various stakeholders, including the private sector (informal)
14:30- 17:30 (Auditorium)	LDCs NFPs participate in Partner2Connect Digital Development Roundtable
16:30-16:45 (Auditorium)	Spotlight 2 Advancing the Doha Programme of Action through P2C



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