

MEETING OF NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

RÉUNION DES POINTS FOCaux NATIONAUX DES PAYS LES MOINS AVANCÉS

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## Programme

### 11 July (Tuesday)

09:00-09:30	Registration
09:30-09:45	<b>Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• H.E. Ms. Rabab Fatima, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS</li><li>• H.E. Mr. Sedat Önal, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Türkiye to the UN</li><li>• Ms. Prathma Uprety, Charge d Affaires, a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Nepal, Chair of the LDC Group</li></ul>

10:00-12:30	<p><b>Session 1: Updates on the status of implementation and mainstreaming of the DPoA into national development policies</b></p> <p><i>(In this section, NFPs will share national experiences in mainstreaming the provisions of the Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2022-2031 (DPoA) into national development policies and identify challenges.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderated by Mr. Md. Abdul Alim, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, OHRLLS</li> <li>• Presentation by LDCs (All participating NFPs will present. 7 Mins each.)</li> </ul>
12:30-15:00	<p><b>Lunch break</b></p>
15:00-18:00	<p><b>Session 2: Follow-up and monitoring mechanisms for the implementation of the DPoA at all levels</b></p> <p><i>(The DPoA states that efficient follow-up and monitoring mechanisms adapted at the national, subregional, regional and global levels are crucial for the successful implementation of the DPoA and are fully aligned with existing frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals. In this section, NFPs will be briefed on the envisaged Monitoring Framework, and deliberate on national arrangements for monitoring and shortfalls through sharing best practices and policy options and map out capacity building support.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderated by Mr. Aniket Ghai, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, OHRLLS</li> <li>• Presentation by Mr. Bartholomew Armah, Chief, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) on the Integrated Planning and Reporting Toolkit (IPRT) (15 Mins)</li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> <li>• Presentations by NFPs (All participating NFPs will present. 6 Mins each)</li> <li>• Interactive discussion</li> </ul>

## 12 July (Wednesday)

10:00-13:00	<p><b>Session 3: Support by the UN system for the implementation, follow-up, and monitoring of the DPoA</b></p> <p><i>(In this section, UN regional commissions and other UN agencies will present concrete tools for monitoring and mainstreaming. NFPs will discuss how these can be improved, and linkages between different monitoring mechanisms and tools for implementation of international agendas, and look into synergies in the reporting on the SDGs and the DPoA.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderated by Ms. Susanna Wolf, Deputy Chief &amp; Senior Programme Management Officer, OHRLLS</li> <li>• Presentation by Ms. Rosemary Kalapurakal, Director, DCO (10 mins)</li> <li>• Presentation by Mr. Oliver Paddison, Chief, ESCAP (10 mins)</li> <li>• Presentation by Ms. Natalia Aristizabal Mora, Inter-Regional Advisor on Financing for Sustainable Development, DESA, and Mr. Tim Strawson, SDG Finance Advisor, UNDP on Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFF) (10 mins)</li> <li>• Interactive discussion</li> </ul>
13:00-15:00	<p><b>Lunch break</b></p>
15:00-16:00	<p><b>Session 4: Support for graduation--Sustainable Graduation Support Facility - iGRAD</b></p> <p><i>(The Sustainable Graduation Support Facility (iGRAD) is a facility set up by OHRLLS and DESA/CDP Secretariat that aims to assist graduating LDCs in various stages through tailored capacity building support and policy advisory services to ensure sustainable and irreversible graduation. The CDP Secretariat and OHRLLS will provide updates on the graduation process and the operationalization of iGRAD. NFPs will engage in interactive discussion on how iGRAD can strengthen LDCs capacity to prepare for graduation and to develop and implement their Smooth Transition Strategies.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderated by Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, Senior Programme Management Officer, OHRLLS</li> <li>• Presentation by Ms. Mereseini Bower, Inter-Regional Advisor, DESA/CDP Secretariat on iGRAD and its service lines (10 Mins)</li> <li>• Interactive discussion</li> </ul>

16:00-17:30	<p><b>Session 5: Support by the UN Technology Bank for the LDCs in the implementation of the DPoA</b></p> <p><i>(The DPoA states that the UN Technology Bank for the LDCs is the focal point for LDCs to strengthen their science, technology and innovation (STI) capacities towards building sustainable productive capacities and promoting structural economic transformation. The Managing Director a.i. of the UN Technology Bank will present the current and planned activities.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderated by Mr. Yeshey Dorji, Special Assistant (Sr. Economic Affairs Officer) to the USG and High Representative, OHRLLS</li> <li>• Presentation by Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Managing Director, a.i., UN Technology Bank for the LDCs (10 Mins)</li> <li>• Interactive discussion on capacity building support in the area of STI</li> </ul>
17:30-17:45	<p><b>Closing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remarks by H.E. Ms. Rabab Fatima, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS</li> </ul>