

Regional consultation on LDC5 for LDCs in Asia-Pacific

30-31 January 2023

Sokha Angkor, Siem Reap, Cambodia

Tentative programme

DAY 1: 30 JANUARY

12.30 – 14.00	Welcome lunch
14.00 – 14.30	Opening ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rabab Fatima, High Representative and Under-Secretary General, UN-OHRLLS • Dr Xiangchen Zhang, Deputy Director-General • Dr Rupa Chanda, Director, UNESCAP • H.E. Mr Samheng Bora, Secretary of State, Government of Cambodia
14.30 – 16.00	Session 1. Trade elements of Doha and the evolving trading landscape <i>Moderator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr Amrit Bahadur Rai, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations. <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Alim Abdul, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, UNOHRLLS • Dr Marcelo Olarreaga, Professor of Economics, University of Geneva

DAY 2: 31 JANUARY

09.00 – 10.30	Session 2. Economic integration in Asia and the Pacific <i>Moderator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Ratnakar Adhikari, Executive Director, Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Rupa Chanda, Director, UNESCAP • H.E. Mr Kemvichet Long, Ambassador of Cambodia • Dr Mohammad Razzaque, Director of Consulting Services, International Economics Ltd.
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.30	Session 3. Digital trade opportunities for LDCs <i>Moderator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Sonam Tenzin, EIF Focal Point, Bhutan

	<p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Martina Francesca Ferracane, Research Fellow, European University Institute • Dr Deborah Elms, Founder and Executive Director, Asian Trade Centre and the President of the Asia Business Trade Association • Dr Sven Callebaut, Adviser on Trade, Digital Trade Policy in Asia-Pacific and Director, TradeWorthy Ltd.
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	<p>Session 4. Trade impacts of LDC graduation</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Jenny Barile, Acting EIF Focal Point, Solomon Islands* <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Taufiqur Rahman, Head, LDC Development, WTO • Dr Taffere Tesfachew, Acting Managing Director, UN Technology Bank, Member of UN CDP • Dr Alexey Kravchenko, Economic Affairs Officer, UNESCAP
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 17.30	<p>Session 5. Strengthening capacity to trade</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Hafizur Rahman, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dr Manothong Vongsay, Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce, Lao PDR • Ms Hang Tran, Senior Coordinator, EIF • Representative of the European Union* • Ms Sabrina Varma, Aid for Trade / Economic Advisor, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia • Dr Daniel Gay, Economist, Development Centre, OECD
17.30 – 18.00	<p>Closing session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Ratnakar Adhikari, Executive Director, EIF • Dr Rupa Chanda, Director, UNESCAP • Mr Taufiqur Rahman, Head, LDC Development, WTO
18.30	Dinner

*Note: *Speakers to be confirmed*