

Trade elements of the Doha Programme of Action

REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Regional consultation on LDC5 for LDCs in Africa and Haiti

17-18 January 2023, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Tentative programme¹

DAY ONE: 17 JANUARY

16.00 – 16.30	Opening ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rabab Fatima, Under-Secretary General and High Representative, UN-OHRLS • Mr. Xiangchen Zhang, Deputy Director-General, WTO • Mr Antonio Pedro, Acting Executive Secretary, UNECA • H.E. Ms. Kadra Hassan, Ambassador of Djibouti, LDC Coordinator in the WTO
16.30 – 18.00	Session 1. Trade elements of Doha and the evolving trading landscape <i>Moderator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Agnes Chimbiri-Molande, Ambassador of Malawi, LDC Coordinator at the UN <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Abdul Alim, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, UNOHRLS • Dr. Marcelo Olarreaga, Professor of Economics, University of Geneva • Mr. Junior Davis, Head, Policy Analysis and Research Branch, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programme, UNCTAD
18.30 – 20.00	Dinner

DAY TWO: 18 JANUARY

09.30 – 11.00	Session 2. Economic integration in Africa <i>Moderator:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ansou Souba Badji, Director of External Trade, Ministry of Commerce, Senegal <i>Presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Stephen Karingi, Director, Regional Integration and Trade, UNECA • Dr Silver Ojakol, Chief of Staff, AfCFTA Secretariat • Ms. Anthe Vrijlandt, Director, Corporate Affairs, TradeMark East Africa
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 13.00	Session 3. Digital trade opportunities for LDCs

¹ Speakers to be confirmed

	<p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Richard Niwenshuti, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Rwanda <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Martina Francesca Ferracane, Research Fellow, European University Institute • Ms. Souhila Amazouz, Senior Policy Officer, African Union • Dr. Melaku Desta, Coordinator, African Trade Policy Centre, UNECA
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 16.00	<p>Session 4. Trade impacts of LDC graduation</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Kadra Hassan, Ambassador of Djibouti, LDC Coordinator in the WTO <p><i>Presentation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Taufiqur Rahman, Head, LDC Development, WTO • Dr. Taffere Tesfachew, Acting Managing Director, UN Technology Bank • Dr. Trudi Hartzenberg, Executive Director, TRALAC
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee break
16.30 – 17.30	<p>Session 5. Strengthening capacity to trade</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Annette Ssemuwemba, Deputy Executive Director, EIF <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Kokou Yackoley Johnson, Ambassador of Togo, EIF Board Chair • Ms. Li Yihong, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of China • Representative from the European Union • Representative from the World Bank
17.00 – 17.30	<p>Closing session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Stephen Karingi, Director, Regional Integration and Trade, UNECA • Mr. Taufiqur Rahman, Head, LDC Development, WTO • Mr Abdul Alim, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, UNOHRLS