Tentative Programme

9:00am Opening of the Meeting

Opening remarks by Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, Under-Secretary-General, Special Adviser on Africa and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS

Statement by Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Permanent Representative of Nepal and Chair of LDCs

Statement by Mr. Ertuğrul Apakan, Permanent Representative of Turkey

Introduction of the Istanbul Programme of Action by Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, Under-Secretary-General, Special Adviser on Africa and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS

9:30am Session-I: Productive capacity, science & technology, infrastructure, energy; agriculture and commodities

- Infrastructure development in LDCs: Presentation by Ms. Katharina Gassner, Senior Economist, World Bank

- Science, technology and innovation: Presentation by Mr. Abdul Alim, UN-OHRLLS
  Presentation by Mr. Qazi Shaukat Fareed, Special Adviser to the Director-General of UNIDO

- Agriculture and rural development in LDCs: Presentation by Mr. Javier Molina Cruz, Liaison Officer, FAO Liaison Office with UN, NY

Interactive discussions

11:00am Session-II: Resource mobilization and international support measures for the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action;

- Realizing timely implementation of duty-free quota-free market access with simplified rules of origin, for all LDCs and enhancing the share of assistance to least developed countries for Aid for Trade: Presentation (via Videoconference) by Ms. Annet Blank, Head LDC Unit, WTO
- Enhancing the quality and quantity of ODA to LDCs including sectoral aid allocation and innovative sources of finance: Presentation (via Videoconference) by ....OECD

- Promoting investment promotion regimes for LDCs: Presentation by James X. Zhan, Director, Investment and Enterprise Division, UNCTAD/Jo Butler, Deputy Director (UNCTAD)

- Debt sustainability, specific debt relief measures and debt standstills for LDCs [DESA (tbc)]

- Supporting, in the context of South-South cooperation, the effective implementation of Istanbul Programme of Action by developing countries: Presentation by Ms. Inyang Ebong-Harstrup, Deputy Director, South-South unit UNDP

Interactive discussions

1:00-2:00pm  Lunch break

2:00pm  **Session-III:** Human and Social Development; Multiple crises and other emerging challenges; and graduation

- Achievement of MDGs by 2015 and to make further significant progress by 2020 in LDCs: Presentation by Ms Aytugce Birerdinc, Governance and Multilateral Affairs Division, UNICEF

- Building national risk mitigation strategies in LDCs to reduce their vulnerabilities to economic shocks: Presentation by Mr. Oumar Diallo, Economic Affairs Officer, OHRLLS

- Graduation and smooth transition process of LDCs: Presentation by Ms. Susanna Wolf, Senior Programme Officer, UN-OHRLLS

Interactive discussions

3:30pm  **Session-IV:** Good governance at all levels

- Strengthening good governance, preventing corruption, ensuring gender equality and empowerment of women, and strengthened and effective voice and participation for least developed countries; (UNDP)

Interactive discussions

4:15pm  **Session-V:** Effective follow-up and monitoring of the implementation of the IPoA
- Presentation of the draft road-map for the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for LDCs from 2011-2020 by Mr. Erdenebileg Sandagdorj, Acting Director, UN-OHRLLS

Interactive discussions

6:00pm  Closing of the session

Closing remarks by Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, Under-Secretary-General, Special Adviser on Africa and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS