



**GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
AD HOC OPEN ENDED WORKING GROUP  
TO FURTHER STUDY AND STRENGTHEN THE SMOOTH TRANSITION PROCESS FOR THE  
COUNTRIES GRADUATING FROM THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRY CATEGORY**

**Fourth Substantive Meeting  
8 May 2012  
Conference Room 3, North Lawn Building  
10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.**

**OBJECTIVES:**

The meeting will discuss what support from the UN system is needed for an improvement of the smooth transition process. It will also allow for an exchange of views on possible recommendations the ad hoc working group will put forward in its report.

**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME**

Co-Chairs:

**H.E. Mr. Jan Grauls**  
Permanent Representative of Belgium

**H.E. Mr. Brian Bowler**  
Permanent Representative of Malawi

**Introductory remarks by the Co-Chairs**

**The experience of a graduating country**

**H.E. Mr. Ali'ioaiga Feturi Elisaia, Permanent Representative of Samoa**  
Interactive exchange

**The role of the UN system in facilitating smooth transition**

**Mr. Siphosami Malunga, Senior Advisor, Regional Bureau for Africa, UNDP**  
Interactive exchange

**Mr. Pierre Encontre, Chief, Special Programmes, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD**  
Interactive exchange

**Mr. Ivar Andersen, Manager of the Operations Unit, IDA Resource Mobilization Department and  
Mr. John S. Wilson, Lead Economist, Development Economics Research Group, World Bank**  
Interactive exchange

**Presentation of draft recommendations of the working group by the Co-Chairs**

Interactive exchange

**Concluding remarks by the Co-Chairs**

**Background documentation:** Concept Note, Draft recommendations, Summaries of substantive meetings --  
<http://www.unohrrls.org/en/ldc/916/>