



**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/>