

PROGRAMME

OF THE WORKSHOP FOR THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BRUSSELS PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

17 – 21 May 2004, New York

Venue: Conference Room 4, United Nations

17 May, Monday

- 10.00 – 12.00 Registration of National Focal Points and other administrative matters pertaining to their participation in the workshop (United Nations, Uganda House, 336 East 45th Street, 9th floor, OHRLLS, Conference Room)
- 14.00 – 15.00 Registration of other participants (UN, Conference Room 4, foyer)
- 15.00 – 15.30 Opening remarks by H.E. Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island States
- Address by Mr. Zephirin Diabre, Associate Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Address by Mr. Oussou Edouard Aho-Glele, Minister Counselor of the Permanent Mission of Benin to the UN, Chairman of the Coordination Bureau of the LDC Group
- Address by H.E. Mr. Jean de Ruyt, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belgium to the UN, the Host Country to the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
- 15.30 – 15.45 Organization of the work (OHRLLS)
- 15.45- 18.00 Brussels Programme of Action (BPOA) for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs): framework for partnership (OHRLLS)

Presentation by Mrs. Zamira Eshmambetova, Senior Programme Officer, OHRLLS, followed by discussions

Moderator: Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury

Summary and evaluation of the discussions

18.15 – 20.00 Reception in honour of the National Focal Points (Express bar, United Nations, 3rd floor)

18 May, Tuesday

10.00 - 11. 30 Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) as a tool for the national implementation of the BPOA.

Presentation by Mrs. Linda Van Gelder, Senior Economist, World Bank, Washington D.C., followed by discussions.

Moderator: Mrs. Amina Tirana, Senior Policy Specialist, Poverty Reduction Group, UNDP

Summary and evaluation of the discussions

11.30 – 13.00 Role of agriculture in the LDCs development.

Presentation by Mr. Harmon C. Thomas, Chief, Commodity Policy and Protection Service, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Rome, followed by discussions.

Moderator: Mr. Charles Vincent, WFP, Mr. Cisse, NFP of Senegal

Summary and evaluation of the discussions

15.00 – 16.30 Mainstreaming trade in the LDCs development.

Presentation by Mr. Habib Ouane, Head, and Mr. Gunter Fischer, Economist, Special Programme for Least Developed, Landlocked and Island Developing Countries, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Geneva, and country presentations, followed by discussions

Summary and evaluation of the discussion

16.30 – 18.00 Role of good governance in the national implementation of the BPOA.

Presentation by Prof. Okey Onyejekwe, Senior Governance Adviser, Development Policy and Management Division, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Addis Ababa, followed by discussions

Moderator: Mr. Jide Balogun, Adviser, Department of Public Administration, DESA

Summary and evaluation of the discussions

19 May, Wednesday

Venue: Conference Room 4 and Trusteeship Council Chamber

10.00 – 12.30

Sharing experience on the national implementation of the BPOA: lessons learned and best practices

5 minutes presentation by each National Focal Point followed by discussion (group work)

12.30 – 13.00

Summing up lessons learned and best practices

Facilitators: Mr. Odyek Agona, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD, Mr. Omar Noman, Senior Adviser, Regional Bureau for Africa, Dr. Mohammad Jahirul Islam, NFP of Bangladesh and Mr. Hermanne M. Araba, NFP of Benin

Technical support: Ms. Hodane Youssouf and Mrs. Awa Fall, Ms. Ntsiki Zuzo and Mrs. Aba Davis (OHRLLS)

15.00 – 18.00

Discussion and sharing experience on the respective Terms of Reference for National Focal Points and National Forums

Background paper: generic TOR for the NFPs and NFs

Facilitators: Nikhil Chandarvarkal, Senior Inter-regional Adviser, USG Office, DESA and Mr. B. Murali Programme Officer, Regional Bureau for Asia and Pacific, UNDP and Dr. Yuba Raj Khatowada, NFP of Nepal

Technical support: Ms. Hodane Youssouf and Mrs. Awa Fall, Ms. Ntsiki Zuzo and Mrs. Aba Davis (OHRLLS)

20 May, Thursday

10.00 -13.00

Monitoring and reporting by the National Focal Points on the implementation of the BPOA and the MDG monitoring framework.

Presentations by Mrs. Zamira Eshmambetova, Senior Programme Officer, OHRLLS and Mr. Robert Johnston, Chief, Statistical Services Branch, DESA, followed by discussions

Moderator: Mrs. Nardos Bekele-Thomas, Regional Bureau for Africa, UNDP.

Summary and evaluation of the discussions

15.00 – 16.30

Mainstreaming of the BPOA in UN development operations at the country level: CCAs/UNDAFs, PRSPs, MDGs.

Presentation by Mr., Richard Olver, Associate Director, United Nations Development Group (UNDG), followed by discussions

Moderator: Dr. Yuba Raj Khatowada, NFP of Nepal

Summary and evaluation of the discussions

16.30 – 18.00

Role of South-South cooperation in the implementation of the BPOA.

Presentation by Mr. Ravi Rajan, Director, Operations Support Group, UNDP, followed by discussions

Moderator: Mrs. Zamira Eshmambetova, OHRLLS

Summary and evaluation of the discussions

21 May, Friday

10.00 – 11.30

Role of regional commissions and regional and sub regional organizations in the implementation of the BPOA.

Presentation by Mr. Aynul Hasan, Chief, LDCs Coordination Unit, ESCAP, followed by discussions

Moderator: Mr. Nazem Abdalla, ESCWA

Summary and evaluation of the discussions

11.30 – 12.40

Role of civil society in raising awareness, advocacy and mobilization of international support for the LDCs.

Presentation by Mr. Bruno Houngan, Regional Coordinator for Social Alert West Africa (Benin) and a Member of the LDC Watch Steering Committee, followed by discussions

Moderator: Mrs. Hanifa Mezoui, Chief, NGO Section, Department for Economic and Social Affairs

Summary and evaluation of the discussions

12.40 – 13.00

Conclusion of the workshop.