PROGRAMME

Special Thematic Event
"Building Synergy and Coherence in the implementation of the Istanbul Plan of Action in the context of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda"
Trusteeship Council Chamber, 11 February 2016

Opening session (10.00 - 10.30 am)

Remarks:
Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, President of the 70th Session of the General Assembly
Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under Secretary-General and High Representative, OHRLLS (speaking on behalf of the Secretary General)

Keynote Address:
H.E. Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam, MP, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh
Mr. Erik Solheim, Chair of the Development Assistance Committee, OECD

Panel I: “Building synergy and coherence in national and international policies for implementation and follow-up of the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda” (10.30 am - 1.00 pm)

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Jean-Francis Zinsou, Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations/co-facilitator of the Mid-term Review of the IPoA

Featured Speaker: Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator of the UNDP

Speakers:
- H.E. Mr. Macharia Kamau, Permanent Representative of Kenya to the UN/co-chair of the OWG-SDGs and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda
- Ms. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Vice Chair Committee for Development Policy/Professor of International Affairs, The New School
- Mr. Finn Tarp, Director, United Nations University - World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), Helsinki
- Mr. Gauri Pradhan, International Coordinator, LDCs Watch

Followed by interactive discussion

Panel II: “Forging strengthened multi-stakeholder partnerships for timely implementation of the IPoA and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda” (3.00 pm - 5.45 pm)

Moderator: H.E. Ms. Bénédicte Frankinet, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations/co-facilitator of the Mid-term Review of the IPoA

Speakers:
- Mr. Stefan Koeberle, Director, Operations Policy and Country Services, World Bank
- Mr. Chandra Prashad Dhakal, Chairman of the Global IME Bank Ltd., Nepal
- Ms. Judith Karl, Executive Secretary, UN Capital Development Fund
- Mr. Leonard Wantchekon, Professor, Department of Politics, Princeton University
- Mr. Patrick Guillaumont, President, Fondation pour les Etudes et Recherches sur le Développement International (FERDI)

Followed by interactive discussion

Closing session (5.45 pm - 6.00 pm)

Presentation of Summary by Under Secretary-General and High Representative, OHRLLS
Closing Remarks by Vice-President of the 70th Session of the General Assembly