



Meeting for the National Focal Points of the Least Developed Countries on the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA)

Conference Room 7, UN Headquarters, New York

Sunday, 27 March 2016, 10:30 to 17:00

Draft Programme	
10:30 – 11:00	<p><i>Opening of the meeting and update on the preparatory process for the midterm review</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Gyan C. Acharya, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS (UN-OHRLLS) • Statement by H.E. Mr. Masud Bin Momen, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh and Chair, LDC group • Statement by H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi, Permanent Representative of Italy
11:00-12:00	<p><i>Presentation by National Focal Points on implementing the Istanbul Programme of Action at the national level:</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox, Director, OHRLLS</p> <p>Presenters: Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Malawi and Sudan¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presentations will focus on the following: highlights of progress; lessons learnt in the first five years of implementation; major constraints and actions and initiatives needed to overcome them and; strategies for graduation from the LDC category by 2020 (3-5 minutes max.) • Interactive discussion
12:00-13:00	<p><i>Parallel breakout sessions (including coffee break):</i></p> <p>In each of these sessions, NFPs will discuss the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concrete strategies and initiatives implemented ▪ Outcomes recorded from the interventions (Participants will also discuss why some strategies/ initiatives worked while others did not.

¹ These countries did not present their national reports at the Brussels meeting in December 2015. National Reports that have been submitted to OHRLLS can be found on this link - <http://unohrlls.org/national-reports-mtr-ipoa/>

	<p>In addition, participants will discuss whether the highlighted best practices can be replicated in other LDCs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Necessary next steps for accelerating progress <p>Topics of the breakout sessions:</p> <p>(i) Productive capacity, multiple crises, trade and commodities Facilitator: Mr. Americo Zampetti, Senior Programme Officer, OHRLLS (Venue: Conference Room 7)</p> <p>(ii) Agriculture, food security & rural development and human & social development Facilitator: UNDP (tbc) (Venue: Conference Room 8)</p> <p>(iii) Building coherence and synergy in the implementation and follow-up of the IPoA in the context of the 2030 agenda Facilitator: Mr. Alim Abdul, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, OHRLLS (Venue: Conference Room 11)</p>
13:00-13:30	<p>Reports on breakout sessions and interactive plenary discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Susanna Wolf, Senior Programme Officer, Deputy to the Chief (for Subprogramme 1, LDCs), OHRLLS</p>
13:30-14:30	Lunch
14:30-16:00	<p>Interactive discussion on strengthening monitoring of the IPoA in the last 5 years</p> <p>The guiding questions for this session include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How can monitoring of key outcomes of the implementation of the IPoA priority areas be strengthened in the lead up to 2020? ▪ How can reporting of results from implementing the IPoA be enhanced? ▪ How can LDCs use the modalities (e.g. institutional arrangements at the national level) for monitoring the 2030 agenda to leverage monitoring and reporting of the IPoA? <p>Moderator: Mr. Oumar Diallo, Special Assistant to the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative, OHRLLS</p>
16:00-16:45	<p>Briefing on the process and substantive preparation for the draft outcome document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Jean-Francis Régis Zinsou, Permanent Representative of Benin and co-facilitator of the MTR • Interactive discussion
16:45-17:00	<p>Concluding remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Gyan C. Acharya, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS (UN-OHRLLS)