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Ambassadorial Level Consultative Meeting of LDCs and Friends of LDCs “Accelerating progress towards graduation from the LDC category”

Thursday & Friday, 28-29 June 2018

Glen Cove, New York

The Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) is convening a Consultative Meeting of LDCs and Friends of LDCs on accelerating progress towards graduation from the LDC category.

The Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) sets an ambitious objective of enabling half of the least developed countries to meet the criteria for graduation by 2020. It charts out the international community’s vision and strategy for the sustainable development of LDCs for the decade with a strong focus on developing their productive capacities.

The 2018 triennial review of the LDC category was an historic occasion, as never before have so many countries been identified for graduation at a single review. Yet, significant challenges exist to the development and sustainable graduation of LDCs. This calls for expedited action by all stakeholders; to ensure that the least developed countries have the support they need to achieve the overarching goal of the Istanbul Programme of Action.

The purpose of the Consultative Meeting is to discuss the progress towards graduation from the LDC category and graduation support. It will also discuss the key accelerators for structural transformation, and how the countries who still have not met the criteria for graduation can fast track their progress. In this regard, science, technology, and innovation and access to energy will be discussed. The meeting will last from Thursday afternoon to Friday afternoon and will convene Permanent Representatives of LDCs and Friends of LDCs, UN system and selected experts.

Please take note of these important dates and mark your calendars.
Invitation and programme will be circulated shortly.

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