



MINISTERIAL MEETING OF LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON TRADE AND TRANSPORT

16-17 May 2018; ASTANA, KAZAKHSTAN

Achieving the SDGs in Landlocked Developing Countries through Connectivity and Trade Facilitation

PROGRAMME

DAY 1, 16 May 2018 <u>Venue: Astana Marriott Hotel</u>	
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Opening Session: Fostering the achievement of the SDGs in LLDCs CHAIR: Mr. Ruslan Bultrikov, Head of the Representation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Almaty City <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. H.E. Mr. Zhenis Kassymbek, Minister of Investments and Development of the Republic of Kazakhstanii. H.E. Ambassador Federico Alberto González Franco, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay and Chair of the Group of LLDCs and Coordinator of the Group of LLDCs on matters related to trade and development in Genevaiii. Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa ‘Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing Statesiv. Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

	v. Mr. Yonov Frederick Agah, Deputy Director-General of the World Trade Organization
9:30 am - 11:15 am	<p>Ministerial Level Exchange of Views on National Experiences on improving transport connectivity and trade facilitation for the achievement of the SDGs</p> <p>CHAIR: His Excellency, Ambassador Federico González – Franco, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay and Chair of the Group of LLDCs and Coordinator of the Group of LLDCs on matters related to trade and development in Geneva.</p>
11:15 am – 11:30am	COFFEE BREAK
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	<p>Session 1. Improving Transport Connectivity for the LLDCs</p> <p>CHAIR: Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg, Chief, Policy Coordination, Development, Monitoring and Reporting Service, UN-OHRLLS</p> <p><i>The session will discuss and share experiences on progress made, challenges, opportunities and best practices in improving transport connectivity for the LLDCs including both the hard and soft infrastructure since the adoption of the Vienna Programme of Action and suggest recommendations.</i></p> <p>High-level Panellists</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Gladys Mutangadura, Senior Programme Officer, UN-OHRLLS: Introduction of key issues 2. Mr. Mitchell A. Fox, Chief Strategic Planning and Regional Affairs Coordination Strategic Planning, Coordination and Partnerships Office of the Secretary General International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) 3. Captain David Martin Hassan, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Northern Corridor TTCA and Under Secretary Ministry of Transport Juba, Republic of South Sudan 4. Mr. Roel Janssens, Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe 5. Mr. Viacheslav Vikentyev, Regional Manager CIS, Customs affairs, IRU Permanent Delegation to Eurasia <p><i>Interactive Discussion</i></p>
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	LUNCH BREAK
2:30 pm – 3:50 pm	<p>Session 2: Promotion of Structural Transformation, Diversification and Value-Addition in LLDCs</p> <p>CHAIR and Introduction of key issues: Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa ‘Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States</p>

	<p><i>The session will discuss and share experiences on the progress that the LLDCs have made on structural transformation, diversification and value-addition. It will identify the challenges, opportunities and best practices and suggest recommendations to foster structural transformation.</i></p> <p>Keynote speech: Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development</p> <p>High-level Panellists</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Dejene Tezera, Director of the Department of Agri-Business, UNIDO 2. Mr. Hong Wei, Deputy Director General of Central and West Asia Department, Asian Development Bank 3. Mr. Jean Sebastien Roure, Senior Officer, Trade Facilitation and Policy for Business, International Trade Centre <p><i>Interactive Discussion</i></p>
3:50 pm – 4:00 pm	COFFEE BREAK
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<p>Session 3. Promotion of International Trade in LLDCs and enhancing the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement</p> <p>CHAIR: Honourable Moiseraele Master Goya, Assistant Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry</p> <p><i>This session will discuss the progress made by LLDCs in improving their trade, share best practice experiences and identify the outstanding challenges and suggested recommendations. It will also discuss how to accelerate the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.</i></p> <p>High-level Panellists</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg, Chief, Policy Coordination, Development, Monitoring and Reporting Service, UN-OHRLLS - Introduction of key issues 2. Mr. Ernani Checcucci, Director, Capacity Building Directorate WCO 3. Ms. Assiya Ashigaliyeva, Deputy Director General of Center of Trade Policy, Ministry of National Economy, Kazakhstan 4. Mr. Oliver Paddison, Chief, Countries with Special Needs Section, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division, UN ESCAP 5. Ms. Violane Konar-Leacy, Senior Private Sector Specialist, Trade and Competitiveness Practice, World Bank Group 6. Ms. Vanessa Gray, Head, Least Developed Countries, Small Island Developing States and Emergency Telecommunications

	<p>Division, Telecommunication Development Bureau, International Telecommunication Union</p> <p>7. Ms. Karin Fallman, Senior Civil Society Specialist in the Foresight, Outreach and Policy Reform Unit, OECD</p> <p><i>Interactive Discussion</i></p>
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Official Reception organized by Government of Kazakhstan
<p>DAY 2, 17 May 2018</p> <p><u>Venue: Astana Economic Forum Congress Center</u></p>	
9:00 am – 12.30 pm	Participation in the XI Astana Economic Forum
12.30 pm – 1:45pm	<p>CHAIR: Mr. Ruslan Bultrikov, Head of the Representation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Almaty City</p> <p>Briefing on the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and on developments in the trade arena after the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference</p> <p>Briefing by Mr. Yonov Frederick Agah, Deputy Director-General of the World Trade Organization</p> <p><i>Interactive Discussion</i></p> <p>Consideration of the Outcome and Closing Session</p> <p>Introduction of the Outcome by H.E. Mr. Julio Cesar Arriola Ramirez, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations in New York and Chair of the LLDC Group. Adoption of the Outcome</p> <p>Closing Remarks</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under-Secretary-General and High Representative OHRLLS 2. Chair of the Group of LLDCs 3. Republic of Kazakhstan
1:45 pm – 6:00 pm	Participation in the XI Astana Economic Forum