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

28-29 June 2018

Glen Cove, New York

Draft Programme

Thursday, 28 June

17.30  Departure from UNHQ / New York City

19.30  Dinner with remarks

Welcome Remarks:  Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa ‘Utoikamanu, USG and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS

Remarks by:  Mr. Tareq Md Ariful Islam, Deputy Permanent Representative of Bangladesh

H.E. Mr. Ib Petersen, Permanent Representative of Denmark

Presentations by:  H.E. Mr. Feridun H. Sinirlioğlu, Permanent Representative of Turkey

Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox, Acting Managing Director of the Technology Bank for LDCs and Director, UN-OHRLLS

-Inauguration video-

Mr. Craig Nakagawa, Director of Commercialization, Global Good - Intellectual Ventures
**Friday, 29 June**

**9.00 – 10.45**  
**Session 1: Progress towards sustainable graduation of LDCs: Opportunities and challenges**

*Chair:* H.E. Ms. Maria Helena Lopes De Jesus Pires, Permanent Representative of Timor-Leste

*Speakers:*  
Mr. Roland Mollerus, Secretary of the Committee for Development Policy, DESA  
Mr. Robin Ogilvy, OECD Special Representative to the UN  
Mr. Motsomi Maletjane, Team Leader, LDC Unit, Adaptation Programme, UNFCCC Secretariat

*Interactive discussion*

**10.45 – 11.00**  
**Coffee break**

**11:00 – 12.30**  
**Session 2: Graduation support: smooth transition and beyond**

*Chair:* Mr. Bharat Raj Paudyal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nepal

*Speakers:*  
H.E. Mr. Ali Naseer Mohamed, Permanent Representative of Maldives  
Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox, Director, OHRLLS  
Dr. Ayodele Odusola, Chief Economist and Head of the Strategy and Analysis Team, UNDP  
Ms. Riefqah Jappie, ITC Representative to the UN, International Trade Center  
Mr. Erich Cripton, Advisor, Permanent Mission of Canada

*Interactive discussion*

**12.30 – 14.00**  
**Lunch**

**14.00 – 16.00**  
**Session 3: Accelerating the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action: focus on ICT and sustainable energy**

*Chair:* H.E. Mr. Samuelu Laloniu, Permanent Representative of Tuvalu to the United Nations
Speakers:
Mr. Rolf Traeger, Chief, LDC Section, UNCTAD
Ms. Jennye Greene, Senior Partner, Sustainable Energy Solutions
Mr. Michael Minges, ICT Consultant, ICT Data

Interactive discussion

16.00 – 16.15 Coffee

16.15 – 16.30 Closing Session
Remarks by: Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa ‘Utoikamanu, USG and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS

17.00 Departure to New York City