Preparatory Process for the Fifth UN Conference on the LDCs

Annual Workshop for the LDC National Focal Points
13 November 2019, UNHQ
UNGA Res. 73/242 decided to convene UNLDC-V in 2021 at highest possible level with mandate to:

- Undertake a comprehensive appraisal of IPOA implementation
- Identify effective international and domestic policies, new emerging challenges, best practices, and means to address
- Reaffirm global commitment to address LDCs special needs
- Mobilize additional international support measures and action

The State of Qatar will host the Conference in Doha from 21-25 March 2021.
FIFTH UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
Doha, State of Qatar, 21-25 March 2021
(date to be confirmed by the UN General Assembly)

Commemorative Event on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the creation of the LDC category

PREPARATORY PROCESS

Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee Sessions
8-14 Sept 2020 and 11-15 Jan 2021 (TBC)
UNHQ, New York

Africa Regional Review Meeting
11-13 Feb 2020
Blantyre, Malawi
ECA COM
18-24 March 2020
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Asia-Pacific Regional Review Meeting
TBC, Spring 2020
ESCAP COM
18-22 May 2020
Bangkok, Thailand

Pre-Conference Events on thematic priority areas 2020-2021
Informal Consultations between LDCs and Development Partners 2019-2021

Advocacy / Media Events and Initiatives 2019-2021
Relevant Intergovernmental Processes and Global Events 2019-2021

National Review Reports and Country-Level Preparations 2019/2020
UNLDC-V to be preceded by substantive preparations

**National**
- LDCs to report on progress in their country

**Regional**
- Two preparatory review meetings

**Global**
- Two sessions of Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee
National level review process

- LDC National Review Reports
- Annual Workshop of LDC National Focal Points
- OHRLLS to prepare analytical review and assessment of LDC national reports and priorities
- National reviews to feed into regional level preparations
Regional level review process

• Africa (+ Haiti)
  • Ministerial Review Meeting in Blantyre, Malawi, 11-13 Feb 2020
  • In close cooperation with ECA
  • Report on 10-year implementation of IPOA in the region
  • Outcome Document
  • Endorsement by ECA COM, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, March 2020

• Asia-Pacific (+ Yemen)
  • Ministerial Review Meeting in April 2020, TBC
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  • Report on 10-year implementation of IPOA in the region
  • Outcome Document
  • Endorsement by ESCAP COM, Special Body, May 2020
Global Preparatory Process

• UN System and other partners are invited to contribute
  - Thematic appraisals
  - Special events
• Multi-stakeholder engagement
  ✓ CSOs
  ✓ Private Sector
  ✓ Academia
  ✓ Parliamentarians
  ✓ Youth
• PGA, ECOSOC, Second Committee events TBD

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