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Africa Regional Review Meeting in Preparation for the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

WHAT: In preparation for the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries to be held in Doha, Qatar from 21-25 March 2021, the United Nations and the Government of Malawi will convene the Africa Regional Review Meeting to assess the structural challenges and emerging issues faced by Africa's Least Developed Countries (LDCs) plus Haiti in pursuing sustainable development. The meeting will provide a platform for sharing lessons learned and agreement on concrete action to accelerate sustainable development in the LDCs over the decade 2021-2031 in light of implementation progress on the 2011-2020 Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) agreed in 2011 to overcome structural challenges limiting achievement of sustainable development in LDCs.

WHERE: Bingu wa Mutharika International Convention Centre, Lilongwe, Malawi

WHEN: 11 - 13 March 2020

WHY: Thirty-three of the world’s forty-seven LDCs are located in Africa. They face multiple challenges in achieving the goals and targets of the IPoA, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as Agenda 2063. The meeting is a critical moment to review lessons learned in the implementation of the IPoA for the decade 2011-2021 and to formulate development priorities for African LDCs in light of the Fifth United Nations Conference on LDCs which is expected to result in a new programme of action for LDCs for the decade 2021-2031.

WHO: The three-day meeting will consist of interactive panel discussions featuring the participation of Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development from African LDCs and Haiti, representatives from partner countries, as well as development practitioners from international and regional organisations, the private sector, academia and civil society.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PRESS:

- 09:30 – 10:00: High-level Opening Segment, Wednesday, 11 February 2020
- 10:00 – 10:30: Press Conference, Wednesday, 11 February 2020
- 16:30 – 17:00: Closing Segment, Friday, 13 March 2020

Accredited journalists are welcome to report on the various sessions of the meeting with the exception of informal consultations on the draft outcome document on 13 March from 14:00 – 16:00.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Meeting Web Page: http://unohrls.org/event/africa-regional-review-ldc5/

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