Ambassadorial level dialogue on addressing sovereign debt distress in LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS in the time of Covid-19

Virtual Meeting

Organized by UN-OHRLLS and Kazakhstan, Chair of the Group of LLDCs in close collaboration with Malawi, Chair of Group of LDCs and Belize, Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)

18 June 2020, 15:00 - 17:30 PM

Draft Programme

Moderated by Professor Léonce Ndikumana, University of Massachusetts Amherst

15:00 - 15:10 Opening remarks

- Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa ‘Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

15:10 - 15:25 Remarks

- H. E. Ambassador Taye Atske Selassie Amde, Ethiopia, Vice-Chair of the Group of Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

- H.E. Ambassador, Kairat Umarov, Kazakhstan, Chair of Group of Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)

- Ambassador Lois Michele Young, Belize, Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)

15:25. 16:15 Panelists

- Mr. Navid Hanif, Director of Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs

- Mr. Marcello Estevão, Global Director for Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment Global Practice, The World Bank Group

- Mr. Robert Powell, Special Representative to the United Nations, International Monetary Fund

- Mr. Andrew Wilson, Permanent Observer, International Chamber of Commerce

- Mr. Tim Jones, Head of Policy, Jubilee Debt Campaign
16.15 - 17:15  Dialogue/Discussion
   - Questions and Answers

17:15 - 17:20  Closing remarks
   - Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High
     Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing
     Countries and Small Island Developing States