

Forum on investment opportunities in LDCs

Hotel Titanic Belek, Room: Atlantic

Antalya, Turkey, 26 May 2016

10.15-11.30 am: **High-level opening session**

Main theme: FDI for sustainable development of the LDCs: Challenges and opportunities

Chair: Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS

Ayşe Sinirlioğlu, Deputy Undersecretary for Multilateral Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turkey

Axel M. Addy, Minister of Commerce and Industry of Liberia

Li Yong, Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice President, World Bank

Judith Karl, Executive Secretary, United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)

Dorothy Tembo, Deputy Executive Director, International Trade Centre

Bostjan Skalar, CEO, World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies

Tamer Taşkın, Coordinator of Turkey-Africa Business Councils, Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey

11.30-1pm: **Thematic session**: Putting LDCs investment opportunities on the radar screen of investors: challenges and best practices

Questions for discussion:

- ✚ *How can Investment Promotion Agencies from LDCs increase the visibility of the investment opportunities which exist in the respective countries?*
- ✚ *What does business need in order to fully consider LDCs in their location decisions?*
- ✚ *What are the key constraints and needs to attract a successful investment in LDCs?*

Moderator: Louise Kantrow, Permanent Representative to the United Nations for the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

Business perspective:

- Sonia Bashir Kabir, Managing Director, Microsoft Bangladesh
- Helen Hai, CEO of the Made in Africa Initiative

Investment promotion agencies from development partners:

- Anar Gasimli, Director, Azerbaijan Export and Investment Promotion Foundation
- Azagen Ramamsamy, Manager, Board of Investment, Mauritius
- Furkan Karayaka, Head of Investment Promotion Department, ISPAT, Turkey

Investment promotion agencies from LDCs:

- Ivy Kuperberg, Director of Promotion, Centre for Facilitation of Investments in Haiti
- Kelebhone Leisanyane, Chief Executive Officer, Lesotho National Development Corporation
- Aida Djigo Wane, Directeur Général Adjoint, APIX - Promotion des Investissements et des Grands Travaux, Senegal

Discussion

3-6pm: **Thematic session:** International support to increase the flow of sustainable investment to the LDCs in the context of the IPoA and the SDGs

Questions for discussion:

- ✚ *How can the LDCs be supported in attracting sustainable investment?*
- ✚ *How can the needs identified in the previous session be addressed through international support?*
- ✚ *How can capacity building for private sector and entrepreneurship help attract sustainable investment?*
- ✚ *How can we increase sustainable FDI and ensure that it contributes to the structural transformation of LDCs and their sustainable development?*

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Investment promotion agencies from LDCs:

- Suon Sophal, Director of Public Relations and Promotion of Private Investments, Council for the Development of Cambodia
- Joshua Lughano Nthakomwa, Director, Investment Promotion and Facilitation, Malawi Investment and Trade Center
- Moses Mwanakatwe, Manager, Business Development, Zambia Development Agency

Business perspective:

- H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma, CEO ABZESOLAR

Multilateral organizations perspectives:

- Ivan Nimac, World Bank Group, Trade & Competitiveness, Head of Vienna Office
- Bernardo Calzadilla-Sarmiento, Director, Department of Trade, Investment and Innovation, UNIDO
- Matthew Wilson, Chief Adviser, International Trade Centre

Development partners:

- Peter Ballinger, Managing Director of Business Development Affairs, Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) of the US
- Sandra Gallina, Director, European Commission
- Lena Ingelstam, Deputy Director-General and Director of Partnerships and Innovations, Swedish International Development Agency

Discussion

Concluding remarks: Bostjan Skalar, CEO of WAIPA