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ANTALYA, TURKEY
27–29 MAY | 2016
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Foreword

Turkey warmly welcomes all participants to the High-level Comprehensive Midterm Review (MTR) of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) for Least Developed Countries, being held in Antalya from 27 to 29 May, 2016. At the midpoint of the decade-long Programme of Action, this significant meeting under the theme of “Partnership for Transformative Change in LDCs” is expected to provide all the relevant parties with a timely opportunity to discuss and work on different aspects of the IPoA within the context of new global challenges.

In this meeting, progress in eight key areas covered by the IPoA, namely productive capacity; agriculture, nutrition and rural development; trade; commodities; human and social development; multiple crises and shocks; financial resources; and good governance will be reviewed by high level political representatives from governments as well as other stakeholders including the private sector, international organizations, civil society and academia.

On the margins of the MTR, thematic meetings and four roundtables will be held, focusing on identifying concrete ways to further strengthen the global partnership for development for LDCs in all priority areas of the IPoA, as well as in the context of the global sustainable development framework, in order to ensure its timely and effective implementation.

The MTR will provide an opportunity to launch concrete measures, initiatives and partnerships, individually or collectively, that have the potential to further progress the IPoA, building on the momentum of recent and relevant United Nations meetings, agendas and conferences.

The existing vulnerabilities and new challenges faced by the LDCs require comprehensive strategies that should be implemented within the understanding of common responsibility and solidarity. Integration of the LDCs to the world economy is of utmost importance and Turkey, on its part, strongly supports enhanced international cooperation in the priority areas set by the IPoA. Turkey is also committed to fulfill its responsibility as an emerging donor and development partner of the LDCs.

Ensuring sustained, equitable and inclusive economic growth is a matter of urgency. Turkey is confident that the MTR will provide a platform for enhancing the spirit of partnership, responsibility and solidarity to achieve our shared objective of inclusive global growth and development.

His Excellency Mevlüt Čavuşoğlu
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Turkey

Foreword

I take this opportunity to welcome all of you to the Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review (MTR) of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 in Antalya, Turkey, from 27 to 29 May 2016. The MTR comprises the Plenary and the round-tables, parallel events of the parliamentarians and the civil society and a series of side events. The Conference will be preceded by a private sector forum on investment opportunities in LDCs, a pre-conference event on Building Quality Human Capital for Economic Transformation and Sustainable Development and a Civil Society Forum on 26 May 2016.

The MTR is taking place at a crucial time after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. Collectively, these landmark documents present a once in a generation opportunity for LDCs to eradicate poverty, advance prosperity, protect the planet, and unlock resources for investments in productive capacity building, inclusive and equitable economic growth, social development and structural transformation.

We have also seen an unprecedented global consensus that LDCs should be at the centre of the new global development cooperation architecture. This represents the strong political will of the international community to stand by the LDCs. This is an opportune moment and we should capitalize on this global momentum to bring about far-reaching and sustainable change in the lives of the people in LDCs.

The MTR will reaffirm and further strengthen global partnerships for development for the least developed countries in all priority areas of the Istanbul Programme of Action in order to ensure its timely, effective and full implementation during the remainder of the Decade. We will also build synergies between the IPoA and the global development agendas including SDGs.

The General Assembly also encouraged participants in the MTR to launch concrete measures, initiatives and partnerships, individually or collectively, that have the potential to further progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action, building on the momentum of recent and relevant United Nations meetings, agendas and conferences, and the decisions contained therein.

We need to further enhance our coordinated and collective efforts in scaling up financial resources from all sources. While the traditional donor countries continue to remain the key development partners of LDCs, a growing number of developing countries have also emerged to help LDCs in meeting their development aspirations. Their support needs to be further enhanced. Such enhanced international support would be critical to complement the slowly growing domestic capacity and resources in LDCs.

It is my fervent hope that over the next three days, as we review the implementation of IPoA and build coherence with the 2030 Agenda, we would further strengthen and expand our partnerships with concrete deliverables in key priority areas such as, enhanced ODA, trade, investment promotion regimes, the Technology Bank, crises mitigation and resilience building mechanisms and greater voice and participation of LDCs in the global development architecture.

Our common responsibility to eradicate poverty and promote sustainable development will be severely tested in LDCs, where around 50 per cent of population still live below the poverty line and where deep structural challenges and recurrent crises consistently undermine their efforts. In a volatile and changing world, we must not let down the 900 million people who look towards the international community for consistent support and reassurances. It is therefore critical that we join our hands together to accelerate the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, thereby enabling them to graduate from the LDC category and move onto a sustained and sustainable path of inclusive prosperity. After all, it is in the enlightened interest of the international community to lend strong support to LDCs to realise their aspirations.

With these thoughts, I wish you a productive and highly successful Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action.

Gyan Chandra Acharya
Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
### Agenda Overview

#### THURSDAY, 26 May
- **8.00**
  - Private Sector Forum Registration

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### Intergovernmental Meetings & Round-tables

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- **12.00**
  - High Level Interactive Panel II: Place and Mobility and socio-economic transformation in LDCs (10.00–12.30)
- **15.00**
  - Second Thematic Round-table: 1: Productive capacity, agriculture, food security and rural development (15.00–18.00)

#### FRIDAY, 27 May
- **10.00**
  - First Plenary Meeting (Opening, procedural matters, statements) (10.00–10.15)
- **11.00**
  - Family Photo (heads of delegation only) (9.50–10.00)
- **11.30**
  - Opening Segment (9.30–10.15)
- **14.00**
  - Civil Society Forum Registration (11.00–11.30)

#### SATURDAY, 28 May
- **10.10**
  - High Level Interactive Panel I: Investment in youth to realize the demographic dividend and sustainable development in LDCs (10.10–12.30)
- **11.00**
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#### SUNDAY, 29 May
- **11.30**
  - Opening of the CSO Forum (11.30–12.30)
- **12.00**
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- **13.00**
  - Presentation of the CSO Forum (13.00–13.40)
- **13.15**
  - Side Events (12.00–13.00)

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### Pre-Conference Event

#### THURSDAY, 26 May
- **8.45**
  - Registration for Building Quality Human Capital for Economic... (9.00–9.30)

#### FRIDAY, 27 May
- **9.00**
  - Registration for Building Quality Human Capital for Economic... (9.00–9.30)
- **9.00–9.30**
  - Workshop on Synergy and Coherence between IPoA and SDGs (9.15–10.45)

#### SATURDAY, 28 May
- **9.15**
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### Parliamentary Parallel Event

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Private Sector Forum on Investment Opportunities in LDCs

26 May, 2016

Organised by UN-OHRLLS and the Government of Turkey in cooperation with the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA)

Building Quality Human Capital for Economic Transformation and Sustainable Development in the context of the Istanbul Programme of Action

26 May, 2016

Organised by UNFPA and UN-OHRLLS in partnership with the Government of Bangladesh

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Civil Society Forum of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

26–28 May, 2016

Organised by LDC Watch in collaboration with UN-OHRLLS and the Government of Turkey

THURSDAY, 26 May

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11.00 – 11.30 Registration
LOCATION: The Golf Lounge, Hotel Titanic Belek

11.30 – 12.30 Opening of the CSO Forum
LOCATION: The Golf Lounge, Hotel Titanic Belek

13.00 – 14.45 The Outcome of the WTO Ministerial in Nairobi and LDCs
LOCATION: The Golf Lounge, Hotel Titanic Belek

THURSDAY, 26 May

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15.00 – 16.15 Climate Justice and Natural Vulnerability in the LDCs: COP 21 and Beyond
LOCATION: The Golf Lounge, Hotel Titanic Belek

16.15 – 17.30 Synergy and Coherence between IPoA and SDGs
LOCATION: The Golf Lounge, Hotel Titanic Belek

FRIDAY, 27 May

LDC’s Graduation: Opportunities and Challenges
LOCATION: Akdeniz II, Hotel Titanic Belek

SATURDAY, 28 May

Morning Sessions

9.30 – 11.30 Declaration Drafting Session
LOCATION: Akdeniz II, Hotel Titanic Belek

13.10 – 13.40 Presentation of CSO Declaration followed by Press Conference
LOCATION: Akdeniz II, Hotel Titanic Belek
Parliamentary Parallel Event

28 May, 2016

Organised by OHRLLS and the Grand National Assembly of Turkey

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**ORGANISERS**: UNESCO  
**LOCATION**: Adriatic I, Hotel Titanic Belek |
| **Enhancing productive capacities of women and youth through multi-stakeholder partnerships: paving ways to sustainable graduation of LDCs**  
**ORGANISERS**: UNIDO in cooperation with UN Women  
**LOCATION**: Adriatic II, Hotel Titanic Belek |
| **Taking Technology to the Last Mile**  
**ORGANISERS**: Turkey and UNCDF  
**LOCATION**: Okeanos Restaurant, Hotel Titanic Belek |
| **The EIF’s role in catalyzing LDC graduation: lessons from the field**  
**ORGANISERS**: EIF Secretariat, Commonwealth Secretariat and graduated countries  
**LOCATION**: Adriatic III, Hotel Titanic Belek |
| **Inclusive Business for Sustainable Development in Least Developed Countries**  
**ORGANISERS**: UNDP Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development, UNDP and The Government of Turkey  
**LOCATION**: The Golf Lounge, Hotel Titanic Belek |

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**ORGANISERS**: UNDP  
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**ORGANISERS**: ECA, ESCWA and OSAA  
**LOCATION**: The Golf Lounge, Hotel Titanic Belek |
| **Development Finance in LDCs: Tackling Risks and Vulnerabilities**  
**ORGANISERS**: Benin, Bangladesh, France, Kiribati, Sweden, UNCDF, UNDESA and FERDI  
**LOCATION**: Adriatic I, Hotel Titanic Belek |
| **Fostering structural economic progress toward graduation from LDC status**  
**ORGANISERS**: UNCTAD, CFC and in collaboration with UNCDF and OHRLS  
**LOCATION**: Hasir Restaurant, Hotel Titanic Belek |
| **Supporting the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action: Measures and Initiatives taken to assist LDCs’ Integration in Global Trade**  
**ORGANISERS**: WTO  
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| **Harnessing Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific: Challenges and Opportunities for LDCs**  
**ORGANISERS**: ESCAP  
**LOCATION**: Okeanos Restaurant |
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**ORGANISERS**: IMF, World Bank  
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Least Developed Countries

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Benin
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Central African Republic
Chad
Comoros
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Djibouti
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Gambia
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Lesotho
Liberia
Madagascar
Malawi
Mali
Mauritania
Mozambique
Niger
Rwanda
São Tomé and Príncipe
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Somalia
South Sudan
Sudan
Togo
Uganda
United Republic of Tanzania
Zambia

ASIA PACIFIC [13]
Afghanistan
Bangladesh
Bhutan
Cambodia
Kiribati
Lao PDR
Myanmar
Nepal
Solomon Islands
Timor-Leste
Tuvalu
Vanuatu
Yemen

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Haiti

LEGEND
Least Developed Country
Least Developed Country
+ Small Island Developing State
Least Developed Country
+ Landlocked Developing Country
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