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Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 (Antalya, Turkey (27-29 May 2016))


Official meetings

Friday, 27 May 2016

General Assembly

Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020

10:00 to 13:00

1st plenary meeting  [webcast]

Hotel Titanic Belek
Pacific Hall

1. Election of the President [item 2]
2. Opening of the Midterm Review [item 1]

Statement His Excellency Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey, President of the Midterm Review

Statement by His Excellency Mogens Lykketoft, President of the General Assembly

Statement by Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

Statement His Excellency Abdoulaye Bio Tchané, Senior Minister for Planning and Development and Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Benin (former Chair of the Group of Least Developed Countries)

Statement by His Excellency Khandker Mosharraf Hossain, Minister of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives of Bangladesh (current Chair of the Group of Least Developed Countries)

Statement His Excellency Moussa Faki Mahamat, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chad (Chair of the Executive Council of Ministers of the African Union)

Statement by Mr. Neven Mimica, European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development (representing the President of the European Commission)

Statement by Ms. Sri Mulyani Indrawati, Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer of the World Bank

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Statement by Mr. Gauri Pradhan, International Coordinator of the Least Developed Countries Watch (representative from the civil society)

Statement by Mr. Ömer Cihad Vardan, President of the Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey (representative from the private sector)

3. Adoption of the agenda ([A/CONF.228/1](#)) [item 3]
4. Organization of work [item 4]
5. Election of other officers [item 5]
6. Review of the implementation: general exchange of views [item 6]

[Please see pages 4 to 7 for the provisional list of speakers.]

15:00 to 18:00

2nd plenary meeting  [\[webcast\]](#)

Hotel Titanic Belek
Pacific Hall

Review of the implementation: general exchange of view [item 6]

[Please see pages 4 to 7 for the provisional list of speakers.]

High-level interactive thematic round tables

Round table 1 [\[webcast\]](#)

15:00 to 18:00

Atlantic Room

“Productive capacity, agriculture, food security and rural development”

Co-Chairs

His Excellency Khandker Mosharraf Hossein, Minister of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, Bangladesh

His Excellency Ardalan Shekarabi, Minister for Public Administration, Sweden

Keynote speaker

His Excellency Neven Mimica, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, European Union

Panellists

Her Royal Highness Princess Abze Djigma, Chief Executive Officer, AbzeSolar

Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

Ms. Helen Hai, Chief Executive Officer, Made in Africa Initiative

Lead discussant

Mr. Gilbert Hougbo, Deputy Director-General for Field Operations and Partnerships, International Labour Organization (ILO)

Interactive debate

[To consult the list of side events, please [click here.](#)]

Press conferences

[The complete schedule of the press conferences can be consulted by [clicking here](#).]

Forthcoming official meetings

Saturday, 28 May 2016

General Assembly

Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020

10:00 to 13:00	3rd plenary meeting	Hotel Titanic Belek Pacific Hall
15:00 to 18:00	4th plenary meeting	Hotel Titanic Belek Pacific Hall
	Review of the implementation: general exchange of views [item 6]	

High-level interactive thematic round tables

Round table 2

10:00 to 13:00 Atlantic Room

“Trade and commodities, and economic diversification and graduation”

Co-Chairs

His Excellency Axel Addy, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Liberia

His Excellency Mario Giro, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Italy

Keynote speaker

Professor Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute, Columbia University

Panellists

The Honourable Mr. Felix Mutati, Member of Parliament, National Assembly of Zambia

Mr. Joakim Reiter, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Ms. Dorothy Tembo, Deputy Executive Director, International Trade Centre (ITC)

Dr. Posh Raj Pandey, Executive Chairperson, South Asia Watch on Trade Economics and Environment (SAWTEE)

Lead discussant

His Excellency Ahmed Sareer, Permanent Representative of Maldives to the United Nations at Headquarters

Interactive debate

[In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/261, there will be no prepared lists of speakers for the high-level interactive thematic round tables. Delegations are reminded that the individual statements made in the interactive debates should not exceed *three minutes*.]

Round table 3

15:00 to 18:00

Atlantic Room

“Human and social development and good governance at all levels”

Co-Chairs

His Excellency Raymond Tshibanda, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Second Co-Chair (*to be confirmed*)

Keynote speaker

Mr. Günther Nooke, German Chancellor’s Personal Representative for Africa, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

Panellists

His Excellency Dr. Kerfalla Yansané, Senior Minister and Adviser to the President of the Republic of Guinea on relations with multilateral institutions

Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Ms. Irene Khan, Director-General, International Development Law Organization (IDLO)

Lead discussant

Mr. Ramiz Alakbarov, Director, Programme Division, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Interactive debate

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Provisional list of speakers for the plenary meetings

1. His Excellency Joseph Boakai, Vice-President of the Republic of Liberia
2. His Excellency Kwesi Bekoe Amissah-Arthur, Vice-President of the Republic of Ghana
3. His Excellency Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, Prime Minister of the Republic of Namibia

4. His Excellency Kamal Thapa, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal
5. His Excellency Ziad Abu Amr, Deputy Prime Minister of the State of Palestine
6. His Excellency Manasseh Maelanga, Deputy Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands
7. His Excellency Mothetjoa Metsing, Deputy Prime Minister of Lesotho
8. His Excellency Otinielu Tauteleimalae Tausi, Speaker of the Parliament of Tuvalu
9. His Excellency Ardalan Shekarabi, Minister for Public Administration of Sweden
10. His Excellency Lyonpo Damcho Dorji, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bhutan
11. His Excellency Samura Kamara, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Sierra Leone
12. His Excellency Ernesto Max Tonela, Minister of Industry and Trade of Mozambique
13. His Excellency Omar Hamidou Tchiana, State Minister, Minister of Transportation of the Niger
14. His Excellency Khandker Mosharraf Hossain, Minister of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives of Bangladesh
15. His Excellency Raymond Tshibanda N'tungamulongo, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo
16. Her Excellency Mounia Meslem Amer, Minister of National Solidarity, Family and Women's Affairs of Algeria
17. Her Excellency Makalé Camara, Minister for Foreign Affairs and for Guineans Abroad of Guinea
18. His Excellency Lejeune Mbella Mbella, Minister of External Relations of Cameroon
19. His Excellency Wahy Taha Abdullah Aman, Minister of Public Works and Highways of Yemen
20. His Excellency Narson Rafidimanana, Minister of State for Presidential Projects, Land Management and Equipment of Madagascar
21. His Excellency Mario Giro, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy
22. His Excellency Khamlien Pholsena, Vice-Minister of Planning and Investment of the Lao People's Democratic Republic
23. His Excellency Christiaan Rebergen, Vice-Minister of International Cooperation of the Netherlands
24. His Excellency David Jalagania, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia
25. His Excellency Hohmmad Ismail Rahimi, Technical Deputy Minister of Economy of Afghanistan
26. Her Excellency Rita Solange Agneketom Bogore, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso
27. Her Excellency Maria Angela Bragança, Secretary of State, Ministry of External Relations of Angola
28. Ms. Anne-Marie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Minister of State of Belgium

29. His Excellency Fred Omach, Minister of State for Finance, Planning and Economic Development of Uganda
30. Thailand
31. Guinea-Bissau
32. European Union
33. Viet Nam
34. Norway
35. China
36. Finland
37. France
38. Luxembourg
39. Egypt
40. United States
41. Zambia
42. Austria
43. Mali
44. Myanmar
45. Morocco
46. Eritrea
47. Cuba
48. Kyrgyzstan
49. Pakistan
50. Burundi
51. Israel
52. India
53. Brazil
54. Canada
55. Maldives
56. Japan
57. Malaysia
58. Slovenia
59. Philippines
60. Argentina
61. Rwanda
62. Sudan
63. World Bank

64. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
65. Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
66. International Labour Organization (ILO)
67. World Trade Organization (WTO)
68. International Trade Centre (ITC)
69. United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
70. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
71. United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

General information

More details on the information below are available online on the [Midterm Review \(MTR\) website](#), under Information Note ([click here](#)).

Access and accreditation of delegates

Delegates are reminded that on-site accreditation and issuance of badges to all accredited participants including delegates of States, intergovernmental organizations and specialized agencies and related organizations, will be handled by the Protocol Accreditation Unit in Antalya at the Accreditation Centre located at the Titanic Deluxe Belek (Uckumtepesi Besgoz Caddesi 72/1 Kadriye/Belek, Antalya, Turkey), *until Sunday, 29 May 2016, at 12:30.*

Circulation of written statements

Delegations are requested to provide 30 copies of their statements to the Meetings Services Assistants desk in the conference room for distribution to interpreters, United Nations press officers and Secretariat. Delegations wishing to have their statements distributed to the media are requested to deliver 20 copies to the media documents counter located in the Media Centre. Participants are reminded that the Secretariat will not be in a position to offer reproduction services for such texts. Additionally, delegations wishing to have their statements distributed to the meeting participants are requested to deliver 300 copies to the Meetings Services Assistants located at the documents distribution counter, outside the Pacific Hall, prior to the start of the meeting at which the statement is being delivered.

Delegations wishing to have their statement posted on the MTR website are encouraged to e-mail their statement, in any of the official languages, to the secretariat beforehand (e-mail statements@ipoareview.org), indicating in the subject line “Midterm Review IPoA”.

Distribution of official documents

The official documentation of the Midterm Review will be issued in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The main documents counter for delegations will be located outside the Pacific Hall. Each delegation will be assigned an individual box in which copies of all official documents issued during the Midterm Review will be placed. Delegations are reminded that the document boxes are exclusively for the distribution of official documents of the Midterm Review and may not be used for circulation of any other papers or documents. For the convenience of participants, a documents counter will also *be located outside* the Pacific Hall.

Arrangements for bilateral meetings

For bilateral meetings among Member States at the Head of State or Government or ministerial level, three small temporary booths, each with a capacity to hold a maximum of eight participants, will be available in the Convention Centre, from *today, 27*, to Sunday, 29 May 2016.

Live coverage

The United Nations Webcast services will provide daily, live and on-demand webcast coverage of the MTR proceedings, including the plenary meetings, round tables and press conferences. The webcast coverage will be available in English and the original language of the speaker through UN Web TV at <http://www.webtv.un.org>. Queries should be directed to Mr. Andreas Damianou, Chief of UN Webcast Unit (e-mail damianou@un.org)