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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

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  [webcast]	Pacific Hall
15:00 to 18:00	4th plenary meeting  [webcast]	Pacific Hall
	Review of the implementation: general exchange of views [item 6] [Please see pages 4 and 5 for the provisional list of speakers.]	

High-level interactive thematic round tables

Round table 2

10:00 to 13:00	 [webcast]	Atlantic Room
	<i>“Trade and commodities, and economic diversification and graduation”</i>	
	<i>Co-Chairs</i>	
	His Excellency Axel Addy, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Liberia	
	His Excellency Mario Giro, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Italy	
	<i>Keynote speaker</i>	
	Professor Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute, Columbia University	
	<i>Panellists</i>	
	The Honourable Felix Mutati, Member of Parliament, National Assembly of Zambia	

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

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

Mr. 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

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Round table 3

15:00 to 18:00

 [\[webcast\]](#)

Atlantic Room

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

Co-Chairs

His Excellency Kwesi Bekoe Amissah-Arthur, Vice-President of Ghana

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

Keynote speaker

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

Panellists

His Excellency Kerfalla Yansané, State 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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[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

Sunday, 29 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	5th plenary meeting Review of the implementation: general exchange of views [item 6]	Pacific Hall
15:00 to 18:00	6th plenary meeting Review of the implementation: general exchange of view [item 6] Thematic round-table meetings [item 7] Adoption of the political declaration (A/CONF.228/L.1 (to be issued) and A/CONF.228/L.2) [item 8] Adoption of the report of the Midterm Review (A/CONF.228/L.3 (to be issued)) [item 9] Closure of the Midterm Review [item 10]	Pacific Hall

High-level interactive thematic round tables

Round table 4

10:00 to 13:00	Atlantic Room
<i>“Multiple crises and other emerging challenges, mobilizing financial resources for development and capacity-building”</i>	
<i>Co-Chairs</i>	
His Excellency Manasseh Maelanga, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs, Solomon Islands	
Her Excellency Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Minister of State, Belgium	
<i>Keynote speaker</i>	
Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice-President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations, and Partnerships, World Bank Group	
<i>Panellists</i>	
Professor A. Arif Ergin, Head of the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)	

Ms. Cihan Sultanoğlu, Assistant Secretary-General and Director for Europe and Central Asia, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Professor Patrick Guillaumont, President, Ferdi and Emeritus Professor, University of Auvergne

Mr. Chandra Prasad Dhakal, Executive Chairman, Global IME Bank

Lead discussants

Mr. Amir Mahmoud Abdulla, Deputy Executive Director, World Food Programme

Mr. Federico Bonaglia, Deputy Director, OECD Development Centre

Interactive debate

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Provisional list of speakers for the plenary meetings

1. His Excellency Mr. Raymond Tshibanda N'Tungamulongo, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo
2. His Excellency Mr. Abdou Jobe, Minister of Trade, Industry, Employment and Regional Integration of the Islamic Republic of The Gambia
3. His Excellency Mr. Hohmmad Ismail Rahimi, Technical Deputy Minister of Economy of Afghanistan
4. Vanuatu
5. China
6. Finland
7. France
8. Norway
9. Egypt
10. United States
11. Morocco
12. Zambia
13. Austria
14. Mali
15. Myanmar
16. Eritrea
17. Cuba
18. Kyrgyzstan

19. Pakistan
20. Guinea
21. Israel
22. India
23. Brazil
24. Canada
25. Viet Nam
26. Japan
27. Malaysia
28. Romania
29. Bangladesh
30. Slovenia
31. Philippines
32. Argentina
33. Serbia
34. Rwanda
35. The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
36. Indonesia
37. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
38. United Republic of Tanzania
39. Ireland
40. Togo
41. World Bank
42. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
43. Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
44. International Labour Organization (ILO)
45. World Trade Organization (WTO)
46. International Trade Center (ICT)
47. United Nation Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
48. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
49. United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)
50. International Organization for Migration (IOM)
51. Common Fund for Commodities (CFC)
52. World Intellectual Property (WIPO)
53. United National Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

Summary of 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

 [\[archived video\]](#)

1st plenary meeting

The Secretary-General of the Midterm Review declared open the Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020.

Election of the President [item 2]

His Excellency Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey, was elected, by acclamation, as President of the Midterm Review.

Opening of the Midterm Review [item 1]

The President made a statement.

Statements were also made by Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, President of the General Assembly; Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, representing the Secretary-General of the United Nations; Mr. Abdoulaye Bio Tchane, Minister of State for Planning and Development and Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Benin and former Chair of the Group of the Least Developed Countries; Mr. Khandker Mosharraf Hossain, Minister of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives of Bangladesh and current Chair of the Group of the Least Developed Countries; Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chad and Chair of the Executive Council of Ministers of the African Union; Mr. Neven Mimica, European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, representing the President of the European Commission; Ms. Sri Mulyani Indrawati, Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer, World Bank, representing the President of the World Bank Group; Mr. Gauri Pradhan, International Coordinator, Least Developed Watch, representative of the civil society; and Mr. Ömer Cihad Vardan, President of the Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey, representative of the private sector.

Adoption of the agenda (A/CONF.228/1) [item 3]

The Midterm Review adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document A/CONF.228/1.

Election of other officers [item 5]

Turkey was elected, by acclamation, to the vice-presidency (*ex officio*).

The following nine States were elected, by acclamation, to the vice-presidency of the Midterm Review: Argentina, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Georgia, Hungary, Malawi, Nepal and Yemen.

His Excellency Durga Prasad Bhattarai, Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations in New York, was elected, by acclamation, as Rapporteur of the Midterm Review.

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

The Midterm Review heard addresses by His Excellency Joseph Boakai, Vice-President of the Republic of Liberia; His Excellency Kwesi Bekoe Amissah-Arthur, Vice-President of the Republic of Ghana; and Her Excellency Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, Prime Minister of the Republic of Namibia.

The Midterm Review heard statements by His Excellency Kamal Thapa, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal; His Excellency Ziad Abu Amr, Deputy Prime Minister of the State of Palestine; His Excellency Manasseh Maelanga, Deputy Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands; His Excellency Mothetjoa Metsing, Deputy Prime Minister of Lesotho; His Excellency Ardalan Shekarabi, Minister for Public Administration of Sweden; His Excellency Lyonpo Damcho Dorji, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bhutan; His Excellency Otinielu Tauteleimalae Tausi, Speaker of the Parliament of Tuvalu; His Excellency Samura Kamara, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Sierra Leone; His Excellency Ernesto Max Tonela, Minister of Industry and Trade of Mozambique; His Excellency Omar Hamidou Tchiana, State Minister, Minister of Transportation of the Niger.

2nd plenary meeting

The Midterm Review heard statements by Her Excellency Mounia Meslem Amer, Minister of National Solidarity, Family and Women's Status of Algeria; His Excellency Lejeune Mbella Mbella, Minister of External Relations of Cameroon; His Excellency Wahy Taha Abdullah Aman, Minister of Public Works and Highways of Yemen; His Excellency Kamal Aldeen Hasan Ali, Minister of International Cooperation of the Sudan; His Excellency Mame Mbaye Niang, Minister of Youth of Senegal; His Excellency Rafidimanana Narson, Minister of State for Presidential Projects, Land Management and Equipment of Madagascar; His Excellency Yinager Dessie Belay, National Planning Commissioner of Ethiopia; His Excellency Mario Giro, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy; His Excellency Khamlien Pholsena, Vice-Minister of Planning and Investment of Lao People's Democratic Republic; Mr. Christiaan Rebergen, Vice-Minister of International Cooperation of the Netherlands; Her Excellency Rita Solange Agneketom Bogore, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso; His Excellency David Jalagania, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia; His Excellency Naci Koru, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey; His Excellency Yerzhan Ashikbayev, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan; Her Excellency Maria Angela Braganca, Secretary of State of Angola; Ms. Anne-Marie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Minister of State of Belgium; and His Excellency Fred Omach, Minister of State for Finance, Planning and Economic Development of Uganda.

The Midterm Review also heard statements by the representatives of Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the European Union, Maldives and Luxemburg.

High-level interactive thematic round tables  [\[archived video\]](#)**Round table 1**

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

The Co-Chair of the high-level interactive thematic round table 1, His Excellency Khandker Mosharraf Hossain, Minister of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives of Bangladesh, opened the round table.

Introductory statements were made by the Co-Chairs, His Excellency Ardalan Shekarabi, Minister for Public Administration of Sweden, and His Excellency Khandker

Mosharraf Hossain, Minister of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives of Bangladesh.

The keynote statement was made by His Excellency Neven Mimica, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development of the European Union.

Statements were also made by the following panellists: Her Royal Highness Princess Abze Djigma, Chief Executive Officer, AbzeSolar; Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; Ms. Helen Hai, Chief Executive Officer, Made in Africa Initiative; and Mr. Gilbert Hounbo, Deputy Director-General for Field Operations and Partnerships, International Labour Organization.

Statements were made by the representatives of Viet Nam, Zambia, Italy, Brazil, Djibouti, Thailand, Morocco, Sao Tome and Principe, Japan, Eritrea, the Solomon Islands, Israel, Benin, Guinea, Bangladesh, Algeria, Madagascar and Mali.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, International Fund for Agricultural Development and Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

The panellists responded to comments made and questions raised.

The Secretary made an announcement.

General information

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documents distribution counter, outside the Pacific Hall, prior to the start of the meeting at which the statement is being delivered.

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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, are available in the Convention Centre, *until* Sunday, 29 May 2016.

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