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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

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  [webcast]	Pacific Hall
	Review of the implementation: general exchange of views [item 6] [Please see page 2 for the provisional list of speakers.]	
15:00 to 18:00	6th plenary meeting  [webcast]	Pacific Hall
	Thematic round-table meetings [item 7] Adoption of the political declaration (A/CONF.228/L.1) [item 8] Adoption of the report of the Midterm Review (A/CONF.228/L.2 and A/CONF.228/L.3) [item 9] Closure of the Midterm Review [item 10]	

High-level interactive thematic round tables

Round table 4

10:00 to 13:00	 [webcast]	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	

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Keynote speaker

Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice-President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations, and Partnerships, World Bank Group

Panellists

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, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

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*.]

[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](#).]

Provisional list of speakers for the plenary meetings

1. United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)
2. International Organization for Migration (IOM)
3. Common Fund for Commodities (CFC)
4. World Intellectual Property (WIPO)
5. United National Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
6. International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Summary of official meetings

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 [\[archived video\]](#)

3rd plenary meeting

The Midterm Review heard statements by Mr. Hohmmad Ismail Rahimi, Technical Deputy Minister of Economy of Afghanistan; His Excellency Raymond Tshibanda N'tungamulongo, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo; His Excellency Abdou Jobe, Minister of Trade, Industry, Employment and Integration of the Gambia; Mr. Mohammed Abbou, Minister Delegate in charge of Foreign Trade of Morocco.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, France, Finland, Rwanda, Egypt, the United States, Zambia, Austria, Mali, Myanmar, Eritrea, Cuba, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Guinea, Israel, India, Brazil and Canada. Statement was also made by Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Region.

4th plenary meeting

Statements were made by the representatives of Viet Nam, Japan, Malaysia, Romania, Bangladesh, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Argentina, Serbia, Norway Indonesia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the United Republic of Tanzania and Ireland.

The meeting was suspended.

The meeting was resumed.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Togo, Switzerland and Azerbaijan.

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

High-level interactive thematic round tables [\[archived video\]](#)

Round table 2

“Trade and commodities, economic diversification and graduation”

The Co-Chair of the high-level interactive thematic round table 2, His Excellency Mario Giro, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy, opened the round table.

Introductory statements were made by the Co-Chairs, His Excellency Axel Addy, Minister of Commerce and Industry of Liberia, and His Excellency Mario Giro, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy.

The keynote statement was made by Professor Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute, Columbia University.

Statements were also made by the following panellists and discussant: Mr. Joakim Reiter, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; Ms. Dorothy Tembo, Deputy Executive Director, International Trade

Centre; Mr. Posh Raj Pandey, Executive Chairman, South Asia Watch on Trade Economics and Environment (SAWTEE); and His Excellency Ahmed Sareer, Permanent Representative of Maldives to the United Nations at Headquarters.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bhutan, Djibouti, Mozambique, Viet Nam, Bangladesh, Sweden, the Solomon Islands, Guinea, the United States, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Bulgaria and Mauritania.

A statement was also made by the representative of the European Union.

A statement was made by the observer of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

A statement was made by the representative of the International Monetary Fund.

The keynote speaker, panellists, the discussant and the representative of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, the Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States responded to comments made and questions raised.

Round table 3

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

The Co-Chair of the high-level interactive thematic round table, His Excellency Kwesi Bekoe Amissah-Arthur, Vice-President of the Republic of Ghana, opened the round table 3.

Introductory statements were made by the Co-Chairs, His Excellency Raymond Tshibanda, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and His Excellency Kwesi Bekoe Amissah-Arthur, Vice-President of the Republic of Ghana.

The keynote statement was made by Mr. Günther Nooke, Personal Representative of the German Chancellor for Africa, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany.

Statements were also made by the following panellists and discussant: His Excellency 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; Ms. Irene Khan, Director-General, International Development Law Organization; and Mr. Ramiz Alakbarov, Director, Programme Division, United Nations Population Fund.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sweden, Eritrea, Algeria, Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Israel, the Solomon Islands, Senegal, Mauritania, Myanmar and Namibia.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Children's Fund and the International Telecommunication Union.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations, civil society and private sector: Association of Scientists, Developers, Faculties (ASDF); and Sudan Council of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA).

The keynote speaker, panellists and discussant responded to comments made and questions raised.

[*Note: The summaries of the 5th and 6th meetings of the Midterm Review and the round table 4 of the high-level interactive thematic round tables will be published in a later issue of the Journal of the United Nations, at Headquarters.*]

General information

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

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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.

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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, are available in the Convention Centre, until *today*, 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://webtv.un.org>. Queries should be directed to Mr. Andreas Damianou, Chief of UN Webcast Unit (e-mail damianou@un.org)