Preparations on

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

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Dates

- MTR- 27-29 May 2016
- Pre-conference events: 26 May 2016

Invitations

- The Secretary-General has sent the invitation letter to all Heads of States or Governments on 8 February 2016
Preparations on Various Tracks

1. Intergovernmental process
2. Pre-conference events
3. Private Sector Forum
4. CSO Forum
5. Parliamentarians Forum
6. Side events
7. UN system High-level Event
Intergovernmental Processes

- Opening plenary on 27 May 2016, 10am-1pm
- Four plenary sessions
  (a) 27 May 2016 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
  (b) 28 May 2016 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  (c) 28 May 2016 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
  (d) 29 May 2016 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Closing plenary, 29 May 2016, 3pm-6pm.
Intergovernmental Processes (cont..)

- **Theme of the round tables**
  - **Round table 1:** Productive capacity, agriculture, food security and rural development
  - **Round table 2:** Trade and commodities, and economic diversification and Graduation
  - **Round table 3:** Human and social development; and good governance at all Levels
  - **Round table 4:** Multiple crises and other emerging challenges; and mobilizing financial resources and capacity building

- Round tables will be interactive and open to all MTR participants.
- Each roundtable will have reserved seats for up to 45 Member States and other stakeholders.
- Members States or other participants are invited to indicate to the Secretariat, by email *(assaj@un.org)* their preferred roundtable in which they wish to participate in.
Private Sector Forum on 26 May 2016

Programme
(i) High-level opening on “FDI for sustainable development of the LDCs: Challenges and opportunities”
(ii) Thematic session on putting LDCs investment opportunities on the radar screen of investors: challenges and best practices
(iii) Thematic session on international support to increase the flow of sustainable investment to the LDCs in the context of the IPoA and the SDGs

Expected Outcome
Specific proposals and announcements on partnerships for the accelerated implementation of the IPoA
Private Sector Forum on 26 May 2016 (cont…)

• Registration and accreditation link to participate in the private sector forum is being posted on http://ipoareview.org/registration-private-sector

• The forum is convened in cooperation with the Government of Turkey, the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA), as well as TOBB and ISPAT.

• Interpretation will be available in English, French, and Turkish

• Event will be webcasted live
Parallel events

**Parliamentarians Forum**
Dates: 28 and the morning of 29 May  
Participants: Members of Parliament of LDCs and other countries  
Co-organizers: Parliament of Turkey and OHRLLS, supported by the IPU

**Civil Society Forum**
Dates: 26-28 May  
Participants: NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC and UNLDC- IV and other NGOs accredited in line with UNGA resolution 70/L.45

**Registration:**
The link for CSO registration is: http://unngls.org/index.php/ldc-mid-term-review/registration

**Deadline:**
ECOSOC and UNLDC-IV accredited NGOs: 15 May 2016  
Other relevant NGOs: 29 April 2016
Pre-conference event on Building Quality Human Capital for Economic Transformation and Sustainable Development in the context of the IPoA

Date: 26 May 2016
Organizers: UNFPA and OHRLLS sponsored by Turkey and Bangladesh
Themes:
• Investment in youth to realise the demographic dividend and sustainable development in LDCs
• Place and Mobility for the socio-economic advancement of LDCs
• Policies and actions for realizing the demographic dividend
Participants: Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Ministers of Planning and Development, United Nations agencies, Private sector representatives, CSO representatives, Other stakeholders
Outcome: A report on the key conclusions, recommendations and initiatives for building quality human capital of young people

UNFPA is sponsoring 1-2 Ministers from each LDC
Side events

**Total number:** Around 40

**Time:** Breakfast, Lunch, and evening

Some of the themes:

- Expanding the financing tool-box and managing vulnerability in LDCs- UNDP
- Demystifying graduation: The graduation diagnostics toolkit for smooth transition from the LDC category- DESA - CDP
- Expanding agribusiness opportunities in rural areas for inclusive and sustainable transformation- IFAD
- Investment advisory support for the LDCs-PM of Italy
- Towards the implementation of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) in the Asia-Pacific LDCs- ESCAP
- Leveraging Skills for Employment and Entrepreneurship- UNESCO
- Achieving sustained graduation from LDCs' category: Issues and policy options" or, alternatively, "Fostering structural economic progress toward graduation from LDC status“- UNCTAD, Jointly with the CFC, and UNCDF
- Getting to the Last Mile in LDCs-UNCDF
Side events (cont…)

- Enhancing the productive capacities of women and youth through global partnerships: paving ways to sustainable graduation of LDCs- UNIDO
- Taking Technology to the Last Mile -UNCDF, In collaboration with Turkey
- High Level Panel on the EIF's role in catalyzing LDC graduation: lessons from the field-EIF + Cabo Verde, Maldives, Samoa and Commonwealth Secretariat
- Development Finance in LDCs: Tackling Risks and Vulnerabilities- FERDI and UNCDF, DESA FFDO, Sweden Benin
- Towards an integrated approach to the implementation of the IPoA: Perspectives from African and Arab LDCs -ECA/ESCWA
- Harnessing Africa’s demographic dividend in the context of African Union’s Agenda 2063 and the UN’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development- OSAA
- Addressing Emerging Risks to LDCs Graduation in Africa-UNDP
Side events (cont...)

- Leveraging Demographic Opportunities for the achievements of the IPOA and the 2030 Agenda-UNDP
- Using a partnership approach in supporting the IPoA: The case of the EIF: Trade for LDC Development-EIF
- Accelerating financial inclusion to build productive capacities in LDCs: Achievements and recommendations for the next five years-UNCDF
- Progress in addressing adaptation to climate change in the LDCs-UNFCCC
- Ensuring Sustainable Energy for All Least Developed Countries-SE4ALL
- Sound management of natural capital for the sustainable structural socio-economic transformation in LDCs aspiring to graduate, and the multiple benefits of an inclusive Green Economy-UNEP

The list is not exhaustive.
Media

• The Midterm review is open to members of the media through online accreditation at http://www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/MTR2016.shtml by 20 May 2016.

• A media centre, press briefing room and media stakeout will be provided at the event.
Accreditation of Delegates

UN protocol will deal with the accreditation of the official delegations of:

• States
• International organizations
• Specialized agencies and related organizations

UN protocol note verbale dated 8 April 2016

• Please use eAccreditation system through eDelegate portal at http://delegate.un.int
• Deadline for accreditation: 13 May 2016
• Visa requirements
Support to the participation of LDCs

**Host country:**
6 participants from each LDC (Head of State or Government or Minister or Head of Delegation, 2 accompanying government officials, 1 Member of Parliament, 1 civil society representative, and 1 media representative. The registration of the 4 Government representatives should be sent to OHRLLS through a note verbale by 29 April. The representatives of the CSO and media from each LDC will be designated by the UN with intimation to LDCs)

OHRLLS will sponsor the following representatives with the generous support of the Governments of Finland, Germany, India, Italy, The Netherlands, Slovenia, Sweden and Switzerland:

- One representative of the investment promotion agency from each LDC,
- Permanent Representatives of all LDCs in New York,
- Experts of the Coordination Bureau of LDCs
The deadline for nomination is 29 April (a detailed note verbale was circulated on 21 April 2016)

- UNFPA: one to two Ministers from each LDC. UNFPA is working with its respective country/regional offices
Venue of the MTR

Hotel Titanic Belek
Uckumtepesi Besgoz Caddesi 72/1 Kadriye/Belek
Antalya, Turkey
Website: www.titanic.com.tr/titanicdeluxebelek
Tel.: +90 242 710 44 44
Fax: + 90 242 710 4404
Email: deluxebelek@titanic.com.tr

Facilities
Plenary hall
Round table room
Parallel events room
Two caucus rooms
Seven side events rooms
Designated hotels along with room rates (inc. VAT)

- IC HOTELS SANTAI FAMILY RESORT - 270 TL
- CRYSTAL TAT BEACH GOLF RESORT & SPA - 95 Euro
- SIRENE BELEK GLF - 70 Euro
- THE DOME KEMPINSKI - 170 Euro
- KAYA PALAZZO GOLF RESORT - Superior 128 Euro
- SENTIDO ZEYNEP RESORT - 104 Euro
- SUENO HOTELS DELUXE BELEK - 128 Euro
- LIMAK ARCADIA HOTEL BELEK - 100 Euro
- SPICE HOTEL - 120 Euro

- Delegates have to make their own reservations.
- Shuttle services will be available between these hotels and Titanic hotel. Details are in the information note circulated by OHRLLS on 21 April.
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