

# UNIDO Least Developed Countries MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

Vienna, Austria. 23-24 NOVEMBER 2017

**Building Global Partnerships:**

ENHANCING GROWTH AND INCLUSIVENESS IN LDCs

## PROGRAMME

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the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing  
Countries and Small Island Developing States



**Day 1**  
**23 November 2017**

**08:00-09:00 Registration** Gate 1, Vienna International Centre (VIC)

*Note: Advance registration is also possible on Tuesday 21, and on Wednesday 22 November 2017, from 09:00 to 16:00.*

**09:30-10:45 High-Level Opening Session**

**Moderator:** *Mr. Jeff Koinange, Host of Jeff Koinange LIVE*

**Opening and Welcoming Remarks by:**

- *Mr. LI Yong, Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)*
- *Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)*

**Remarks by:**

- *H.E. Mr. Alhaz Amir Hossain Amu, Minister of Industry of The People's Republic of Bangladesh, Chairperson of the LDC Group*

**Statements by the host country and Vienna-based partners:**

- *Mr. Yury Fedotov, Director-General, United Nations Office in Vienna (UNOV)*
- *H.E. Mr. Peter Launsky, Director General for Development Cooperation at the Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Austria*
- *Mr. Suleiman J Al-Herbish, Director-General, OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID)*

**Expected outcomes:** Vision Statements and Opening Remarks shared by high-level participants. Chair and Rapporteur of the Conference appointed.

**10:45-11:00 Coffee Break**

**11:00-12:45 Session 1: Partners Dialogue: LDCs in a globalized world**

- *Introductory Presentation by Mr. Hiroshi Kuniyoshi, Deputy Director General, UNIDO*

**Moderator:** *Mr. Jeff Koinange, Host of Jeff Koinange LIVE*

**Facilitators:**

- *Mr. LI Yong, Director General, UNIDO*
- *Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, USG and High Representative of UN-OHRLLS*
- *Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Senior Vice-President, World Bank*
- *Mr. Sindiso Ngwenya, Secretary General, COMESA*
- *Mr. Christophe Perrin, Deputy Director-General for Field Operations and Partnerships, a.i., International Labour Organization (ILO)*

- *Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)*
- *Mr. Vicente Paolo Yu, Deputy Executive Director, South Centre*

**Expected outcomes:** The session will highlight key factors, social and economic drivers that foster industrial development and structural transformation in LDCs, as well as elaborate on the remaining impediments on their path to graduation. Moreover, enhanced cooperation between different stakeholders and building innovative partnerships will be recognized as crucial drivers of LDCs' graduation process by 2020 and beyond.

**12:45-13:00 Official Launch of the Exhibition in the Rotunda - Joint LDC Ministerial and CIS Regional Conference EXPO**

**13:00-14:45 Lunch hosted by UNIDO Director General** (limited to Ministers, Ambassadors and Heads of Delegations, Representatives of International Organizations and Panelists)

**15:00-17:30 Session 2: Public-Private sector: Teaming up for LDCs' graduation**

- Presentation of the Capacity Development Program for Investment Promotion Agencies of the LDCs – by Ms. Susanna Wolf, Senior Programme Officer, UN-OHRLS

**Chair:** *H.E. Ms. Margaret Mwanakatwe, Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia*

**15:00-16:10 Part 1 - Policy**

**Panelists:**

- *H.E. Mr. Khin Maung Cho, Minister of Industry, Myanmar*
- *Mr. David Mehdi Hamam, Acting Special Adviser to the Secretary- General on Africa (OSAA)*
- *Mr. Christoph Matznetter, Vice-President, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKÖ)*
- *Mr. Dirk Aßmann, Director General Sectoral Department, GIZ*
- *Mr. Jamie Morrison, Strategic Programme Leader, Food Systems Programme, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)*

**16:10-16:20 Break**

**16:20-17:30 Part 2 - Operations**

**Panelists:**

- *H.E. Mr. Michael Werikhe, State Minister for Trade, Uganda*
- *Ms. Abiola Bawuah, MD and CEO, United Bank of Africa (UBA)*
- *Ms. Fatou Haidara, Managing Director, UNIDO*
- *Mr. Mohammad Tawiq Shaban, GMIS Organizing Committee Member, Strategy Director*
- *Mr. Werner Girth, Partner, Advisory, KPMG*

**Expected outcomes:** Innovative cooperation schemes and mechanisms identified, discussed and agreed upon in order to facilitate private/public sector dialogue in LDCs. Ministers have reconfirmed their commitment to continue to strengthen the underlying investment climate, as well as establish and maintain national investment promotion facilities.

**17:45-19:30 Ice-breaking Cocktail Reception** (for Heads of Delegations, one member from each delegation, private sector representatives, and Panelists) \*Venue: Mozartsaal (F-Building)

**Day 2**  
**24 November 2017**

**09:00-12:00 B2B/B2G Meetings and Pitching Event**

**Expected outcomes:** Partnerships between different development actors developed and/or strengthened. New, socially responsible and sustainable partnerships created between relevant stakeholders from LDCs, traditional and emerging donors, and the private sector.

**10:30-12:00 Side-event: Integration into Global Value Chains: Partnerships for Quality Infrastructure and Standards**

**12:00-14:00 Lunch break**

**14:15-15:45 Session 3: Partnerships for sustainable industrialization**

- UNIDO Presentation by Mr. Philippe Scholtes, Managing Director, Programme Development and Technical Cooperation (PTC)
- Presentation of the Report on Promoting Investment for Energy Access in Least Developed Countries by Ms. Ellen Morris, Professor, Energy and Environment Faculty, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University

**Chair:** *H.E. Mr. José Gonçalves, Minister of Economy and Employment, Cabo Verde*

**Foreseen Panelists:**

- *H.E. Mr. Ahmed Abtew, Minister of Industry, Ethiopia*
- *Ms. Ann Aerts, Head of the Novartis Foundation*
- *Mr. Sana FK Jatta, Regional Director of East and Southeastern Africa Division, IFAD*
- *Mr. Charles N. Kahuthu, Regional Coordinator and CEO, East African Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (EACCIA)*
- *Mr. Andrey Dolinkin, Deputy Director for Science, St. Petersburg Research Institute of Vaccines and Serums (SPbSRIVS)*

**Expected outcomes:** UNIDO partnership model and enhanced cooperation between different private and public sector stakeholders reiterated as pertinent for inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID). Contribution of relevant development partners to IPoA, Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, as well as to the Agenda 2063 asserted.

**16:00-16:45 High-Level Closing Session**

**Closing Remarks and Statements by:**

- *H.E. Mr. Henry Mussa, Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism, Malawi (Vice Chairperson of the LDC Group)*

- *H.E. Mr. Tuifaasisina Misa Lisati L. Palemene, Associate Minister for Commerce, Industry and Labour, Samoa*
- *Mr. LI Yong, Director General, UNIDO*
- *Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, USG and High Representative of UN OHRLLS*

**Expected outcomes:** Global partnerships recognized as an engine for enhanced industrial development of LDCs.

**25 November 2017**

**08:30-14:00 Study Tour offered to LDC Ministers**

Departure from Gate 1, Vienna International Centre (VIC)

More information accessible at: <http://www.unido.org/LDC2017>