9th Ministerial Conference of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)  
25 – 26 November 2021  
Hybrid  
in-person at the Vienna International Centre, Austria  
and virtual via Interprefy  

Theme: The Next Decade of Action: Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID) in LDCs  

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ANNOTATED AGENDA  

DAY 1: Thursday, 25 November 2021  

VENUE: Board Room A (BR-A), M building, 2nd floor, and via Interprefy: link (tbc)  

8:00 – 9:30 (in-person):  
Registration of participants  

8:30 – 9:30 (in-person):  
Internal coordination meeting with the Vice-Chair and Rapporteur, H.E. Mr. Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun, Minister of Industries, Bangladesh and  
Venue: M0E 12, M building  

9:30 – 12:00 (hybrid):
Informal debates on the Ministerial Declaration for the LDCs led by the Vice-Chair and Rapporteur, H.E. Mr. Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun, Minister of Industries, Bangladesh

Provisional list of interventions (to be reflected in the agenda if Ministers or delegations express interest in taking the floor)

12:00 – 14:00: LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 18:30 (virtual and streamed in BR-A, M building):

Side events: UNIDO response to the Programme of Action for LDCs 2022-2031. More information on the side events and registration at:

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- 14:00 – 15:30: Side event 1: “Agricultural value chain productivity growth as a vehicle for steering structural transformation”
- 14:00 – 15:30: Side event 2: “Mainstreaming the 4IR in LDCs through Science, Technology and Innovation”
- 15:30 – 17:00: Side event 4: “Gold trade and the transformation potential of the artisanal and small-scale gold mining sector”
- 17:00 – 18:30: Side event 5: “Circular economy: leveraging the post-pandemic response to build forward to the future we want”
- 17:00 – 18:30: Side event 6: “Accelerating the energy transition through integrated and inclusive regional renewable energy and energy efficiency product and services markets within the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)”
- 17:00 – 18:30: Side event 7: “Building Resilient Health Systems through Strengthening of Regional Health Industries”

END OF DAY 1
DAY 2: Friday, 26 November 2021

VENUE: Board Room A (BR-A), M building and via Interprefy

7:00 – 9:00 (in-person):

Registration of participants

8:00 – 9:00 (in-person):

Internal coordination meeting with the Moderator and the panellists

Venue: M6, M building

8:00 – 9:00 (in-person):

Internal coordination meeting with the Chair, H.E. Mr. Chipoka Mulenga, Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia

Venue: M0E 12, M building

9:00 – 9:30 (hybrid):

OPENING SESSION

Welcome address

9:00 – 9:03: Introduction by the Moderator, Ms. Folly Bah Thibault, Principal Presenter, Al Jazeera English

9:03 – 9:10: Opening remarks by the Chair, H.E. Mr. Chipoka Mulenga, Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia

Special guest

9:10 – 9:15: Permanent Representative of Malawi to the United Nations in New York, Global Chair of LDCs, H.E. Perks Clemency Ligoya

High-level opening by co-organizers

9:15 – 9:20: Mr. Li Yong, Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

9:20 – 9:25: Mr. Courtenay Rattray, Under-Secretary General and High Representative, United Nations Office of the High representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)
9:25 – 9:30: Mr. Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti, Secretary General, Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS)

9:30 – 12:00 (hybrid):

**SESSION 1:** "Unpacking Doha Programme of Action (DPoA) priorities to address the needs of LDCs"

*Keynote presentations*

- 9:30 – 9:35: “OACPS LDCs priorities and needs in the next decade”, introduction by Mr. Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti, Secretary General, OACPS
- 9:35 – 9:55: “OACPS LDCs priorities and needs in the next decade”, presentation on by Mr. Escipión J. Oliveira Gómez, Assistant Secretary General, OACPS
- 9:55 – 10:15: “Doha Programme of Action priorities”, presentation by Ms. Susanna Wolf, Team leader LDC Unit, UN-OHRLLS

10:15 – 10:30: COFFEE BREAK

*Ministerial Dialogue*

10:30 – 12:00: High-level Ministerial Interactive Dialogue "Unpacking DPoA priorities to address the needs of LDCs"

*Ministerial discussions guided by the Moderator (interactive session between OACPS, UN-OHRLLS and Ministers). List of interventions to be reflected in the agenda if Ministers or delegations express interest in taking the floor.*

*Provisional list of speakers*

1. H.E. Mr. Edward Hinga Sandy, Minister of Trade and Industry, Sierra Leone

12:00 – 14:00: LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 16:30 (hybrid):

**SESSION 2:** "The Next Decade of Action: Accelerating ISID in LDCs"

*Keynote presentation*

14:00 – 14:15: UNIDO Presentation: "From Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) to DPoA: Towards UNIDO's Operational strategy for LDCs in the Next Decade"
Mr. Ciyong Zou, Managing Director, Directorate of Programmes, Partnerships, and Field Coordination, UNIDO

Davos-style Dialogue

14:15 – 15:45: Davos-style dialogue on the theme of the Conference "The Next Decade of Action: Accelerating ISID in LDCs"

- CABO VERDE
  - H.E. Mr. Alexandre Dias Monteiro, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Energy, Cabo Verde
- African Union Commission
  - Mr. Albert Muchanga, African Union Commissioner for Trade and Industry (tbc)
- United Nations Global Compact (Business Sector)
  - Ms. Sanda Ojiambo, Executive Director and CEO, UN Global Compact (tbc)
- United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)
  - Ms. Preeti Sinha, Executive Secretary, UNCDF
- United Nations Technology Bank for the LDCs (UNTBLDC)
  - Mr. Joshua Setipa, Managing Director UNTBLDC
- Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
  - Representative (tbc)
- Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS)
  - Mr. Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti, Secretary General, OACPS
- International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
  - Mr. Francesco La Camera, Director-General, IRENA (tbc)
- Global Environment Facility (GEF)
  - Mr. Gustavo Alberto Fonseca, Director of Programmes, GEF
- Committee for Development Policy (CDP)
  - Mr. Ha-Joon Chang, Director, Centre of Development Studies, University of Cambridge, and Member of the Committee for Development Policy (CDP)

Ministerial Dialogue


Ministerial discussions guided by the Moderator (interactive session between panellists and Ministers). List of interventions to be reflected in the agenda if Ministers or delegations express interest in taking the floor.

Provisional list of speakers:

1. H.E. Mr. Djae Ahamada, Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Public Service, in charge of Human Rights, Transparency and Public Administrations, Comoros
2. *United Nations Resident Coordination Zambia, Ms. Coumba Mar Gadio (virtual via Interprefy)*

3. *Mr. Bah F.M. Saho, Acting Executive Director, ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE)*

16:30 – 16:45: COFFEE BREAK

16:45 – 17:00 (hybrid):

**SESSION 3: Consideration and adoption of the Ministerial Declaration**

16:45 – 16:55: Remarks by the Vice-Chair and Rapporteur, H.E. Mr. Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun, Minister of Industries, Bangladesh

16:55 – 17:00: Adoption by the Chair, H.E. Mr. Chipoka Mulenga, Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia

17:00 – 17:15 (hybrid): **CLOSING SESSION**

17:00 – 17:03: Mr. LI Yong, Director General, UNIDO

17:04 – 17:06: Mr. Courtenay Rattray, Under-Secretary General and High Representative, UN-OHRLLS

17:07 – 17:09: Mr. Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti, Secretary General, OACPS

17:10 – 17:12: Adjournment by the Chair, H.E. Mr. Chipoka Mulenga, Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia

17:13 – 17:15: Closing of the event by the Moderator, Ms. Folly Bah Thibault, Principal Presenter, Al Jazeera English

17:30 – 18:30: **RECEPTION** (in-person)

**END OF DAY 2**