Official meetings

Thursday, 12 May 2011

Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Lütfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre

10 a.m.–1 p.m. .......... 7th plenary meeting .................................................. Anadolu Auditorium

General debate¹ ................................................................. [7]

Report of the Credentials Committee (A/CONF.219/5) ................................... [6 (b)]

3–6 p.m. .......... 8th plenary meeting .................................................. Anadolu Auditorium

General debate¹ ................................................................. [7]

High-level interactive thematic debate

Lütfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre

10 a.m.–1 p.m. ................................................................. Room Rumeli C

Thematic debate 6: “Human and social development, gender equality and empowerment of women”

Co-Chairs:

H.E. Mr. Peter Shanel Agovaka, Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade, Solomon Islands

H.E. Mr. Steven Vanackere, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Institutional Reforms, Belgium

Keynote speakers:

H.E. Mr. Gervais Rufyikiri, Second Vice-President, Republic of Burundi

H.E. Ms. Selma Aliye Kavaf, State Minister for Women and Family Affairs, Turkey

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¹The complete list of speakers for the general debate of the Conference appears under a special header at the end of the Journal (see pp. 9–11). Delegations are reminded that interventions in the general debate should be limited to 10 minutes for Member States and 8 minutes for other participants, on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts.
Panellists:
Ms. Michelle Bachelet, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund
Ms. Irina Bokova, Director-General, United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization
Mr. William Lacy Swing, Director General, International Organization for Migration
Dr. Paul De Lay, Deputy Executive Director, Programmes, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
Ms. Patricia Francis, Executive Director, International Trade Centre
Ms. Thida Khus, Executive Director, SILAKA

Interactive discussion

Committee of the Whole

Lütfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre

10 a.m.–1 p.m. ........ 3rd meeting ......................................................... Room Rumeli A

3–6 p.m. ........ 4th meeting ......................................................... Room Rumeli A

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (on the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries)

Lütfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre

12 noon–2.30 p.m. .... Closed meeting ......................................................... Room Sultan 2

Group of Least Developed Countries and G-20 Development Working Group: High-level meeting

Lütfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre

3 p.m. ........ Closed meeting ......................................................... Room Rumeli B
**Special events**

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**Thursday, 12 May 2011**

8–9.45 a.m. Intercultural cooperation for scientific and technological development (organized by the Turkish National Committee for the Alliance of Civilizations and TÜBİTAK) *(Lütfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre: Room Topkapi A)*

8–9.45 a.m. Monitoring tool to track progress in implementation of the new programme of action: Launch of the ECA’s African LDCs Mapper (organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UN-ECA)) *(Istanbul Congress Centre: Çamlica Hall)*

8 a.m.–12 noon Turkey’s development and cooperation experience (organized by the Under-Secretariat of State Planning Organization of the Turkish Prime Ministry) *(Istanbul Congress Centre: Hamidiye Hall)*

1.15–2.30 p.m. Accelerating actions to address climate change in developing countries — The untapped role of the media (organized by the South-South News and the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations) *(Istanbul Congress Centre: Çamlica Hall)*

1.15–2.30 p.m. Harnessing ICTs for development: Opportunities and challenges for LDCs (organized by the United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UN-ECA)) *(Lütfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre: Room Topkapi B)*

1.15–2.30 p.m. Integrating migration and remittances into LDC national and regional development planning, including through a gender perspective (organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and UN-Women) *(Lütfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre: Room Topkapi A)*

6–8 p.m. Delivering for development in conflict-affected LDCs: The role of governance and state-building (organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA), the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and State-building and the World Bank) *(Lütfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre: Room Topkapi A)*

6.15–8 p.m. Mutual accountability for LDCs: A framework for aid quality and beyond (organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA), the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)) *(Istanbul Congress Centre: Çamlica Hall)*
### Press conferences

**Thursday, 12 May 2011**

*Löfï (Lütfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre)*

9.30 a.m. Mr. Yılmaz Fatih, President, Turkish International Cooperation Agency (TIKA); and Ms. Irina Bokova, Director-General, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

12 noon Press briefing by the Conference Spokesperson

2 p.m. Civil Society Steering Committee

### Forthcoming official meetings

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Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 10 May 2011

Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

4th plenary meeting

General debate

H.E. Mr. Malam Bacai Sanhá, President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, addressed the Conference.

H.E. Mr. Alpha Condé, President of the Republic of Guinea, addressed the Conference.

Statements were made by H.E. Ms. Marie-Josée Jacobs, Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs of Luxembourg; H.E. Mr. Taïb El Fassi Fihri, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Morocco; H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremić, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Serbia; H.E. Mr. Urmas Paet, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia; H.E. Mr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic; H.E. Mr. Abdelaziz Belkhadem, Minister of State and Special Envoy of the President of Algeria; H.E. Mrs. Maitha Al Shamsi, Minister of State of the United Arab Emirates; H.E. Mr. Nor Mohamed Yakcop, Minister in the Department of the Prime Minister in charge of Economy Planning Unit of Malaysia; H.E. Mr. Armando Inroga, Minister of Industry and Commerce of Mozambique; H.E. Mr. José Badia, Government Counsellor for External Relations of Monaco; H.E. Ms. Ana Dias Lourenço, Minister of Planning of Angola; H.E. Mr. Nasser Judeh, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Jordan; H.E. Mr. Madické Niang, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Senegal; H.E. Mr. Arthur Peter Mutharika, Minister of Education, Science and Technology of Malawi; H.E. Mr. Spyros Kouvelis, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece; Mr. Donald Steinberg, Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development; and Mr. Craig Mokhiber, Deputy Director of the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Wednesday, 11 May 2011

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5th-6th plenary meetings

The summary of the 5th and 6th plenary meetings of the Conference will appear in the next issue of the Istanbul Journal (No. 6).

Thematic debate 4

Good governance at all levels

The Co-Chair of the thematic debate, H.E. Mr. Jean-Marie Ehouzou, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Benin, opened the thematic debate.

Introductory statements were made by the Co-Chairs, H.E. Mr. Jean-Marie Ehouzou, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Benin, and H.E. Ms. Marie-Josée Jacobs, Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs of Luxembourg.

A statement was made by the keynote speaker, Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and Chair of the United Nations Development Group.
Statements were also made by the following panellists: H.E. Mr. Maxwell Mkwezalamba, Commissioner for Economic and Social Affairs of the African Union; Mr. Karel de Gucht, Commissioner for Trade of the European Union; Ms. Rima Khalaf, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia; Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs; Mr. Abdalla Hamdok, Director of the Governance and Public Administration Division of the Economic Commission for Africa, on behalf of Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary of the Commission; and Mr. Amir Dossal, Founder and Chair of the Global Partnerships Forum.

A statement was made by H.E. Mr. Pakalitha Bethuel Mosisili, Prime Minister and Minister for Defence and Public Services of the Kingdom of Lesotho.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, Indonesia and Lithuania.

A statement was made by the representative of the World Bank.

A statement was made by the representative of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: Coordinator of Belgium NGOs; and The Innovators: A centre for research and action on development.

The panellists responded to comments made and questions raised.

The Co-Chairs, H.E. Mr. Jean-Marie Ehouzou, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Benin, and H.E. Ms. Marie-Josée Jacobs, Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs of Luxembourg, made concluding remarks.

Thematic debate 5

Reducing vulnerabilities, responding to emerging challenges and enhancing food security in the least developed countries

The Chair of the thematic debate, H.E. Mr. Ahmed Naseem, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Maldives, opened the thematic debate.

A video entitled “Organic agriculture: A good option for the Least Developed Countries” was presented.

The Chair made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the keynote speakers, H.E. Mr. Malam Bacai Sanhá, President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau; H.E. Mr. Mehmet Mehdi Eker, Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs of Turkey; and Dr. Louis Kasekende, Deputy Governor of the Bank of Uganda, and an Eminent Person on the Group of Eminent Persons for the Least Developed Countries.

Statements were also made by the following panellists: H.E. Professor Anna Tibajjuka, Minister of Human Settlements, Housing and Urban Affairs of the United Republic of Tanzania; Mr. Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification; Mr. Richard Kinley, Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Mr. Amir Abdulla, Deputy Executive Director of the World Food Programme; Ms. Lila Hanitra Ratsifandrihamanana, Director of the New York Liaison Office of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, on behalf of Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General of the Organization; and Professor Babu Mathew, Founder Member of South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication.
Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Thailand.

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

A statement was made by the representative of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: Uganda National Farmers Federation; Overseas Development Institute, London; and Zenab for Women in Development, Sudan.

The panellists responded to comments made and questions raised.

Dr. Louis Kasekende, Deputy Governor of the Bank of Uganda, also responded to comments made and questions raised.

The Chair made concluding remarks.

Committee of the Whole

2nd meeting

Opening of the meeting

The Chair of the Committee of the Whole opened the meeting and made a statement.

Adoption of the outcome document

The Committee adopted the draft Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020.

The representative of Nepal made a statement, on behalf of the Group of 77.

General information

More details on the information below are available in document A/CONF.219/INF/1.

Credentials of representatives

Delegates are reminded that in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.219/2), the credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States. Delegates are accordingly requested to submit their credentials to the Office of Legal Affairs of the Conference (Barbaros, Room 3), which is situated on the lower level of the Conference premises.
Circulation of written statements

Delegations wishing to have their statements distributed to the meeting participants are requested to deliver 350 copies to the meetings services assistants located at the documents distribution counter outside Anadolu Auditorium prior to the start of the meeting at which the statement is being delivered. Delegations who wish to have written statements distributed to the media are requested to deliver 300 copies to the media documents counter located in the basement of Rumeli Hall. Participants are reminded that the Secretariat will not be in a position to offer reproduction services for such texts.

Delegations that wish to have statements posted on the Internet <www.un.org/webcast> are requested to provide, in advance, an electronic copy of their statement, in any of the official languages, on CD-ROM to the United Nations webcast room located in the basement of Rumeli Hall or by e-mail (webcast@un.org).

Distribution of official documents

The official documentation of the Conference will be issued in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The main documents counter for delegations will be located outside Anadolu Auditorium. Each delegation will be assigned an individual box in which copies of all official documents issued during the Conference will be placed. Delegations are reminded that the document boxes are exclusively for the distribution of official documents of the Conference 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 at the entrance of Rumeli Hall.

Receipt and circulation of other documents

Other documents that United Nations entities, Governments, non-governmental organizations and business sector entities or other accredited organizations may wish to make available to participants in the Conference are to be provided by the entity concerned in appropriate languages and quantities. Members of United Nations entities should forward two copies of each document they intend to distribute to Ms. Sonia Elliott for screening. Ms. Elliott can also be reached by e-mail at elliotts@un.org. Any material not cleared by the above official will be considered unauthorized and will be removed.

Arrangements for bilateral meetings

For bilateral meetings among Member States at the Head of State or Government or ministerial level, eight small temporary booths, each with a capacity to hold a maximum of six participants, will be available in Room Domabache C (Lütfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre), until Friday, 13 May 2011.
Live coverage

The Department of Public Information is providing live and on-demand Webcast coverage of the Conference in English and the original language of the speaker. Internet users around the world are able to follow the Conference proceedings by viewing the live webcast coverage and access information such as statements and archived video at <www.un.org/webcast>. Delegations wishing to have their statements published on the official Conference Web site should send an advance electronic copy to the following e-mail address: webcast@un.org.

Press conferences

Daily press briefings by the Spokesperson for the Conference will be held in the Loft, Lütfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre, at 12 noon. Requests for press conferences should be directed to scaddan@un.org. A daily schedule of press briefings will be posted in the media centre, in the daily Journal and on the Conference Web site, and updates to the schedule will be posted at twitter.com//UN_LDCIV_Spox.

List of speakers\(^1\) for the plenary meetings of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (Istanbul, Turkey (9–13 May 2011))

1. Cameroon
2. Republic of Korea
3. New Zealand
4. Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
5. Germany
6. India
7. Brazil
8. Czech Republic
9. Viet Nam
10. Romania
11. Philippines
12. Thailand

\(^1\)The list of speakers for the plenary meetings has been closed, pursuant to rule 22 of the rules of procedure. Delegations are reminded that interventions in the plenary meetings should be limited to 10 minutes for Member States and 8 minutes for other participants, on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts. Delegations are kindly invited to inscribe on the list of speakers by e-mail (heddachem@un.org). For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (tel. 0530-243-0181).
13. Italy
14. Singapore
15. Republic of Moldova
16. Kuwait
17. Kiribati
18. Dominican Republic
19. Japan
20. Kenya
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22. Panama
23. Cuba
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26. Pakistan
27. Indonesia
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32. Israel
33. Mauritania
34. Spain
35. Palestine
36. Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC)
37. African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States
38. International Organization for Migration (IOM)
39. Common Fund for Commodities (CFC)
40. Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)
41. Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)
42. African Development Bank (ADB)
43. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
44. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
45. International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
46. World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
47. International Labour Organization (ILO)
48. World Food Programme (WFP)
49. United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
50. United Nation’s Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
51. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
52. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO)
53. Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
54. International Maritime Organization (IMO)