

Concept Note

Second Committee Special Event

Follow up to the LDC IV Conference: Integrating its provisions into national plans and policies

Friday, 21 October 2011

10.00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Background

The Fourth UN Conference on the LDCs, held in Istanbul from 9-13 May 2011, has adopted the Istanbul Declaration and Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) for the decade 2011-2020. The IPoA has five clearly defined objectives and eight priority areas for action with 47 goals and targets. LDCs have committed to undertake 126 actions, the development partners have committed to undertake 102 actions and 16 actions will be taken on jointly to implement the priority areas of the Istanbul PoA.

The eight priority areas of the Istanbul Programme are: (A) building productive capacity including in infrastructure, energy, Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) and private sector development; (B) agriculture, food security and rural development; (C) trade; (D) commodities; (E) human and social development including women's empowerment; (F) multiple crises and emerging challenges such as climate change and sustainability as well as natural disasters; (G) mobilization of resources for development and capacity building; and (H) good governance at all levels, which includes democracy, respect for all human rights, transparency and accountability and improved governance at the international level.

The IPoA puts increased emphasis on mainstreaming the IPoA for LDCs into relevant planning documents by LDCs, partner countries and the international community. It calls for the integration of provisions of the IPoA into national policies and development frameworks of LDCs and also into development and cooperation frameworks of development partners. This special event will contribute to raising awareness of the importance of taking steps to apply the Istanbul Programme of Action to national planning processes.

Objective

The objective of this side event is to further raise awareness of the importance of streamlining the IPoA into national policies and of taking concrete steps to use the IPoA in planning processes. It aims at discussing ways how this can be achieved based on experiences from the implementation of the previous Brussels Programme of Action (BPoA) and the mainstreaming of the Millenium Development Goals (MDGs) into Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs) and donor strategies. Discussions should take into account the national, regional and global

levels. For the mainstreaming of the IPoA at the national level dedicated support from UN country teams may be required, this could also be explored at the event.

Proposed Questions

Panelists could be asked to address some of the following key questions:

- *What are successful strategies to integrate the IPoA into development policies and strategies of LDCs?*
- *What support from the UN system would be helpful to achieve the mainstreaming of the IPoA at the national and regional level?*
- *How can PRSPs and other development plans integrate key provisions from the IPoA? What can be learned from the mainstreaming of MDGs in this respect?*
- *How can other stakeholders like parliaments, civil society and the private sector be more involved in this process?*
- *How can development partners integrate provisions of the IPoA into national development and cooperation frameworks?*
- *How can development partners increase policy coherence in this respect?*
- *How can mutual accountability at the country level be strengthened?*

Format of the panel discussion

The panel will be chaired by the Rapporteur of the second Committee. The panel discussion will be comprised of 4-5 panelists and a moderator. These panelists will be from the UN system involved in the implementation of the IPoA and PRs of member states, which would provide their views on the questions and share their experiences.

The session will consist of a discussion among the panelists, led by the moderator, who will address questions to the panelists to initiate and guide the discussion. The moderator will provide brief summaries and also invite the audience to pose questions or make other short contributions.

Attendance: All are invited to attend.

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Agenda

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Opening remarks by Chair

Mr. Raymond Landveld (Suriname), Rapporteur of the Second Committee

Keynote Speaker

Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS

Panel discussion:

Moderator:

Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS

Panelists:

Ambassador Gyan Chandra Acharya, Permanent Representative of Nepal

Ambassador Jarmo Viinanen, Permanent Representative of Finland

Ambassador Ertugrul Apakan, Permanent Representative of Turkey

Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Director of the Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD (through video link)

Mr. Paul Ladd, Senior Adviser and Cluster Leader, Inclusive Globalization, Poverty Practice, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP

General discussion

Closing remarks

Mr. Raymond Landveld (Suriname), Rapporteur of the Second Committee