



INVITATION

Friday, 22 September, 2017



***“Investment Support Programme for the LDCs”
High-level dialogue on legal and expert assistance
to make foreign investment work better for the
sustainable development of the LDCs***

Venue: Conference Room 2, UN Headquarters **Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS) together with the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), thanks to a grant from the Government of Italy, have designed an “Investment Support Programme for the LDCs”, which aims to make available on request to LDCs and their interested business entities with resource constraints the *pro bono* services of legal and other experts to support them in investment-related negotiations and dispute settlement.

The Programme intends to prioritize legal and expert assistance to the LDCs with the objective of increasing and diversifying investments and ensuring their sustainability. It responds to the repeated calls of the international community in this direction, including in the Istanbul Programme of Action for the LDCs (IPoA), the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the Political Declaration adopted at the 2016 mid-term review of the IPoA. The Programme has been developed with feedback from a number of relevant LDC officials and other international experts.

The meeting during the Ministerial week of the General Assembly will open with a high-level segment featuring a keynote address by the Vice President of the International Court of Justice, addresses by the Under-Secretary General and High Representative for the LDCs, and the Director-General of IDLO, statements by Ministers of LDCs and development partners, followed by an interactive debate.

A second part of the meeting will be devoted to a dialogue on LDCs' support requirements in relation to both investment negotiations and dispute settlement, involving renowned legal experts and practitioners.

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