

Closing remarks by Mr. Surya P. Acharya
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Your Excellencies, Distinguished participants, EDP Partners, Resource Persons and
Colleagues:

1. In last 3 days we discussed (i) Promoting Inclusive & Sustainable growth & development; (ii) Achieving human and social development, (iii) Trade & commodities, (iv) Mobilization of Financial Resources (v) LDC Report 2011. These five broader areas are the key for the success of Implementation of Istanbul Programme of Action.
2. The great success of this meeting is we have agreed the Roadmap to implement IPoA. I congratulate to member countries, all distinguished delegates and colleagues for your valuable insights, inputs in the finalizing the Roadmap, which is so decided today on 16 December 2011. This Roadmap is an indicative and member countries have to work further in line with the IPoA and the deliverables. Now this is the right time to realize the Roadmap and focus on graduation process (7% growth, human capacity, vulnerability, financial resource, good governance).
3. We have two scenarios, as I mentioned in my opening remarks also. There is poverty and hunger and we have specific challenges to address the poorest, weakest and most vulnerable in one side and in the other side we have the vision of peace, security and prosperity. The exposure of new IPoA may be more instrumental to get the visionary aspects for the member countries of the region. The success depends on leadership of the nation on policy and implementation, and commitment of the donors and EDPs.
4. I will take the opportunity to take home the roadmap and share it to the chair of LDC, Head of the Government, Rt. Honorable Prime Minister of Government of Nepal, through the focal agency, National Planning Commission. As we have to address the various issues that are facing in LLDCs, SIDs in the region and LDCs in other continent of the world – Asia Pacific, Africa& Arab(yaman).
5. I would like to recognize and respect the member countries for supporting Nepal to Chair this meeting and your active participation, commitment and engagement with the agenda; and my sincere gratitude goes to all of you:
 - UNESCAP & UNOHRLLS – for organizing this meeting.
 - EDPs and Donors (Japan, Australia, China, India, UNCTAD, UNHABITAT, UNWOMEN, IOM, FAO, UNESCO, WFP, WHO, WIPO) - for your commitments.
 - Resource persons – for your insights/thoughts.

- Civil society representative – for your concern (LDC Watch) and commitments to LDCs.
- My sincere appreciation goes to my fellow vice chairs (Lao PDR, Bhutan, Tuvalu) and Rapporteur (Cambodia) for your cooperation in making meeting a success.
- UNESCAP secretariat – particularly support staff who have worked behind the scene. Without your dedicated work, this workshop would not be possible.

6. Finally, I wish you an enjoyable and happy journey back your work place.

Thank you.

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