



**ESCAP/OHRLLS Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting  
on the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA)**

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Bangkok, Thailand

**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME**

**Wednesday, 14 December 2011**

**Time**

08:30 – 09:30 hrs    **Registration**

09:30 – 10:15 hrs    **Opening session**

**Welcome remarks** by Mr. Aynul Hasan, Officer-in-Charge, MPDD

**Statement by the Chair of LDC Group/Representative**

**Statement** by Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg, Chief, Policy Development, Coordination, Monitoring and Reporting Service, UN-OHRLLS

**Statement** by Mr. Arjun Karki, Chairman, LDC Watch

**Inaugural Statement** by Mr. Shun-ichi Murata, Deputy Executive Secretary of UN ESCAP

**Election of Officers**

10:15 – 10:30 hrs    ***Coffee Break***

10:30 – 11:30 hrs    **Session 1**

**Promoting inclusive and sustainable growth and development in Asia-Pacific LDCs during the Decade 2011-2020**

**Chairperson:** Senior Official from an LDC

**Presentations:**

- *Sustaining inclusive growth in an era of economic shocks and vulnerabilities: prospects, challenges and policy options for the Asia-Pacific LDCs* by Mr. Mustafa Kamal Mujeri, Director-General, BIDS, Dhaka
- *Coping with climate change consequences in promoting sustainable development: Challenges facing the Pacific LDCs* by Ms. Theresa Kamau-Kas, The Nature Conservancy (TNC)\_ Manus Ridges to Reef Program
- *Productive capacity development through industrial diversification in the Asia-Pacific LDCs* by Mr. Clovis Freire, Economic Affairs Officer, MPDD, ESCAP
- *Infrastructure development for inclusive growth in Asia-Pacific LDCs: status, prospects and challenges* by Mr. Irfan Rahim, Chief, Transport Infrastructure Section, Transport Division, ESCAP

The main objective of this session is to bring together senior Government officials from selected Asia-Pacific LDCs with eminent persons and independent experts to discuss key issues and priorities, and identify challenges and opportunities in promoting inclusive and sustainable growth and development in the LDCs during the next decade as part of the implementation of the Istanbul Programme Action (IPoA). National policies of LDCs and international support measures to enable half the number of LDCs to meet the criteria for graduation by 2020 would require accelerated progress in achieving sustained, equitable and inclusive economic growth in LDCs by at least 7 per cent per annum. Key drivers of inclusive and sustainable growth and development such as creation of productive capacity, infrastructure development, energy, and promotion of science, technology and innovation would be fully explored and benchmarked. The critical role of agriculture for employment generation and inclusive growth would be highlighted. The private sector's contribution in promoting growth, including through regional cooperation and South-South Cooperation, would be emphasized. Diagnostic forward-looking presentations will be made bearing in mind global as well as regional opportunities for growth and development. Forward looking medium- to long-term policy options that would be essential for the Asia-Pacific LDCs to meet the income threshold for graduating from their LDCs status would be identified.

11:30 – 13:00 hrs ***Lunch break***

13:00 – 14:30 hrs **Session 1 (continued)**

§ **Country perspectives**

§ **Open discussion**

§ **Summary by the Chair**

14:30 – 15:00 hrs ***Coffee break***

15:00 – 17:30 hrs **Session 2**

**Achieving human and social development in the Asia-Pacific LDCs**

**Chair:** Senior Official from an LDC

**Presentations:**

- *Education and training for all in LDCs* by Mr. Etienne Clement, Deputy Director of UNESCO's Bangkok Office, Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau for Education
- *Gender equality and empowerment of women in LDCs* by Ms. Deepa Bharathi, UN Women
- *Social protection in Asia-Pacific LDCs: Status and prospects* by Mr. Taimur Khilji, UNDP RCB, Bangkok
- *Managing Human Resources for Accelerating Reduction of Maternal and Neonatal Mortalities in LDCs* by Dr. Khalilur Rahman, Coordinator, ESCAP and Interagency coordination, WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia

The main objective of this session is to focus on the key drivers in achieving human and social development in the Asia-Pacific LDCs, one of the criteria for graduation. A critical concern for the LDCs is to introduce deliberate changes in growth pattern and government policies such that economic growth becomes more inclusive allowing a more equal sharing of the benefits of growth. The prospects for achieving the MDGs by 2015 by the "off-track" LDCs depend on accelerating growth and narrowing internal disparities. Men, women and children are the greatest assets of the LDCs, and policies and instruments must be in place to exploit their full potential. This session will try to map the critical human and social development challenges that will continue to constrain the development of the LDCs during the next decade and suggest policies and strategies in addressing some of the action points, as enunciated in the IPoA, in areas such as education and training, population and primary health, youth development, water and sanitation, gender equality and empowerment of women, and social protection.

§ **Country presentations**

§ **Open discussion**

§ **Summary by the Chair**

18:00 – 19:30 hrs    **Reception hosted by the Executive Secretary**

**Thursday, 15 December 2011**

09:00 – 10:30 hrs    **Session 3**

**Trade and commodities: Joining the value chains**

**Chair:** Senior Official from an LDC

**Presentations:**

- *Global and regional value chain : Opportunities, challenges and way forward for Asia-Pacific LDCs* by Dr. Witada Anukoonwattaka, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Policy Section, Trade and Investment Division, ESCAP
- *Challenges of trade integration in LDCs and their participation in international trade: How are Asia-Pacific LDCs performing?* by Mr. Mussie Delelegn, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD, Geneva

- *A resource rich LDC: development experience of Cambodia* by Dr. Theng Pagnathun, Deputy Director-General, Ministry of Planning, Royal Government of Cambodia
- *Promoting agricultural development through supply chain management* by Dr. Tin Htut Oo, CEO, Agribusiness and Rural Development, Yangon, Myanmar

This session will assess some of the important trends in the composition and direction of trade of Asia-Pacific LDCs in recent years. Discussions will focus on some of the policies and measures that will have to be pursued in increasing the share of least developed countries' trade in global and regional trade with the aim of doubling the share of Asia-Pacific LDCs' exports in global and regional exports by 2020. In that context, concrete steps and measures needed for integrating trade and trade capacity-building policies into national development strategies, improving productivity and competitiveness and diversifying production bases into dynamic products and markets will be highlighted. Options for generating a stronger voice by all Asia-Pacific LDCs in ensuring that the actions and commitments made by their development partners, as enshrined in the IPoA, will be explored. Some Asia-Pacific LDCs derive a good part of their incomes and employment from extraction of very few natural resources and primary products for export. Options will be suggested in broadening the economic base of these LDCs to reduce their commodity dependence.

10:30 – 10:45 hrs

***Coffee break***

10:45 – 11:30 hrs

**Session 3 (continued)**

- § **Country presentations**
- § **Open discussion**
- § **Summary by the Chair**

11:30 – 13:00 hrs

***Lunch break***

13:00 – 16:30 hrs

**Session 4**

**Mobilizing financial resources for development and capacity development**

**Chair:** Senior Official from an LDC

**Presentations:**

- *Mobilizing domestic resources in structurally-handicapped LDCs: status, prospects and options* by Dr. Abul Barkat, Professor and Chair, Department of Economics, Dhaka University
- *Promoting FDI in the Asia-Pacific LDCs: Some regional perspectives and way forward* by Mr. Marc Proksch, Chief, Private Sector and Development, TID, ESCAP
- *Remittance as a development resource: the experience of Nepal* by Mr. Paras Kharel, South Asia Watch on Trade Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Kathmandu, Nepal

During the next decade, the LDCs need increased access to financial resources in achieving sustained, inclusive and equitable growth and sustainable development and make progress towards graduation. Domestic resource mobilization efforts are constrained by low level of per capita income, domestic savings and investment and a narrow tax base. LDCs

therefore continue to depend heavily on ODA, FDI and other forms of external resource flows that add to their capacity and development. This session will examine options in expanding the developmental resource base of Asia-Pacific LDCs and identify concrete measures and action points for implementation.

§ **Country presentations**

§ **Open discussion**

§ **Summary by the Chair**

16:30 – 16:45 hrs *Coffee break*

**Meeting goes into recess**

**A Task Team, consisting of one member each from the attending LDCs, would be formed to formulate the Regional Road Map for Implementing the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Asia-Pacific LDCs in light of comments, suggestions and recommendations made in the preceding Sessions.**

**Friday, 16 December 2011**

9:00 – 11:30 hrs **Session 5**

**Consideration and finalization of the Regional Road Map for Implementing the Istanbul Programme of Action**

This session will discuss a draft Regional Road Map for Implementing the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Asia-Pacific LDCs, prepared in line with the discussions in preceding sessions. The Road Map, containing a set of capacity development activities aimed at delivering knowledge products, dissemination and advocacy, expert services, and reviews, monitoring and evaluation, will provide a basis for formulating technical assistance programmes and projects at regional, sub-regional and national levels. It will also suggest key agencies and entities which could be involved in delivering these products and services at the national, sub-regional and regional levels.

**Moderator:** Senior Official from an LDC

**Presenter:** Chair of the Task Team

§ **Discussion**

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