

Special event on ways and means of facilitating the participation of landlocked developing countries in regional and global commodity value chains:
Challenges, opportunities and the way forward

OPENING SESSION

- 10-10.10 a.m.** Opening remarks:
Moderator (Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States)
- 10.10-10.20 a.m.** Statement:
Ms. Mwaba Kasese-Bota, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations, New-York (TBC)
- 10.20-10.30 a.m.** Remarks on the work of UNCTAD in support of landlocked developing countries (LLDCs)
Ms Chantal L. Carpentier, Chief, UNCTAD New York Office

SESSION I

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR LLDCs TO JOIN REGIONAL AND GLOBAL COMMODITY VALUE CHAINS: POLICY IMPLICATIONS AT THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVELS

- 10.30-10.40 a.m.** Presentation of the case study of Zambia:
Mr. Lindani Ndlovu, Economist and Interregional Consultant, Kampala
- 10.40-11 a.m.** Presentation of the case study of Mongolia:
Mr. Davaasambu Dalrai, Economist and Independent National Consultant, Ulaanbaatar
- 11-11.20 a.m.** Commodity trade flows, volatility and development: Implications for LLDC development policies
Professor Yaneer Bar-Yam, New England Complex Systems Institute, Boston, United States of America
- 11.20-11.30 a.m.** Coffee break
- 11.30-11.50 a.m.** Presentation of the case study of Paraguay:
Mr. Aurelio Enrique Varela Torres, Consultant, Asunción
- 11.50 a.m.-12.30 p.m.** Interactive discussions
- 12.30-1 p.m.** Exchange of views on key issues in the context of the post-Almaty Programme of Action

SESSION II

THE ROLE OF COMMODITIES IN THE ECONOMIES OF LLDCs, LESSONS FROM SUCCESSFUL AND LESS SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCES AS WELL AS BEST PRACTICES, FINANCING MECHANISMS IN COMMODITY-DEPENDENT LLDCs

- 3-3.20 p.m.** Presentation of the case study of Botswana: successful experiences, best practices and challenges ahead:
Mr. Lindani Ndlovu, Economist and Interregional Consultant, Kampala, Uganda
- 3.20-3.50 p.m.** Impact-driven financing mechanisms for commodity-dependent LLDCs: practical experience of implementation:
Mr. Andrey Kuleshov, Senior Project Manager, Common Fund for Commodities, Amsterdam
- 3.50-4.10 p.m.** The role of commodities in LLDC economies: Challenges and opportunities
Mr. Mussie Deleegn, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD
- 4.10-4.30 p.m.** Coffee break
- 4.30-5 p.m.** Interactive discussions
- 5-5.30 p.m.** Summing up and implications for the post-Almaty Programme of Action