



UNCTAD briefing for Ambassadors of landlocked developing countries (LLDCs)

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Virtual meeting

10:00-12:00 hours EST / 16:00 – 18:00 hours CET

Draft programme

10:00 – 10:30:
(all times EST)

Opening remarks

H.E. Mr. Magzhan Iiyasov, Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations in New York, and Global Chair of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries

H.E. Mr. Purvesuren Lundeg, Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, and Coordinator of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries in Geneva

10:30 – 10:40

An overview of UNCTAD's work in support of the LLDCs

Statement by Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

10:40 – 10:50

Reflections on the importance of productive capacities for LLDCs

Mr. Patrick Osakwe, Head, Trade and Poverty Branch, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

10:50 – 11:00

UNCTAD's Productive Capacities Index: The performance of LLDCs

Mr. Mussie Delelegn, Chief, Landlocked Developing Countries Section, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

11:00 – 11:50

Interactive discussion

Possible discussion questions:

- What are the core issues of interest for the Group of LLDCs in the context of the UNCTAD 15 Ministerial Conference?
- How can UNCTAD better support the LLDCs in achieving the goals of the Vienna Programme of Action (VPoA)?

11:50 – 12:00

Closing

Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs, and Special Programmes, UNCTAD