



Briefing on The Least Developed Countries Report 2020: Productive capacities for the new decade

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The fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic has taken its toll on LDC economies, rolling back some of the progress made towards sustainable development. UNCTAD's *The Least Developed Countries Report 2020: Productive Capacities for the New Decade* maintains that the broadening and full utilization of LDC productive capacities remains central to upgrade LDC economic structure, bridge their development gaps vis-à-vis other countries, and achieve a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery. Bold concerted policies to strengthen LDC productive capacities are imperative, by both LDCs themselves and by their development partners.

- Welcome remarks by H.E. Mr. Robert Salama, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Malawi to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- Opening remarks by Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, ALDC Division, UNCTAD
- Presentation of main findings and arguments of the LDC Report 2020 by Mr. Rolf Traeger, Chief, LDC Section, ALDC, UNCTAD

Followed by interactive debate

- Concluding remarks by H.E. Mr. Robert Salama, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Malawi to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva