



Draft Programme

High-level Launch of the
Holistic Programme for Productive Capacities Development (HPPCD)
for Ethiopia

Radisson Blu
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 4 July 2023



08:30 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 10:00 Session I: Opening Session: Why a holistic approach to development is urgently needed more so today than ever before? What challenges, opportunities, and prospects lie ahead?

Moderator: [...] To be confirmed

This session provides the policy context, rationale and background for Ethiopia's Holistic Programme for Productive Capacities Development (HPPCD), together with its implications for fostering productive capacities for structural economic transformation, sustained economic growth and development. The session provides opportunities to elaborate on the key objectives, expected outcomes and policy implications with reference to the HPPCD. The session will also outline the Government's strategy to mobilise all productive resources and to enhance a development partnership for socioeconomic resilience-building, inclusive growth, and sustainable development in the context of the medium- to long-term vision of the country.

09:00 - 09:15 Welcoming remarks

Ministry of Industry (tbc)

09:15 - 09:30 Opening statement

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

09:30 - 10:00 Keynote address

High-Level Representatives of the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

10:00 - 10:30 Group Photo, followed by Coffee & Tea Break

10:30 - 15:00 Session II: Inter-ministerial dialogue on the Holistic Programme for Productive Capacities Development (HPPCD) for Ethiopia

Moderator: [...] To be confirmed

The session is devoted to the HPPCD for Ethiopia, which results from a careful assessment of the country's gaps and limitations in fostering productive capacities and structural economic transformation. The HPPCD builds on evidence-based and data-driven assessments using the Productive Capacities Index (PCI,) which served as the basis for formulating the National Productive Capacities Gap Assessment (NPCGA) for Ethiopia. The Programme is designed to tap the comparative advantages of Ethiopia and relieve the key binding constraints to the country's development as articulated in the NPCGA. The aim is to exchange views on the way forward across key pillars of the Programme. It also aims to provide a platform for discussion on the HPPCD's contribution to the achievement of the objectives of Ethiopia's Ten Years Development Plan 2021-2030, to the long-term development strategy and to ensuring inclusive and sustainable development. The discussion will focus on the pillars of the Holistic Programme: Pillar I: Agriculture



modernisation, manufacturing and value addition; Pillar II: International trade and integration; Pillar III: Infrastructure (including transport, energy, and water); Pillar IV: Innovation and technology development; Pillar V: Human development and private sector; Pillar VI: Institution building and coordination. The final part of the session will be concerned with the role of development partnership and the alignment of donor support programmes.

10:30 - 10:40 Background to “new-generation” policies and strategies: Strategic direction and operational aspect of the Holistic Programme

Mr. Mussie Delelegn, Acting Head, Productive Capacities and Sustainable Development Branch, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

10:40 - 11:00 Pillar I: Agriculture modernisation, manufacturing and value addition.

Interventions by:

- **Ministry of Industry**
- **Ministry of Agriculture**
- **Ministry of Irrigation and Lowlands**

Comments and reflections by the UNCTAD Team

11:00 - 11:20 Pillar II: International trade and integration

Interventions by:

- **Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration**
- **Ethiopian Investment Commission**

Comments and reflections by the UNCTAD Team

11:30 - 11:40 Pillar III: Infrastructure (including transport, energy, and water)

Interventions by:

- **Ministry of Transport and Logistics**
- **Ministry of Water and Energy**
- **Ministry of Urban Development and Infrastructure**

Comments and reflection by the UNCTAD Team

11:40 - 12:00 Pillar IV: Innovation and technology development

Interventions by:

- **Ministry of Innovation and Technology**
- **Sectoral Associations**
- **Universities**

Comments and reflections by the UNCTAD Team



12:00 - 12:20 Pillar V: Human development and private sector

Interventions by:

- **Ministry of Education**
- **Ministry of Labour and Skills**
- **Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce**

Comments and reflections by the UNCTAD Team

12:20 - 12:40 Pillar VI: Institution building and coordination.

Interventions by:

- **Ministry of Industry**
- **Ministry of Planning and Development**
- **Ethiopian Civil Service Commission**

Comments and reflection by the UNCTAD Team

12:40 - 13:00 Interactive discussion, questions, and answers (Q&A)

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 - 15:00 The role of development partnership and the alignment of donor support programmes with the Holistic Programme for Productive Capacities Development (HPPCD) for Ethiopia

Interventions by:

- **African Development Bank (AfDB)**
- **Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JAICA)**
- **Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Addis Ababa**
- **Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)**
- **Embassy of Italy**
- **The EU Delegation**
- **GIZ**

15:00 - 17:00 *Session III: Technical session on the way forward in the implementation of the Ethiopian holistic Programme: Challenges and opportunities*

Moderator: [...] **To be confirmed**

This session explores the conceptual and analytical frameworks for the National Productive Capacities Gap Assessment (NPCGA) as key for fostering productive capacities and structural economic transformation in Ethiopia. The session deliberates on the role of the evidence-based and data-driven assessment of the state of Ethiopia's productive capacities based on the multidimensional Productive Capacities Index (PCI). It provides comparative perspectives on Ethiopia's performance on the PCI vis-



à-vis selected developing countries in Africa and Asia. It elaborates the policy implications of Ethiopia's PCI scores for the country's transformation and overall development endeavours.

15:00 - 15:20 Arrangements for technical implementation of the HPPCD of Ethiopia

Mr. Mussie Deleegn, Acting Head, Productive Capacities and Sustainable Development Branch, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

15:20 - 15:40 Mobilizing domestic stakeholders for the implementation of the HPPCD of Ethiopia, including academia.

Dr. Tadele Ferede, UNCTAD Consultant

15:40 - 16:00 Measuring the progress of the Holistic Programme's implementation: The conceptual framework

Mr. Andrzej Bolesta, Productive Capacities and Sustainable Development Branch, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

16:00 - 16:15 Coffee and Tea Break

16:15 - 17:00 Interactive discussion and conclusions