



# 10<sup>TH</sup> MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

## AGENDA

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### **Fair globalization: Innovative solutions for LDCs' industrialization and structural transformation**

In-person: Vienna International Centre, Austria – Board Room A (BR-A), M  
building, 2nd floor and virtual via Interprefy

Conference landing page accessible [here](#)

Vienna International Centre, Vienna, Austria

24-25 November 2023





## DAY 1

Friday, 24 November 2023

| Time (CEST)   | Session   |
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| 8:00 – 9:00   | Registration of participants  |
| 9:00 – 12:00  | <p><b><u>INFORMAL SESSION ON MINISTERIAL DECLARATION:</u></b></p> <p>Informal debates on the Ministerial Declaration for the LDCs led by the Conference Vice-Chair and Rapporteur: H. E. Mr. Sokkung Heng, Secretary of State of Cambodia</p> <p>VENUE: Board Room A (BR-A), M building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, and via Interprefy</p>   |
| 12:00 – 14:00 | <p>LUNCH BREAK</p> <p>VENUE: VIC Cafeteria</p>  |
| 14:00-15:00   | <p><b><u>HIGH-LEVEL OPENING SESSION:</u></b></p> <p><i>Opening Statements</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remarks by the Conference Chair: H.E. Mr. Jean Chrysostome Ngabitsintze, Minister of Trade and Industry, Rwanda</li> </ul> <p><i>Opening remarks by co-organizers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Gerd Müller, Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)</li> <li>Ms. Rabab Fatima, Under-Secretary General and High Representative, United Nations Office of the High representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS)</li> <li>Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</li> </ul> <p><i>High-level Remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H.E. Mr. Aftab Ahmad Khokher, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Pakistan, Chair of the Group of the 77 and China</li> <li>Mr. Junior Lodge, Assistant Secretary General, Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS)</li> </ul> <p>VENUE: Board Room A (BR-A), M building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, and via Interprefy</p> |



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| 15:00 – 15:15 | <p>COFFEE BREAK</p> <p>VENUE: MO2</p>  |
| 15:15 – 17:00 | <p><b>HIGH-LEVEL MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE:</b> <i>Innovative solutions and policy visions for LDCs' sustainable industrialization in the DPoA Decade</i></p> <p><i>The High-level Policy Dialogue aims to drive forward discussions on the LDCs' best practices and lessons-learnt towards the goal of achieving sustainable industrial development and irreversible graduation from the LDC category. It aims to bring light to the innovative solutions and policies in place towards the realization of the Doha Programme of Action focused areas which include eradicating poverty, leveraging STI, driving structural transformation, enhancing trade and regional integration, building resilience as well as mobilizing global partnerships. This experience sharing and peer-learning high-level session is expected to benefit each country and strengthen the momentum towards implementation of UNIDO Strategy for the LDCs.</i></p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b> Ms. Femi Oke, Senior Host and Journalist</p> <p><b>Scene setting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Fatou Haidara, Deputy to the Director General, Managing Director, Directorate of Global Partnerships and External Relations, UNIDO</li> </ul> <p><i>List of speakers:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. LDC Ministers</li> <li>2. Ms. Cristina Duarte, Special Adviser on Africa, Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA)</li> <li>3. Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Acting Managing Director, United Nations Technology Bank for the LDCs</li> </ol> <p>VENUE: Board Room A (BR-A), M building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, and via Interprefy</p> |
| 17:00 – 17:30 | <p><b>BRIEFING SESSION</b></p> <p><i>on Third United Nations Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries, Kigali, Rwanda, 18-21 June 202</i></p> <p>Presentation by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Rabab Fatima, Under-Secretary General and High Representative, OHRLLS and Secretary-General of the Third United Nations Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries</li> </ul>   |



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|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation by Hon. Dr Jean-Chrysostom e Ngabitsinze, Minister of Trade and Industry, Rwanda (Host of the conference)</li><li>• Q&amp;A</li></ul> <p>VENUE: Board Room A (BR-A), M building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, and via Interprefy</p> |
| 18:00 | <p>RECEPTION - <i>Hosted by the Director General of UNIDO</i></p> <p>VENUE: Mozart Room, VIC Restaurant</p>  |

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## DAY 2

Saturday, 25 November 2023

VENUE: Board Room A (BR-A), M building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, and via Interprefy

| Time (CEST)   | Session  |
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| 8:00 – 9:00   | Registration of participants   |
| 8:00 – 8:45   | Internal coordination meeting with the Moderator and the panellists<br>Venue: M6, M building and online via MS Teams   |
| 9:00 – 10:30  | <p><b><u>THEMATIC SESSION 1: Industrial policy visions 2031</u></b></p> <p>This session aims to address challenges in implementing industrial policies, showcase successful policy practices, generate innovative proposals for future-oriented industrial policies, and emphasize the policy and capacity-development support that international organizations like UNIDO can offer to Least Developed Countries (LDCs).</p> <p><b>Keynote presentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr. Cristiano Pasini, Director, Division of Capacity Development, Industrial Policy Advice and Statistics, UNIDO</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Rolf Traeger, Chief, LDC Section, UNCTAD</li> <li>2. Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Acting Managing Director, United Nations Technology Bank for the LDCs</li> <li>3. Ms. Timaraoi Toafa, Senior Economist, Planning, Budget and Aid Coordination Department, Tuvalu</li> <li>4. Ms. Fiona Tregenna, University of Johannesburg</li> <li>5. Mr. Melaku Desta, Officer in Charge, African Trade Policy Centre, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa</li> <li>6. Ms. Providence Mavumbi, Director of Industry and Agriculture, COMESA</li> </ol> <p><i>10:15 – 10:30 Q&amp;A session with the panellists, guided by the moderator</i></p> |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | COFFEE BREAK<br>VENUE: MO2   |



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| <p>10:45 – 12:15</p> | <p><b>THEMATIC SESSION 2:</b> <i>Reinvigorated partnerships and structural transformation in the framework of the DPoA</i></p> <p>This session brings together experts to discuss upscaling international partnerships, investments and private sector in LDCs during the DPoA decade, aiming for actionable insights and recommendations, with a focus on investment promotion, productive capacity, SME and private sector development, digital transformation, domestic resources mobilization, transitioning measures, aligning with UNIDO's ISID mandate.</p> <p><b>Keynote presentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Susanna Wolf, Team leader LDC Unit, UN-OHRLLS</li> </ul> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Felix Maonera, Head of the Geneva Office, Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS)</li> <li>2. Mr. Gerardo Pataconi, Head of Operations, International Coffee Organization (ICO)</li> <li>3. Ms. Idil Mohamed, Senior Official, Somalia (tbc)</li> <li>4. Mr. Mario Guadamillas, Manager, Finance, Competitiveness &amp; Innovation Global Practice for Europe and Central Asia (ECA) region, World Bank</li> <li>5. Ms. Amany Asfour, President, Africa Business Council, AfBC</li> <li>6. Ms. Annalisa Prizzon, Principal Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute</li> </ol> <p><i>11:45 – 12: 00 Q&amp;A session with the panellists, guided by the moderator</i></p> |
| <p>12:15 – 14:00</p> | <p><b>LUNCH BREAK</b></p> <p>VENUE: Mozart Room, VIC Restaurant</p>  |
| <p>14:00 – 15:30</p> | <p><b>THEMATIC SESSION 3:</b> <i>Green and climate-resilient industrial pathways</i></p> <p>The session gathers international representatives to discuss scaling up green and climate-resilient economic pathways in LDCs, focusing on the Doha Programme of Action's priority area, and aims to provide actionable insights for policymakers and industry leaders.</p> <p><b>Scene-setting:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ciyong Zou, Deputy to the Director General, Managing Director, Directorate of Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Industrial Development, UNIDO</li> </ol>  |



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|               | <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Ahmad Ansari, Partnerships Director, ZHDC Foundation</li> <li>2. Ms. Zofia Wetmańska, Taxonomy Manager, Climate Bonds Initiative</li> <li>3. Mr. Antoine Faye, Independent Consultant in Climate Finance, Advisor to the National Committee on Climate Change, on behalf of Ms. Madeleine Diouff Sarr, Chair of the LDC Group on Climate Change</li> <li>4. Ms. Prachi Agarwal, Senior Research Officer, Overseas Development Institute</li> <li>5. Ms. Glada Lahn, Senior Research Fellow, Environment and Society Centre at Chatham House</li> <li>6. Mr. Chris Whyte, Founding Director, African Circular Economy Network</li> </ol> <p><i>15:10 – 15:30 Q&amp;A session with the panellists, guided by the moderator</i></p> |
| 15:30-15:45   | <p>COFFEE BREAK<br/>VENUE: MO2</p>   |
| 15:45– 16:15  | <p><b><u>CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE MINISTERIAL DECLARATION:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report by the Conference Vice-Chair and Rapporteur: H. E. Mr. Sokkung Heng, Secretary of State of Cambodia</li> <li>• Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration by the Conference Chair: H.E. Mr. Jean Chrysostome Ngabitsintze, Minister of Trade and Industry, Rwanda</li> </ul>  |
| 16:15 – 16:30 | <p><b><u>CLOSING SESSION:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing remarks and adjournment by the Conference Chair: H.E. Mr. Jean Chrysostome Ngabitsintze, Minister of Trade and Industry, Rwanda</li> <li>• Closing remarks by Ms. Susanna Wolf, Team leader LDC Unit, UN-OHRLLS</li> <li>• Closing remarks by Ms. Fatou Haidara, Deputy to the Director General, Managing Director, Directorate of Global Partnerships and External Relations, UNIDO</li> </ul>   |

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