



Draft Programme

High-level Launch of
the Holistic Productive Capacities Development Programme for Zambia
“Productive Capacities and the Implications for Graduation from the LDC Category”

Lusaka, 12th October 2023



08:30 - 09:00 Registration

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

This session provides the policy context, rationale and the background on Zambia's Holistic Productive Capacities Development Programme (HPCDP) together with its implications for fostering productive capacities for structural economic transformation, sustained economic growth and development therein. The session provides opportunities to elaborate on the key objectives, expected outcomes and policy implications in reference to the Holistic Productive Capacities Development Programme. It particularly sets the context and tone on how to best make Zambia's graduation sustainable and its growth trajectory robust and inclusive. In this context, 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.

Moderator: Ministry of Finance and National Planning

09:00 - 09:15 Welcoming remarks: **Ministry of Finance and National Planning**

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 Zambia**

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



10:30 - 15:30 Session II: Inter-ministerial dialogue on the Holistic Productive Capacities Development Programme (HPPCD) and the role of productive capacities in Zambia's graduation from the LDC category.

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The session is devoted to discussing in detail the Holistic Productive Capacities Development Programme for Zambia, which results from a careful assessment of the country's gaps and limitations in fostering productive capacities and structural economic transformation. The session also discusses the process of building productive capacities in the context of Zambia's graduation from the LDC category. The Holistic Programme builds on evidence-based and data-driven assessments using the Productive Capacities Index (PCI) which gave the basis for the formulating of the National Productive Capacities Gap Assessment (NPCGA) for Zambia. The Programme is designed to tap the comparative advantages of Zambia, relieve the key binding constraints to country's development as articulated in the NPCGA, and ensure Zambia's graduation with a momentum from the LDC category, securing the conditions for dynamics development in the post-graduation period. The aim is to exchange views on the way forward in key pillars of the Programme and its contribution to the achievement of the national developmental objectives, including those contained in the Eight National Development Plan. The discussion will focus on the pillars of the Holistic Programme: Pillar I: Value addition and economic diversification: agriculture, manufacturing, tourism, and mining; Pillar II: Infrastructure: transport, energy, and water; Pillar III: Trade, regional integration, investment and innovation; Pillar IV: Human development, private sector and job creation; Pillar V: Policy coordination, resilience and

10:30 - 10:45 Building productive capacities and its implication for the graduation from the LDC category.

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

10:45 - 11:00 The Holistic Productive Capacities Development Programme for Zambia: Priorities and Pillars

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



11:00 - 11:30 Pillar I: Value addition and economic diversification: agriculture, manufacturing, tourism, and mining

Challenges to the transformation of the mining sector. Presentation by the Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development

Interventions by:

- Ministry of Finance and National Planning
- Ministry Commerce, Trade and Industry
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of Tourism
- Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources
- Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock

Comments and reflections by the UNCTAD Team

11:30 - 12:00 Pillar II: Infrastructure: transport, energy, and water.

Interventions by:

- Ministry of Transport and Logistics
- Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation
- Ministry of Energy
- Ministry of Infrastructure, Housing Urban and Development

Comments and reflections by the UNCTAD Team

12:00 - 12:30 Pillar III: Trade, regional integration, investment and innovation

Interventions by:

- Ministry Commerce, Trade and Industry
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- Ministry of Technology and Science

Comments and reflections by the UNCTAD Team

12:30 - 13:00 Interactive discussion, questions, and answers (Q&A)

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch Break



14:00 - 14:30 Pillar IV: Human development, private sector and job creation

Interventions by:

- Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises Development
- Ministry of Labour and Social Security
- Ministry of Youth, Sport and Arts
- Ministry of Education

Comments and reflections by the UNCTAD Team

14:30 - 15:00 Pillar V: Policy coordination, resilience and financial sustainability

Interventions by:

- Ministry of Finance and National Planning
- Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development
- Ministry of Community Development and Social Services

Comments and reflections by the UNCTAD Team

15:00 - 15:30 The role of development partnership and the alignment of donor support programmes with the Holistic Productive Capacities Development Programme for Zambia

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

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee & Tea Break



**16:00 - 17:00 *Session III: Holistic Productive Capacities Development Programme for Zambia:
The Way Forward***

Moderator: Ministry of Finance and National Planning

This session explores the next steps in terms the implementation of the Holistic Programme, upon the agreement of its content and relevant stakeholders' participation. It envisages the way forward in addressing the sectoral development challenges as depicted in the Pillars of the Holistic Programme.

16:00 - 16:20 Background to “new-generation” of policies and strategies as key for Zambia’s graduation: 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

16:20 - 16:40 Arrangements for technical implementation of the Holistic Productive Capacities Development Programme for Zambia

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

16:40 - 16:50 The Implementation of the Holistic Programme: The Way Forward
Ministry of Finance and National Planning

16:50 - 17:00 Final comments and conclusions.