



Dialogue on Inequality, Poverty and Trade in Africa and the Least Developed Countries

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Room VII
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Programme

23 September 2025, 9.15 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (CET)
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9.15–9.45 **Registration / Welcome coffee and tea**

9.45–10.25 **Opening Session**

Remarks by *Mr. Paul Akiwumi*, Director, ALDC, UNCTAD

Remarks by *Ms. Renate Tenbusch*, Director, FES Geneva

Statement by *H.E. Mr. Alaa HEGAZY*, Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations in Geneva and Chair of the African Group

Statement By *H.E. Mr. Ram Prasad Subedi*, Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations in Geneva and Chair of the LDC Group

Statement by *Ms. Dr. Bärbel Kofler*, Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

PART I Inequality, Poverty and Development

Moderator Prof. Franklyn Lisk, University of Warwick, UK

- 10.25–10.40 Regional integration and the challenge of poverty reduction in Africa
Aissatou Diallo, Chief, Office for Africa, ITC, Geneva
- 10.40–10.55 Development cooperation, poverty and inequality reduction in LDCs
Julie Seghers, Team Leader, Poverty and Inequalities, Development Co-operation Directorate, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Paris
- 10.55–11.10 **Interactive discussion**
- 11.10–11.25 Sustaining poverty and inequality reduction in Africa and LDCs: the missing link
Patrick Osakwe, Head, Trade, Poverty and Inequalities Branch, UNCTAD
- 11.25–11.40 Combating inequality and poverty: lessons learned from UNCTAD studies
Moritz Meier-Ewert, UNCTAD
- 11.40–11.55 **Interactive discussion**
- 11.55–12.10 **Coffee Break**

PART II Case Studies and National Perspectives

Moderator Dr Donald Mmari, Executive Director, REPOA, Tanzania

- 12.10–12.25 Recent initiatives to address poverty and inequality in Uganda
Ramathan Ggoobi, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda
- 12.25–12.40 Recent initiatives to address poverty and inequality in Tanzania
Ellykedo Ngonyani, Director of Policy Planning, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Tanzania
- 12.40–12.55 Recent initiatives to address poverty and inequality in Cambodia
Kong Sokheng, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Cambodia to WTO and other international organizations in Geneva
- 12.55–13.20 **Interactive discussion**
- 13.20–14.30 **Lunch Break**

PART III Policy Action Areas for Inequality and Poverty Reduction

Moderator H.E. Mr. Prasith Suon, Permanent Representative of Kingdom of Cambodia to the WTO and other international organizations (Economy and Trade)

- 14.30–14.45 Coherent strategies for reducing poverty and inequality in LDCs
Katja Hujo, Senior Research Coordinator and Head of the Bonn Office, UNRISD
- 14.45–15.00 Inequality, Poverty and Trade in Africa and LDCs: Social Protection Issues
Helmut Schwarzer, ILO, Geneva
- 15.00–15.20 **Interactive discussion**



- 15.20-15.35 Statistics and their importance for policy formulation and measurement of inequality and poverty
Cristina D'Alessandro, Professor, Institut national de la statistique et des études économiques, (INSEE), Paris, France
- 15.35-15.50 Making rural development work for poverty reduction
Dominique Burgeon, Director, FAO Liaison Office in Geneva
- 15.50-16.05 Fiscal policies to foster inclusive development
Chenai Mukumba, Executive Director, Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA) Nairobi, Kenya
- 16.05-16.45 **Interactive discussion**

