



Leveraging Multilateral Trading System for LDCs' Development

Information Session for Least Developed Countries
Trade Experts in Geneva

16 March 2026

10 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. | WTO building, Room S1

Programme

Monday 16 March 2026

10:00– 16:30 (CET)

WTO Centre, Room S1, Geneva, and online via Zoom

9:30 – 10:00 Registration and informal networking

10:00 – 10:30 Opening remarks

- **H.E. Mr. Ram Prasad Subedi**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- **H.E. Mr. Muhammadou M.O. Kah**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of The Gambia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- **Ms. Luz Maria de la Mora**, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

10:30 – 11:30 Session 1: LDC Development Priorities

- **Mr. Omar Badjie**, Director of Industry, Ministry of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment, The Gambia
- **Mr. Taisuke Ito**, Chief, Trading Systems, UNCTAD

Interactive Discussion & Q&A



- 11:30 – 12:30** Session 2: Smooth Graduation Support Measures
- **Mr. Giovanni Valensisi**, Economic Affairs Officer, LDC Section, UNCTAD
- Interactive Discussion & Q&A*
- 12:30 – 14:00** Lunch break
- 14:00 – 15:00** Session 3: Market Access and Rules of Origin
- **Mr. Stefano Inama**, Chief, Regional Advisory Programme, UNCTAD
- Interactive Discussion & Q&A*
- 15:00 – 16:00** Session 4: Agriculture, Food Security and Services
- **Mr. Rodrigo Cárcamo**, Acting Chief, Agricultural Commodities Section, UNCTAD
 - **Mr. Peter Lunenborg**, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade in Services & Development Section, UNCTAD
- Interactive Discussion & Q&A*
- 16:00 – 16:30** Concluding Session
- **Mr. Junior Davis**, OIC, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD
 - Representative of the Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

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Registration:

The session will be conducted in person in meeting room S1 at the WTO office and through a remote platform in English.

Delegates from Least Developed Countries intending to participate online are kindly invited to request the connection link by email from the meeting organizers.

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