

Statement by HE Amadeu da Conceição Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Mozambique

Item- Least Developed Countries Report 2020: Productive Capacity in the Next Decade

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HE Secretary General Mukhisa Kituyi,
HE Deputy Secretary General of UNCTAD,
Distinguished Board of Directors and UNCTAD Secretariat,
Excellencies Ambassadors,
Ladies and Gentlemen

We thank you very much Mr President for according us the floor, and commend you on the manner you have been conducting the work, despite technical challenges sometimes being faced.

Mozambique statement is aligned with the statements delivered by Ambassadors of Afghanistan, Botswana and Malawi, Coordinators and on behalf of the G77 and China, Africa and LDC Groups.

We welcome the 2020 Least Developed Country's Report highlighting among others, Productive Capacity in the Next Decade. We thank Director of the Division on Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes Mr. Paul Akiwumi, for the very informative report and presentation of the report. We equally thank all the Africa, LDC and Special Programmes Division Team as well as the entire UNCTAD Secretariat for the hard work.

Although faced and still being faced by Covid 19 that extremely exacerbated the public health and economies with unprecedented challenges and crisis, LDCs, SVE's, African countries and developing countries in general continue to struggle towards better days, and thus, having high expectations for more technical assistance and capacity from UNCTAD. The 2020 LDC report addresses critical attention to the situation, and clearly shares the reality of being LDCs the most affected by Covid 19, advancing many substantial and valuable points that deserve attention and analysis so as to be tools for work ahead towards assisting this group of countries.

We agree with the view that, building resilience in LDCs, entails tackling the underlying structural causes of their vulnerability, underdevelopment and ingrained poverty, as long-standing development challenges that are LDCs predate the COVID-19 crisis. We also agree that social and political context which gives rise to extreme forms of vulnerability and poverty are complex, having a common underlying factor: the low level of development of LDCs

productive capacities that seriously risks to widening gap between LDCs and other developing and developed countries.

This in our point of view, is a call for a redoubled need for technical assistance and capacity in view to help to technically assist and sustain their economic structural transformation and tackle vulnerability factors such as lack of diversification, export concentration, poor or non-domestic value addition, dependence on imports and foreign financial resources, factors that contribute to continuous falls of the economies.

Parallely, Covid 19 has been increasingly exposing the disproportionate negative impacts and vulnerabilities on LDCs various sectors. The digital and technical divide calls for improved synergies in view to address the extreme needs for development of digital infrastructure, knowledge, technology and utilization for economic development.

LDCs deserve special attention so as to help them tackle domestic and international policymaking for the decade 2021–2030, contributing to the Istanbul Programme of Action for graduation and also in view to achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Collective action, solidarity and cooperation under different frameworks are seen as some of the right ways to go through, in view to contribute for building resilience that can be achieved if adequate policies, productive infrastructure and productive capacity, in conjunction with education, health conditions, research and analysis, innovation and creativity, transformation and diversification - can contribute to reduce inequalities, level of vulnerability and poverty.

To conclude, we would like to use this opportunity to reiterate our gratitude for all the technical assistance provided so far, part of which is continuing. We also express our gratitude to all development partners for their support, including for providing DFQF, and flexibilities under LDCs Services Waiver.

Thank you very much.

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Excellency President of the Trade and Development Board, Ambassador Federico Villegas of Argentina;
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Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, Madam Isabelle Durant;
Excellencies Ambassadors,
Distinguished delegates, Ladies and gentlemen;

It is an honour on behalf of the Government of Mozambique, to address some words in a modest farewell message to H.E. Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary General of UNCTAD.

Mozambique delegation would like to express its deep gratitude and recognition of the leadership, wisdom as well as the hard and commendable work done by Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi during the whole period in which has been legitimately acting as the Secretary General of UNCTAD.

The tremendous contribution accorded not only to the Organization, Membership, and to global society during all over these years of leadership as UNCTAD SG, will, by no way, be forgotten.

Secretary General Mukhisa Kituyi, You have dignified the African leadership and expertise, and by several times have shown deep willingness to assist and work all developing but, specially push for the economically weakest , and aside from that, have also been busy in thorough interactions with the various Capitals.

Please, accept Mozambique's gratitude and admiration. Under your able leadership, LDC's including Mozambique benefited and continues to benefit from analysis and technical assistance and capacity, in different areas being the fisheries, policy analysis and development of productive capacity and diversification, investment review, in view to contribute to foster development; these just to mention a few.

We wish you well in your future endeavours.

Thank you very much.