



PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Regional Meeting

**Productive Capacities, Export Diversification and Structural Economic Transformation
in African Landlocked Developing Countries:
Challenges, Opportunities and the Way Forward**

**Gaborone, Botswana
20-21 November 2018**



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Day 1

Tuesday, 20 November 2018

08:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 09:30 Opening Session

This session is intended to set the tone for the workshop and provide direction for subsequent discussions. It will particularly highlight the objectives, expected outcomes of the regional meeting and their implications for domestic, regional and global policy making, including in the context of the forthcoming Mid-term Review of the Vienna Programme of Action for LLDCs for the Decade 2014-2024.

09:00 – 09:15 Welcoming Remarks

Ms. Onlametse B. Ward, Deputy Permanent Secretary of Botswana (TBC)

09:15 – 09:30 Introductory Remarks

Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

09:30 – 12:30 Session I: Fostering Productive Capacities, Structural Economic Transformation and Diversification in African LLDCs: Policy Options and Strategies.

LLDCs' economies continue to be characterized by heavy commodity dependence, weak productive capacities and lack of structural transformation. The key to reversing socioeconomic decline in LLDCs and unlocking their trade and development potential is to build productive capacities and foster structural economic transformation. This session deals with policy options and strategies aimed at fostering productive capacities, structural economic transformation and export diversification in LLDCs.

09:30 – 10:00 Reflections on Building and Utilizing Productive Capacities in Africa

Mr. Patrick Osakwe, Chief, Trade and Poverty Branch, UNCTAD





10:00 – 10:15 Coffee/Tea Break

10:15 – 10:45 National Policy and Institutional Framework to Build Productive Capacities and Promote Structural Economic Transformation in African LLDCs: The Experience of Rwanda

Mr. Leonard Mungarulire, National Consultant for UNCTAD, Kigali, Rwanda

10:45 – 11:15 The Role of Industrial Policy in Fostering Productive Capacities, Economic Diversification and Structural Economic Transformation in African Landlocked Developing Countries

Mr. Lindani Ndlovu, Technical Advisor – Industrialisation, GIZ

11:15 – 11:45 Regional Integration and Implications for Structural Economic Transformation and Export Diversification: Challenges and Opportunities for African LLDCs

SADC Secretariat (Speaker TBC)

11:45 – 12:30 Interactive Discussions

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 14:30 Botswana's Economic Diversification Drive and Citizens Economic Empowerment Policies: What Lessons from Institutional Arrangements for Policy Formulation, Implementation and Coordination in Botswana

Ms. Montle Phuthogo, National Consultant for UNCTAD, Gaborone, Botswana

14:30 – 15:00 Structural Transformation and Economic Diversification: Policy Lessons from the Asia-Pacific Success Stories for African Landlocked Developing Countries

Mr. Andrzej Bolesta, Economic Affairs Officer, Countries with Special Situation Section, UNESCAP

15:00 – 15:30 Institutional and Policy Coordination to Foster Productive Capacities, Diversification and Structural Transformation: Policy Lessons from the Experience of Selected Developing Countries



Mr. Mussie Deleegn, Chief Landlocked Developing Countries' Section,
Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programme, UNCTAD

15:30 – 15:45 Interactive discussions

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee/Tea Break

16:00 – 18:00 *Session II: Building Soft and Hard Infrastructure to Build Productive Capacities, Promoting Export Diversification and Improving International Competitiveness of Landlocked Developing Countries*

Landlocked developing countries, in addition to the challenges of fostering productive capacities and structural economic transformation, also face high transit-transport costs and poor export competitiveness, resulting from geographical challenges; inadequate transit infrastructure; cumbersome customs and border crossing procedures; insufficient application of information and communication technologies (ICT); and inefficient trade logistics systems.

16:00 – 16:30 Role of Transport Infrastructure in Fostering Diversification and Economic Transformation in SADC: Challenges and Opportunities for Landlocked Developing Countries

SADC Secretariat (Speaker TBC)

16:30 – 17:30 Challenges, Opportunities and Prospects for Modernizing Infrastructure, Trade Facilitation and Trade Logistics in Selected African Landlocked Developing Countries

Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe

17:30 – 18:00 Interactive Discussions



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Day 2

Wednesday, 21 November 2018

09:00 – 12:30 Session III: Productive Capacities and Structural Economic Transformation: Concepts, Measurement, Benchmarking by Using the Productive Capacities Index (PCI) for Evidence- Based Policy Formulation in African Landlocked Developing Countries

This session is intended to explain the concepts of Productive Capacities, Structural Economic Transformation and Export Diversification, and highlight their role in the development process. It will discuss UNCTAD's Productive Capacities Index (PCI) and assess the level of such capacities in LLDCs. The session will also identify some of the key problems faced by LLDCs in fostering productive capacities, export diversification and structural economic transformation together with suggested policy options.

09:00 – 09:15 What Do We Mean by Productive Capacities and Structural Transformation?
What Is the Significance of Measuring and Benchmarking Productive Capacities and Structural Economic Transformation?

Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

09:15-09:45 Developing Productive Capacities: Policy Instruments and Lessons for LLDCs

Mr. Patrick Osakwe, Chief, Trade and Poverty Branch, UNCTAD

09:45 – 10:00 UNCTAD's Productive Capacities Index, and the Performance of African LLDCs: What Policy Implications?

Mr. Mussie Delelegn, Chief, LLDCs section, ALDC Division, UNCTAD

10:00 – 10:15 Challenges, Opportunities and Prospects for Botswana in Fostering Productive Capacities, Diversification and Economic Transformation: Key Lessons for Other African Landlocked Developing Countries

Ms. Montle Phuthego, National Consultant for UNCTAD, Gaborone, Botswana



10:15 – 10:30 Interactive Discussions

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee/Tea Break

10:45 – 11:15 The Role of Government in Promoting Industrial Parks and Export Processing Zones: The Experience of Rwanda and Lessons for Other Landlocked Developing Countries in Africa

Mr. Jonas Munyurangabo, Director General of Planning, M&E, Ministry of Trade and Industry

11:15 – 11:45 The Role of National Statistics for Informed Policy Making in the Area of Export Diversification: How Is Data Collected and How Does It Feed into Policy Making Processes in Botswana?

Botswana Statistics (Speaker TBC)

11:45 – 12:30 Interactive Discussions

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 14:30 Government Policies and Incentives to Mobilize Investment and Enhance the Role of the Private Sector in Fostering Diversification and Structural Economic Transformation in Rwanda: Challenges and Opportunities

Mr. Leonard Mungarulire, National Consultant for UNCTAD, Kigali, Rwanda

14:30 – 15:30 The Most Important Pressing Trade and Development Challenges Facing African Landlocked Developing Countries: What Policies and Strategies Are Needed to Address the Challenges

14:30 – 15:00 Botswana, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe

15:00 – 15:30 Burkina Faso, Burundi, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Rwanda

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee/Tea Break





15:45 – 17:00 Policy Conclusions and the Way Forward

This session is dedicated to summing up the conclusions of the workshop over the course of the two days and outlining the way forward. Key elements of the conclusions will feed into the outcome of the forthcoming mid-term review of the Vienna Programme of Action for LLDCs for the Decade 2014- 2024. It recommends ways in which the priorities of African LLDCs can be meaningfully included in the outcome of the mid-term review.

Moderator: Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

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