



**Draft Programme**

**Sub-regional Workshop**

**Fostering Structural Transformation and Export Diversification in Selected Asian Landlocked  
Developing Countries**

16-17 October 2018  
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

## Day 1 (Tuesday, 16 October 2018)

08:00 - 08:30 Registration

### 08:30 – 09:20 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 and expected outcome and implications of the workshop in supporting Asian LLDCs identify policies and measures to foster structural economic transformation and export diversification.*

08:30 - 08:40 Welcoming remarks: **H.E. Ms. Battsetseg Batmunkh**, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia, Chairperson of the Board of Governors of the International Think-Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries.

08:40 - 08:50 Introductory Remarks: **Mr. Paul Akiwumi**, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

08:50 – 09:00 Introductory Remarks: **Mr. Odbayar Erdenetsogt**, Executive Director, International Think Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries

09:00 – 09:10 Introductory Remarks: **Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg**, Chief, Policy Coordination, Development, Monitoring and Reporting Service; Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States.

09:10 – 09:20 Introductory Remarks: **Mr. Andrey Kuleshov**, Strategy and Development Advisor, Common Fund for Commodities

### 09:20 – 11:00 Session I: Productive Capacities, Structural Economic Transformation, Export Diversification & Employment

*This session is intended to introduce the concepts of Structural Economic Transformation, Export Diversification and Productive Capacities, and highlight their role in the development process. The session will also outline some of the key problems faced by Asian LLDCs in achieving Export Diversification and Structural Economic Transformation.*

09:20 - 09:35 Fostering Structural Economic Transformation, Diversification and Employment Creation: **Mr. Patrick Osakwe**, Chief, Trade and Poverty Branch, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries, and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

09:35 - 09:50 Challenges and opportunities for LLDCs in integrating in Regional and Global Commodity Value Chains: **Mr. Mussie Delelegn**, Chief, Landlocked Developing Countries Section, ALDC Division, UNCTAD

- 09:50 - 10:05 The role of the International Think Tank for LLDCs in facilitating policy-discussion on Structural Economic Transformation, **Mr. Odbayar Erdenetsogt**, Executive Director, International Think Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries
- 10:05 - 10:20 Challenges in fostering Structural Economic Transformation and Diversification towards Graduation from the LDC category: **Mr. Sonam Tenzin**, Department of Trade, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Bhutan
- 10:20 – 10:35 The role of fostering Productive Capacities in achieving graduation: the case of Lao PDR; **Mr. Sengphanomchone Inthasane**, Director of Trade and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Lao PDR / **Mr. Keopaseuth Chanthaphim**, Deputy Director of United Nations Economic and Social Affairs Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lao PDR (tbc)
- 10:35 – 11:00 Interactive Discussion
- 11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

**11:15 – 13:00 Session II: Challenges, Opportunities and Prospects for selected Asian LLDCs to diversify out of the Energy Sector**

*This session will examine the challenges and opportunities faced by four Asian Energy-exporting LLDCs in achieving diversification. Particular attention will be devoted to the challenge of providing cheap energy to the domestic productive sector, in addition to exporting energy. Furthermore, the session will highlight sectors with potential for export diversification in each of the four Asian LLDCs, outlining policies and measures needed to support the development of the sectors.*

- 11:15 – 11:30 Challenges, Opportunities and Prospects for selected Asian LLDCs to diversify out of the Energy Sector: **Mr. Mussie Delelegn**, Chief, Landlocked Developing Countries Section, ALDC Division, UNCTAD
- 11:30 - 11:45 Promoting Agribusiness and Tourism in Mongolia; **Mr./Ms. XYZ**, Participant from Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry, Mongolia
- 11:45 - 12:00 Developing Tourism and the ICT sector in Bhutan; **Mr. Ugyen Dorji**, Chief of Division, Department of Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bhutan
- 12:00 – 12:15 Fostering Economic Diversification into Agri-business, Manufacturing and Tourism in Kazakhstan, **Mr. Dauren Muratbekov / Mr. Danabek Kerimrai**, Ministry of National Economy, Kazakhstan (tbc)

12:15 – 12:30 Supporting the textiles, tourism and agriculture sectors in Uzbekistan; **Mr. Anvar Khakimov**, Ministry of Foreign Trade, Uzbekistan

12:30 - 13:00 Interactive Discussion

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch Break

**14:30 – 16:00 Session III: Diversification, Trade Logistics, and Trade Facilitation as tools for development in Asian LLDCs.**

*This session will highlight the policies and measures needed to strengthen trade logistics and trade facilitation Asian LLDCs, so as to promote export diversification, structural economic transformation and inclusive development.*

14:30 – 14:45 Structural Transformation and Economic Diversification: The Lessons from the Asia-Pacific Success Stories for Landlocked Developing Countries; **Mr. Andrzej Bolesta**, Economic Affairs Officer, Landlocked Developing Countries' section, UNESCAP

14:45 – 15:00 Impact Financing in the Commodities Sector – Opportunities and Prospects in the Asian Region. **Mr. Andrey Kuleshov**, Strategy and Development Advisor. Common Fund for Commodities

15:00 – 15:15 Trade Facilitation and Commodity Diversification in Mongolia, **Mr. Enkhbold Vorshilov**, Director of Foreign trade and Economic cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia, Alternative member of the Board of Governors of ITT for LLDCs Mongolia

15:15 – 15:30 Trade facilitation and Trade Logistics: The case of Lao PDR, **Mr. Sengphanomchone Inthasane**, Director of Trade and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Lao PDR / **Mr. Keopaseuth Chanthaphim**, Deputy Director of United Nations Economic and Social Affairs Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lao PDR (tbc)

15:30 – 15:45 Diversification, Trade Facilitation and Trade Logistics: The case of Kyrgyz Republic, **Mr. Turugmbek Doronbekov**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kyrgyz Republic / **Ms. Meyer Kumenova**, Investment Promotion and Protection Agency of Kyrgyz Republic (tbc)

15:45 – 16:15 Interactive Discussion

16:15 - 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:00 Interactive discussions (continued...)

## **Day 2 (Wednesday, 17 October 2018)**

08:30 - 09:00 Registration

### **09:00 - 10:30 Session IV: The Productive Capacities Index, and the performance of Asian Landlocked Developing Countries**

*This session is intended to introduce the concept of productive capacities and its role in fostering structural economic transformation. The session will highlight the linkages between productive capacities, structural economic transformation and export diversification. It will also introduce UNCTAD's Productive Capacities Index and assess the performance of Asian LLDCs on this index.*

09:00 - 09:15 Introductory remarks on the concepts of productive capacities and structural economic transformation and their role in development of LDCs: **Mr. Paul Akiwumi**, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

09:15 – 09:30 Policy options and instruments on how to build and utilize productive capacities: **Mr. Patrick Osakwe**, Chief, Trade and Poverty Branch, UNCTAD

09:30 – 09:45 UNCTAD's Productive Capacities Index, and the performance of Asian LLDCs; **Mr. Mussie Delelegn**, Chief, LLDCs section, ALDC Division, UNCTAD

09:45- 10:00 Transport Infrastructure as a key component of productive capacities in LLDCs; **Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg**, Chief, Policy Coordination, Development, Monitoring and Reporting Service; OHRLLS

09:45 – 10:30 Interactive discussion

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

### **10:45 – 12:30 Session V: Policy Conclusions and the Way forward**

*This session is dedicated to summing up the conclusions of the workshop over the course of the six sessions and outlining the way forward. The session will present the forthcoming mid-term review process for the Vienna Programme of Action for the LLDCs for the Decade 2014 to 2024 and discuss ways in which the priorities of Asian LLDCs can be meaningfully included in the outcome of the review.*

- 10:45 – 11:00 UNCTAD’s contribution to the Mid-term Review of the Vienna Programme of Action: **Mr. Paul Akiwumi**, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD
- 11:00 – 11:15 The Mid-Term Review of the Vienna Programme of Action: Priorities for LLDCs, with a focus on Asian LLDCs; **Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg**, Chief, Policy Coordination, Development, Monitoring and Reporting Service; OHRLLS
- 11:15 – 11:30 Policies and Measures to support Diversification and Structural Transformation in Asian LLDCs, **Mr. Mussie Delelegn**, Chief, Landlocked Developing Countries Section, ALDC Division, UNCTAD
- 11:30 – 11:45 International Support Measures for LLDCs: The way forward; **Mr. Odbayar Erdenetsogt**, Executive Director, International Think Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries
- 11:45 – 12:00 Substantive Issues arising from the Asia Regional Expert Meeting on the Mid-term Review of the Vienna Programme of Action; **Mr. Andrzej Bolesta**, Economic Affairs Officer, Landlocked Developing Countries’ section, UNESCAP
- 12:00 – 12:30 Interactive Discussion
- 12:30 – 13:00 Closing Session**
- 12:30 – 12:40 Closing remarks: **H.E. Ms. Battsetseg Batmunkh**, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia, Chairperson of the Board of Governors of the International Think-Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries. (TBC)
- 12:40- 12:50 Closing Remarks: **Mr. Paul Akiwumi**, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD
- 12:50 – 13:00 Closing Remarks: **Mr. Odbayar Erdenetsogt**, Executive Director, International Think Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries