



## **Workshop for Delegates of Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)**

**New York Office of UNCTAD Secretary General**

*2 United Nations Plaza, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor (DC2-1120)*

New York, 18 December 2018 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

### ***Provisional Agenda***

***Lunch will be provided: (12.15 – 1 pm)***

#### 1.) Opening:

- Call to order and Welcoming remarks by **Chantal Line Carpentier**, Chief New York Office of UNCTAD Secretary General.
- Welcoming Remarks: **Mr. Alberto Caballero**, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Paraguay to the United Nations, Chair of the Group of LLDCs in New York
- Introductory Remarks: **Mr. Paul Akiwumi**, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

#### 2.) Substantive Introduction:

- Presentation of key issues for consideration by LLDCs in the Mid-term Review and beyond: **Mr. Mussie Delelegn**, Chief, Landlocked Countries Section, UNCTAD

#### 3.) Interactive Discussion: Moderated by, **Chantal Line Carpentier**, Chief NYO UNCTAD.

- Interventions by participants and the way forward

#### 4.) Concluding Remarks

- **H.E. Mr. Julio Cesar Arriola Ramirez** Permanent Representative of the Republic of Paraguay to the United Nations, Chair of the Group of LLDCs in New York



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### **Objectives:**

The objectives of the workshop are:

- a) To take stock of progress in the implementation of the VPoA in key areas within UNCTAD's mandates;
- b) To share the results, findings and conclusions of UNCTAD's work on LLDCs, including the Productive Capacities Index (PCI);
- c) To inform delegations on the outcomes of regional and sub-regional meetings organized by UNCTAD; and
- d) To identify issues and concerns for further action by LLDCs and their development partners, in the context of the MTR and beyond.

### **Specific questions that the workshop is expected to address are as follows:**

- Where do LLDCs stand now in relation with the key goals and objectives of the VPoA, especially on key priority areas within UNCTAD's mandates?
- What are the most pressing (persistent and emerging) trade and development challenges facing LLDCs?
- How can LLDCs achieve export diversification for inclusive growth and sustainable development?
- What policies and strategies are needed for LLDCs to foster productive capacities and structural economic transformation?
- Where should policies and strategies, as well as international partnerships focus in addressing domestic gaps and limitation in LLDCs?