



Retreat for Ambassadors of Landlocked Developing Countries

Starling Hotel, Geneva, 18 January 2019

Provisional agenda

9.30 – 9.45 a.m. Opening session

Welcoming remarks

H.E. Mr. Julio César Peralta Rodas, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations in Geneva, Coordinator of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries in Geneva

9.45 – 10.15 a.m. Session 1

Moderator

H.E. Mr. Julio César Peralta Rodas, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations in Geneva, Coordinator of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries in Geneva

- Midterm review of the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024 and the way forward: An UNCTAD perspective
Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Specialized Programmes, UNCTAD
- The role of the International Think Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries in the preparations for the midterm review of the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action
Mr. Odbayar Erdenetsogt, Executive Director, International Think Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries
- Interactive discussion

10.15 – 10.45 a.m. Coffee break

10.45 a.m. – 12.15 p.m. Session 2

Moderator

H.E. Mr. Julio César Peralta Rodas, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations in Geneva, Coordinator of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries in Geneva

- Briefing on the outcomes of the Africa regional meetings and Asia subregional meetings (to be confirmed), **UNCTAD/International Think Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries**
- Assessment of progress towards achieving the goals of the Vienna Programme of Action to date
Mr. Mussie Deleegn, Chief, Landlocked Countries Section, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Specialized Programmes, UNCTAD
- Interactive discussion

12.15 – 1.30 p.m. Lunch break

1.30 – 3 p.m. Session 3

Moderator

H.E. Mr. Lundeg Purevsuren, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva

- UNCTAD productive capacities index: Outline and policy implications
Mr. Moritz Meier-Ewert, Landlocked Developing Countries Section, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Specialized Programmes, UNCTAD
- World Trade Organization Agreement on Trade Facilitation: Implications for landlocked developing countries
Mr. Raul Torres, Counsellor, Trade and Development Division, World Trade Organization
- Interactive discussion

3 – 3.30 p.m. Coffee break

3.30 – 4.30 p.m. Session 4

Moderator

H.E. Mr. Lundeg Purevsuren, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva

- UNCTAD work on trade facilitation, transit and trade logistics
Mr. Poul Hansen, Chief, Trade Facilitation Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD
- Interactive discussion

4.30 – 4.45 p.m. Closing session

- Summing up and the way forward
Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Specialized Programmes, UNCTAD
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