



UNDP's ENGAGEMENT IN LDC5 CONFERENCE

3 HIGH-LEVEL EVENTS



MEETING OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL WITH UN PRINCIPALS "A DECADE OR UN ACTION TO SUPPORT LDCS *(Organized by UN-OHRLLS)*

Date & Venue: 4 March 2023, 14:00 – 15:30, Room 104

UNDP Participation: Achim Steiner

The meeting will provide an opportunity for heads of the UN system entities and other organizations that are members of the Inter-Agency Consultative Group for the LDCs to show their strong commitment and support for the implementation of the Doha Programme of Action for the LDCs (DPoA), which was adopted by the UN General Assembly one year ago. In this meeting, UNDP is expected to announce 2-3 new significant actions it intends to undertake in support of the implementation of the DPoA.



THEMATIC ROUND TABLE 1: INVESTING IN PEOPLE IN THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND *(Organized by UN-OHRLLS)*

Date & Venue: 5 March 2023, 14:00 – 17:00, Thematic Roundtables Hall

UNDP Participation: Achim Steiner

Investing in people in the LDCs to ensure no one is left behind entails supporting their right to fulfil their potential as citizens, contribute to their societies, and enjoy the opportunities to lead the life they value. The promise of human development is the cornerstone of international efforts to support the LDCs in overcoming their structural constraints, and Member States anchored it firmly on the Doha Programme of Action for LDCs (DPoA). This session will focus on the actions that different stakeholders can take to: 1) contribute to poverty eradication in LDCs, 2) to promote the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls (including participation in economic and political life), 3) to enhance employment opportunities for young people and how youth can be leveraged to maximize the impact of the demographic dividend; 4) to design social protection programmes that reach the most vulnerable and which can be scaled-up sustainably; and 5) to strengthen national systems and institutions to improve education, health, sanitation, etc., and to deliver better accountability and transparency.



MINISTERIAL MEETING ON SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION: RENEWED PARTNERSHIPS FOR ACTIONABLE SOLUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DPoA *(Organized by UN-OHRLLS, Malawi and UNOSSC)*

Date & Venue: 7 March 2023, 09:00 – 12:00, Exhibition Hall 2B

UNDP Participation: Haoliang Xu

The Ministerial Meeting on South-South Cooperation is organized by OHRLLS, the State of Qatar (host country) and Malawi (Chair of LDCs) in collaboration with the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation. It aims to explore concrete, innovative and actionable solutions in support of the deliverables of the DPoA through multi-stakeholder participation of the global South and traditional development partners. This meeting will draw participation of ministers from LDCs as well as countries from the global South, development partners, principal-level representatives from the UN system, multilateral and regional development banks and financial institutions, the private sector and NGOs.



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PRIVATE SECTOR FORUM, SESSION 4: CLIMATE CHANGE *(Organized by UN-OHRLLS, Microsoft, Qatar Chamber of Commerce and Industry)*

Date & Venue: 7 March 2023, 09:00 – 10:45, Theater

UNDP Participation: Haoliang Xu

The Private Sector Forum will run from 5-7 March 2023, to promote engagement with the private sector and mobilize partnerships, innovation along with investments in the LDCs. The Forum is co-organized by UN-OHRLLS and Microsoft in partnership with the Qatar Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Multiple events are organized in the frame of the Private Sector Forum, including a high-level Opening Dialogue and 5 high-level, multi-stakeholder thematic sessions around sustainable energy, agriculture and rural development, digital connectivity, climate change, and tourism. The latter will showcase corporate practices and announce new partnerships in support of sustainable development in the LDCs.

Addressing the root causes of climate change and increasing available resources for adaptation are key to the future success and resilience of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs). People in the LDCs are, on average, six times more likely to be injured, lose their home, be displaced, or evacuated, or require emergency assistance than those in high-income countries. Economic losses due to disasters are also disproportionately higher in the least developed countries. This session will hear a variety of private sector perspectives on how we can build resilience in LDCs. The session will also launch UNDP-led initiative to build up LDCs' engagement on issues of risk finance and insurance, from research and evidence, through legislating for and regulating the insurance sector, through to the development of new products, tools and services.



YOUTH FORUM, PUTTING YOUTH AT THE FOREFRONT: PAVING THE WAY FOR AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUTH TO THRIVE AND PROSPER *(Organized by QFFD, UNDP, ITU)*

Date & Venue: 5 March 2023, 14:00 – 16:00, Auditorium 3

UNDP Participation: Haoliang Xu

Young people have been recognized as critical agents of change in the 2030 Agenda. They have endless potential to drive innovative solutions and social progress. The session will bring to the table youth from marginalized communities and conflict-affected contexts, young civil society representatives and young entrepreneurs, to discuss what the preconditions are to enable young people not only to prepare and survive in situations of emergencies but to thrive and prosper and realize their full potential. The discussion will address the opportunities and challenges faced by youth relating to the Sustainable Development Goals, how to overcome these challenges, strengthen resilience, and take action to contribute to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda by "flipping the script" fear into hope, and division into togetherness.



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YOUTH FORUM, YOUTH-CENTRED INNOVATIVE FINANCE – INVESTING SUSTAINABLY IN FUTURE GENERATIONS *(UNDP, UNCDF)*

Date & Venue: 5 March 2023, 16:00 – 17:00, Auditorium 3

UNDP Participation: Other

This thematic session will convene a different array of stakeholders to share their experiences and lessons learned around defining sustainable and innovative financing solutions for youth and help highlight development pathways to increasing the flow and availability of SDG investment capital in LDCs. UNCDF will share how its BRIDGE Facility can serve as a dedicated financing mechanism to unlock commercial and semi-commercial investments for youth entrepreneurs. Other experiences will span from rewards-based crowdfunding platforms such as Thunda fund to stakeholder engagement platforms like the Youth Co-Lab aiming at engaging with and supporting young entrepreneurs with financing opportunities.



YOUTH FORUM, UNLEASHING THE POWER OF YOUTH: SUPPORTING YOUTH-LED CLIMATE ACTION IN LDCs *(Organized by Education Above All, UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF)*

Date & Venue: 8 March 2023, 10:30 – 12:00, Room 104

UNDP Participation: Haoliang Xu

This session is built with the understanding that it is imperative to better engage youth in these processes and empower them to address the causes and adapt to the impact of climate change in ways that ensure the security of themselves and their communities. It will present partners' initiatives in support of young peoples' engagement on climate change in LDCs as well as promote dialogue between young people and Member States with regards to the climate change agenda in LDC countries. In addition, the session will discuss recommendations from young people, building on the Youth Declaration. Lastly, it will discuss commitments by partner organizations and Member States on actions they will take to support young people's role in climate action in the LDCs.



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7 SIDE EVENTS



RESILIENCE AGAINST FUTURE SHOCKS: LINKING CRISES RESPONSE TO LONG-TERM TRANSFORMATION *(Organized by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development)*

Date & Venue: 5 March 2023, 12:15 – 13:45, Auditorium 2

UNDP Participation: Achim Steiner (TBC)

The side event will focus on efforts to facilitate a just transition by linking responses to the food, fuel and fertilizer crisis to measures for sustainable transformation and resilience against future shocks. It will showcase relevant current initiatives for LDC, such as the Global Shield against Climate Risks and the Global Alliance for Food Security.



UNLOCKING SDG FINANCE THROUGH INFFs FOR INCLUSIVE, SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT PATHWAYS IN LDCs *(Organized by INFF Facility - UNDP, DESA, OECD, UNICEF)*

Date & Venue: 5 March 2023, 17:15 – 18:45, Exhibition Hall 2

UNDP Participation: Achim Steiner

The side event will contribute directly to paragraph 29 in the Doha Programme of Action by providing in-depth insights into how LDCs are using the INFF approach to bridge national development plans and the financial resources needed to achieve them. It will also introduce technical assistance LDCs can leverage from the INFF Facility to undertake their INFF processes and showcase INFF best practices and lessons learned that help LDCs to design a financing structure to implement the Doha Programme of Action. Lastly, it will offer a platform for development partners to understand and support LDCs' INFF processes that assist their development priorities.



HARNESSING INNOVATION AND DIGITALIZATION TO LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND *(Organized by UNDP, QFFD)*

Date & Venue: 6 March 2023, 12:15 – 13:45, Room 104

UNDP Participation: Haoliang Xu

This session aims to highlight the power of Science, Technology, Digitalization and Innovation as key enablers to Leave No One Behind and chart pathways for inclusive prosperity. Aligned to focus areas I and II of the New Programme of Action on "Investing in people and Harnessing STI to address multidimensional vulnerability", it will discuss challenges and opportunities surrounding the use of innovation and digitalization to address multidimensional poverty and vulnerability and foster gender equality inclusion in LDCs. It will also highlight and discuss new, replicable and scalable innovation-centered initiatives to address multidimensional poverty and vulnerability with a focus on women, youth, MSMEs as well as to support digital ecosystems and digital infrastructure in LDCs and reduce the digital divide. This side event will showcase how UNDP and its Accelerator Labs network are building on the unprecedented wave of digital innovation created in the wake of COVID-19, to surface and scale-up much needed development solutions in LDCs. It will discuss new initiatives and innovative processes using the systems approach and integrated packages of services to empower the vulnerable and marginalized.



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MOBILIZING INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY, REINVIGORATED GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS AND INNOVATIVE TOOLS AND INSTRUMENTS TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE GRADUATION

(Organized by Portugal, Angola, Cabo Verde, São Tomé and Príncipe, and Timor-Leste)

Date & Venue: 6 March 2023, 17:15 – 18:45, Room 105

UNDP Participation: Haoliang Xu

This event aims to showcase experiences, good practices and ways forward which can be useful to all LDCs or recently graduated countries and their development partners. With a focus on the experience of some of the Portuguese-speaking countries, the discussion aims to provide a deeper awareness of graduation as part of a process that is not an end in itself, recognizing the vulnerabilities and challenges of the smooth transition process, as well as the importance of adequately supporting sustainable development processes.



PARTNER2CONNECT: ACCELERATING THE DOHA PROGRAM OF ACTION THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS FOR MEANINGFUL CONNECTIVITY AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

(Organized by ITU/P2C)

Date & Venue: 6 March 2023, 17:00 – 18:45, Room 3

UNDP Participation: Robert Opp



CALL TO ACTION: UNITE FOR DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT

(Organized by Microsoft)

Date & Venue: 8 March 2023, 12:00 – TBD, Room TBD

UNDP Participation: Robert Opp



FRONTIER TECH LEADERS PROGRAMME FOR LDCs LAUNCH

(Organized by UNDP IICPSD)

Date & Venue: 8 March 2023, 17:15 – 18:45, Room 101

UNDP Participation: UNDP IICPSD

The event will present UNDP IICPSD SDG AI Lab and UN Technology Bank for Least Developed Countries joint programme “Frontier Tech Leaders”, which aims at bridging the digital divide and contributing to the 2030 Agenda in the LDCs. The Frontier Tech Leaders programme will raise a new generation of tech specialists to develop digital solutions for the LDCs and strengthen local capacities. Also, the event will discuss digital divide in the LDCs particularly in the context of technologies that are also driving the fourth industrial revolution such as big data, artificial intelligence, machine learning. The panel discussion will be joined by the representatives of Djibouti, Türkiye, UNDP, UN Technology Bank for Least Developed Countries, global tech companies and other stakeholders. The event is co-organized by Government of the Republic of Türkiye, Ministry of Economy, and Finance, responsible for Industry of the Republic of Djibouti, Ministry of Youth and Culture of the Republic of Djibouti, UNDP Djibouti, IICPSD and the United Nations Technology Bank for Least Developed Countries.



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OTHER



SDG ACTION SPACE

The SDG Action Space is a dynamic interactive space hosted by the UN SDG Action Campaign, located in the main lobby of the LDC5 venue, and designed to engage LDC5 delegates on SDG action and record short 1-2min videos conveying key messages from the Conference to be amplified across the social media and communications channels of the UN SDG Action Campaign and partners. The SDG Action Space will feature the Flip the Script initiative of the UN SDG Action Campaign as well as creative assets and artistic content on the SDGs, and it will also serve as an informal networking and meeting space.



INTERVIEWS AT THE UN LDC5 SDG MEDIA ZONE

The UN SDG Action Campaign curates a Flip the Script dialogue series at the UN LDC5 SDG Media Zone -livestreamed by UNTV-, bringing together inspirational speakers from different constituencies -including government, international organizations, youth, the creative sector and the private sector- to tell the story on how they are "Flipping the Script for the SDGs" from different institutions and realities. This is a valuable opportunity to record and disseminate participants' message of action to mobilize global audiences for new global partnerships and investment needed to ensure 46 LDCs benefit from social, economic and environmental development.



UNDP BOOTH - UNDP SOLUTIONS TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES IN LDCS

Focusing on the thematic areas of Poverty Eradication, Leaving No One Behind, Women and Girls, Youth, etc., the exhibition will showcase innovative and transformative solutions to advance inclusion and sustainable development in LDCs.