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**A Discussion on the Vulnerability of LLDCs to External Shocks  
27 May 2017 (1020-1300) NLB 6**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>
1020-1035	<b>Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya</b> USG and High Representative, UN-OHRLLS Welcoming Remarks; Moderator
1035-1050	<b>Mr. Kennedy Chesoli</b> Economic Affairs Officer, UN-OHRLLS “The vulnerability of LLDCs to External shocks”
<b>PANELISTS</b>	
1050-1105	<b>Mr. Pierre Encontre</b> Chief, SIDS and Status Issues Section, Division for Africa, LDC and Special Programmes UNCTAD “Trade-specific shocks and the LLDCs”
1105-1120	<b>Mr. John S. Wilson</b> Lead Economist, Development Economics Research Group, the World Bank “Trade shocks related to the LLDCs: the World Bank Perspective”
1120-1135	<b>Mr. Matthias Bruckner</b> Economic Affairs Officer, Committee for Development Policy UN-DESA “Thoughts on designing an external shock vulnerability index for LLDCs”
1135-1300	Question & Answer

## Profiles of Presenters

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### **Mr. Pierre Encontre**

Pierre Encontre is Chief of the Small Island Developing States and Status Issues Section in the Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes of UNCTAD in Geneva. His 29-year UN career has been entirely devoted to countries with special needs, namely, the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Small Island developing States (SIDS), and land-locked developing countries (LLDCs). Over the last two decades, a growing part of his work has been on "status issues", notably, advising countries on the implications of graduation from LDC status, a subject with strong implications of relevance to the issue of vulnerability. This has brought him, since 1997, to closely cooperate with the governments of several SIDS, and more recently, also with the governments of LLDCs in Asia and in Africa.

### **Mr. John Wilson**

John S. Wilson is a Lead Economist in the Development Economics Research Group of the World Bank. He directs empirical and policy research on technology, trade, aid effectiveness, and regulatory reform. Mr. Wilson also provides expertise in Bank operations and spent two years in the Bank's Infrastructure Vice Presidency working on Bank operational projects across the regions. Mr. Wilson has participated in Bank operational projects under preparation and completed across the world totalling over \$1.3 billion. He has also provided leadership for the Bank in establishing the inter-agency Standards and Trade Development Facility and developed the concept for the Bank's Trade Facilitation Facility in 2009. Mr. Wilson co-managed Bank staff input to the G-20 Summit in Seoul on trade and managed the Bank work on trade and development for the UN LDC IV Conference.

Mr. Wilson was previously Vice President for Technology Policy at the Information Technology Industry Council in Washington, D.C. and a Visiting Fellow at the Institute for International Economics, Visiting Fellow at Columbia University, a Senior Staff Officer at the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and National Research Council, and Adjunct Professor of International Affairs at Georgetown University. He holds degrees from The College of Wooster and Columbia University in New York.

### **Mr. Matthias Bruckner**

Matthias Bruckner is an Economic Affairs Officer in the Committee for Development Policy Secretariat at UN DESA, where his work involves, among others, the identification of least developed countries. He has been working for over 10 years for the United Nations in the areas of international trade, sustainable development and development policy. He holds a PhD in Economics from the European University Institute in Florence, Italy.