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Special event on ways and means of facilitating the Participation of Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) in Regional and Global Commodity Value Chains:

Challenges, opportunities and the way forward

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Venue: Secretariat Building (CR-A)

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09:00 - 10:00: Registration

Opening Session:

10:00 - 10:10: Opening remarks: Moderator (UN-OHRLLS)

10:10 - 10:20: Statement: Coordinator of LLDCs Group in New York (Zambia)

10:20 - 10:30: Remarks on the work of UNCTAD in support of LLDCs: **Ms Chantal L. Carpentier**, Chief of the UNCTAD New York Office

Session I: **Challenges and opportunities for LLDCs to join regional and global commodity value chains: Policy implications at national, regional and global levels**

Based on the national case studies of Mongolia, Paraguay and Zambia and the study by New England Complex Systems Institute, this session will critically examine the challenges facing LLDCs in their efforts to participate in and benefit from regional and global commodity value chains in selected sectors such as cooper, coal and sugar. It will look into the impact of commodity price volatility in undermining the role of commodities in generating external development resources (revenue) for commodity dependent landlocked developing countries. It will propose ways and means of enhancing the role of commodities including through targeted policies and actions to create linkages and synergies between external commodities trade and domestic economy

10:30 - 10:40: Presentation of the case study of Zambia: **Mr. Lindani Ndlovu**, Economist and Interregional Consultant, Kampala, Uganda

10:40 - 11:00: Presentation of the case study of Mongolia: **Mr. Davaasambuu Dalrai**, Economist and Independent National Consultant, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

- 11:00 - 11:20: Commodity Trade Flows, Volatility and Development - implications for LLDC development policies:
Professor Yaneer Bar-Yam, New England Complex Systems Institute, Boston, USA
- 11:20 - 11:30: Coffee Break
- 11:30 - 11:50: Presentation of the case study of Paraguay:
Mr. Aurelio Enrique Varela Torres, Consultant, Asuncion, Paraguay
- 11:50 - 12:30: Interactive discussions
- 12:30 - 1:00: Exchange of views on key issues in the context of the post-Almaty programme of Action

Session II: The role of commodities in the economies of LLDCs, lessons from successful and less successful experiences as well as best practices, financing mechanisms in commodity dependent LLDCs.

This session will examine the role of commodities in landlocked developing countries and national policies and strategies taking into account the successful experience and best practices of some of the LLDCs in maximizing the role of commodities in their economies. It will look into ways and means of putting in place impact-driven financing mechanisms for the development of the commodities sector in commodity dependent LLDCs. It will provide practical recommendations and policy conclusions which could contribute to the outcome document of the post-Almaty Plan of Action for LLDCs

- 3:00 - 3:20: Presentation of the case study of Botswana: successful experiences, best practices and challenges ahead: **Mr. Lindani Ndlovu**, Economist and interregional consultant, Kampala, Uganda
- 3:20 - 3:50: Impact driven financing mechanisms for commodity dependent LLDCs: practical experience of implementation:
Mr. Andrey Kuleshov, Senior Project Manager, Common Fund for Commodities (CFC), Amsterdam, The Netherlands

- 3:50 - 4:10: The role of commodities in LLDCs economies: challenges and opportunities: **Mr. Mussie Delelegn**, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD
- 4:10 - 4:30: Coffee Break
- 4:30 - 5:00: Interactive Discussions
- 5:00 - 5:30: Summing up and implications for post-Almaty programme of Action