

Special event on ways and means of facilitating the participation of landlocked developing countries in regional and global commodity value chains:  
**Challenges, opportunities and the way forward**

**OPENING SESSION**

- 10-10.10 a.m.** Opening remarks:  
Moderator (Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States)
- 10.10-10.20 a.m.** Statement:  
**Ms. Mwaba Kasese-Bota**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations, New-York (TBC)
- 10.20-10.30 a.m.** Remarks on the work of UNCTAD in support of landlocked developing countries (LLDCs)  
**Ms Chantal L. Carpentier**, Chief, UNCTAD New York Office

**SESSION I**

**CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR LLDCs TO JOIN REGIONAL AND GLOBAL COMMODITY VALUE CHAINS: POLICY IMPLICATIONS AT THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVELS**

- 10.30-10.40 a.m.** Presentation of the case study of Zambia:  
**Mr. Lindani Ndlovu**, Economist and Interregional Consultant, Kampala
- 10.40-11 a.m.** Presentation of the case study of Mongolia:  
**Mr. Davaasambu Dalrai**, Economist and Independent National Consultant, Ulaanbaatar
- 11-11.20 a.m.** Commodity trade flows, volatility and development: Implications for LLDC development policies  
**Professor Yaneer Bar-Yam**, New England Complex Systems Institute, Boston, United States of America
- 11.20-11.30 a.m.** Coffee break
- 11.30-11.50 a.m.** Presentation of the case study of Paraguay:  
**Mr. Aurelio Enrique Varela Torres**, Consultant, Asunción
- 11.50 a.m.-12.30 p.m.** Interactive discussions
- 12.30-1 p.m.** 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**

- 3-3.20 p.m.** 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 p.m.** Impact-driven financing mechanisms for commodity-dependent LLDCs: practical experience of implementation:  
**Mr. Andrey Kuleshov**, Senior Project Manager, Common Fund for Commodities, Amsterdam
- 3.50-4.10 p.m.** The role of commodities in LLDC economies: Challenges and opportunities  
**Mr. Mussie Delelegn**, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD
- 4.10-4.30 p.m.** Coffee break
- 4.30-5 p.m.** Interactive discussions
- 5-5.30 p.m.** Summing up and implications for the post-Almaty Programme of Action