



A High-level Thematic Roundtable on the Priorities of LLDCs in the Post-2015 development framework

Date **Tuesday, 4 November 2014 (1500-1800 Hours)**
Venue **Vienna International Conference (Conference Room A)**

On the eve of the adoption of the second development framework for Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), United Nations Office of the High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS (UN-OHRLLS), in conjunction with OECD, is pleased to organize a High-level thematic discussion on the priorities of LLDCs in the Post-2015 development framework. The purpose of this event is threefold: first, to highlight the development priorities of LLDCs; second, to explore their relevance in the preliminary contours of the post-2015 development agenda, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); and finally, to establish possible points of convergence between the new Programme of Action for LLDCs and the emerging global development agenda for the coming years. The successful implementation of the SDGs and the new Programme of Action for (PoA) LLDCs will depend on the quality, quantity and prudent utilization of resources at the national and regional levels. This session will also provide a platform to examine different forms of financing options that are available to LLDCs, recognizing major changes that are taking place in the Development Finance Landscape.

The desire to establish synergy between the new PoA and the Post-2015 Development Agenda finds inspiration in points of convergence and parallelism that existed between the Almaty Programme of Action of the LLDCs (APoA), and the Millennium Development Goals. While APoA was largely a thematic programme anchored on the twin pillars of international trade and transit infrastructure, it had the social and economic well-being of people and communities at its core which was the focus of the Millennium Declaration.

Issues to be discussed

The roundtable will tackle the following questions:

1. What are the possible contours and elements of the Post-2015 Development Agenda?
2. What is common between LLDC priorities in their new PoA and the global development agenda?
3. How can LLDCs ensure that their views are heard during intergovernmental discussions?
4. Which actions are needed to create and harness synergies between different development initiatives?
5. What financing options (including more innovative ones) are available when it comes to implementing the new Programme of Action?
6. What role can multilateral institutions play to ensure that LLDCs maximize benefits from both initiatives?

Expected Outputs

A report of the roundtable discussions would inform LLDCs in their engagement regarding the Post-2015 development discussions, while providing guidance to the work of UN-OHRLLS.

Participation

This discussion is open to all delegates attending the II UN conference on LLDCs, specifically Government representatives, leaders and members of the business community, civil society, academia and United Nations and other multilateral institutions. Additionally, staff from UN-OHRLLS and OECD will attend to provide substantive support.

Format

The roundtable will be interactive, featuring a panel of discussants, and a moderator with contribution from attendees. Short presentations on issues under review would be made.

Date and Venue

The roundtable will take place at 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Tuesday 4 November 2014 at the Vienna International Conference, Vienna Austria.

Documentation

- a) The draft outcome document of the Second UN Conference on LLDCs
- b) The Secretary-General's report on the MDGs and post-2015 goals – "*A life of dignity for all: accelerating progress towards the Millennium Development Goals and advancing the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015*" (<http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/pdf/A%20Life%20of%20Dignity%20for%20All.pdf>)
- c) The outcome document of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (<http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/focussdgs.html>)
- d) The Millennium Declaration (<http://www.un.org/millennium/declaration/ares552e.htm>)
- e) Rio+20 outcome document, "*The future we want*" (<http://www.uncsd2012.org/thefuturewewant.html>)
- f) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of APoA, and comprehensive ten-year review (<http://unohrlls.org/UserFiles/File/LLDC%20Documents/A%2068%20157%20English.pdf>)
- g) Perspectives on the Priorities of a new development agenda for LLDCs: A report of the Brainstorming Meeting held 20 -21 March 2013 in New York (http://unohrlls.org/custom-content/uploads/2014/04/Brainstorming_Report_2014_FA_WEB.pdf).
- h) "Where does ODA matter most?", OECD ([http://www.oecd.org/dac/externalfinancingfordevelopment/documentupload/FINAL%20Where%20FORMATTED%20FOUR%20PAGER_6%20Final%20JT%2022%20Jan%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.oecd.org/dac/externalfinancingfordevelopment/documentupload/FINAL%20Where%20FORMATTED%20FOUR%20PAGER_6%20Final%20JT%2022%20Jan%20(2).pdf))
- i) "The New Development Finance Landscape: Developing Countries' Perspective", OECD (http://www.oecd.org/dac/aid-architecture/The%20New%20Development%20Finance%20Landscape_19%20June%202014.pdf)

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For any information about the roundtable, please consult:

http://www.lldc2conference.org/conference_details/conference-side-events/

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