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High-Level Interactive Thematic Roundtable on Achieving structural transformation of LLDC economies

3 November 2014, 15:00-18:00, Boardroom A, Vienna International Conference Centre

Objective and Expected Outcome of the Event

While many LLDCs have made some progress over the past decade in overall economic performance, their economic and export structures are still less diversified and they continue to rely on the export of primary commodities more heavily than any other group of countries. Furthermore the LLDCs as a group have been experiencing declining agricultural productivity and deindustrialization. Structural transformation of the economies of the LLDCs is necessary to address the constraints that they face due to landlockedness, improve their competitiveness and achieve sustained and inclusive economic growth and substantial and broad-based improvements in human well-being.

The event will discuss the major drivers and enablers of how to achieve structural transformation in LLDCs, provide a platform for sharing of experiences on what has worked well and what has not worked in other countries and identify priority actions and measures needed to adequately support the LLDCs to promote structural transformation in their countries.

Chair:

H.E. Dr. Wolfgang Schüssel, Former Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Austria

Key Note Speakers:

H. E. Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations

H.E. Giorgi Margvelashvili, President of Georgia

H.E. Filip Vujanovic, President of Montenegro

H.E. Isabella Lövin, Minister for International Development Cooperation, Sweden

Ms. Helen Clark, Chair, United Nations Development Group

Panellists:

Mr. Kandeh Yumkella, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All and Chief Executive Officer of the Sustainable Energy for All initiative

Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Mr. Steve Kayizzi-Mugerwa, Acting Chief Economist and Vice President of the African Development Bank.