

Ambassadorial Retreat in Preparation for LDC5

21-22 October 2021

Tarrytown House Estate, Tarrytown, NY

Draft Programme

Thursday October 21st

15:45 Bus provided for all participants by UN-OHRLLS will depart from UN HQ

17:30-18:30 Arrival and Check-In at Tarrytown House Estate

18:30-21:00 Welcome Session

Working Dinner (in person only)

Speakers:

Mr E. Courtenay Rattray, High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS and Secretary-General of LDC5

H.E. Mr Perks Ligoya, Permanent Representative of Malawi, Chair of the LDCs Group (EJETOQ.0000IJoTfD 0 B

50 SESSION 1: Education for STEM Graduates

Moderator: Mr Abdul Alim, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, OHRLLS

Enhanced skills and education are a precondition for reaching all the SDGs. While the IPoA has put a lot of focus on primary education recent developments, including related to the digital divide and future of work have shifted attention towards higher education and skills development. In this context an Online University has been

countries. Development partners are invited to host the university and provide predictable financing to enabled devices.

Presentations:

Mr Thomas Stelzer, Dean and Executive Secretary, International Anti-Corruption Academy
Professor Asha Kanwar, President of Commonwealth of Learning (video message)

Interactive Discussion

9:50 11:50 SESSION 2: Finance Support

Moderator: Mr E. Courtenay Rattray, High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS and Secretary-General of LDC5

Building resilience against various potential covariate shocks and crises is the first line of defense to protect lives and livelihoods of the people. It is also crucial to building a sustainable path out of the LDC Category.

[3.A: Resilience Building Mechanism \(12:10 - 12:50\)](#)

Building resilience against various potential covariate shocks and crises is the first line of defense to protect lives and livelihoods of the people. It is important to build the capacity of households to prepare for, cope with, and adapt to shocks in a manner that protects their well-being: ensuring that they do not fall into poverty or become trapped in poverty as a result of the impacts.

A comprehensive multi-hazard crises mitigation and resilience building mechanism for LDCs could be designed, leveraging existing measures and initiatives. The mechanism, which would entail a number of measures to be established or revitalized at the national, regional and global levels, would cover the response to various types of disasters and shocks, including pandemics. This will enable countries to save lives and money, speed up response times and bring more predictability and rigor to their global response to shocks and crises. A number of measures, including financial, regulatory and institutional, need to be put in place to establish and operationalize this mechanism for LDCs.

Presentations:

Mr Lesley Ndlovu, CEO, African Risk Capacity Insurance Limited (Virtually)

Ms Diane Quarless, Chief, Caribbean Office, ECLAC (Virtually)

Interactive Discussion

[3.B: Sustainable Graduation Support Facility \(12:50 - 12:55\)](#)

flows to clean cooking and electricity access to be directed to the LDCs. To mobilise sustainable energy investments at scale, changes are needed both in the financial sector and the energy sector.

Presentation:

Dr. Gabriela Elizondo Azuela, Head of Energy Sector Management Assistant Programme (ESMAP), the World Bank

Discussant:

Mr Pradeep Kurukulasuriya, Director and Executive Coordinator, Nature, Climate and Energy, UNDP (Virtually)

Interactive Discussion

16:15-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-17:00 Closing Session

Moderator: Ms Heidi Schroderus-Fox, Director, OHRLLS

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Mr E. Courtenay Rattray, High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS and Secretary-General of LDC5

H.E. Ms Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar, LDC5 Host Country

H.E. Ms Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh, Co-Chair of LDC5 PrepCom

H.E. Mr Robert Rae, Permanent Representative of Canada, Co-Chair of LDC5 PrepCom

H.E. Mr Perks Ligoya, Permanent Representative of Malawi, Chair of the LDCs Group

17:15 Depart Tarrytown House Estate