

Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5) 5-9 March 2023, Doha, Qatar

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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I. Background

1. By its resolutions 73/242 of 20 December 2018, 74/232 of 19 December 2019, 74/232B of 11 August 2020, 75/227 of 21 December 2020 and 76/215 of 28 January 2022, the United Nations General Assembly decided to reschedule the

- 9. The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management, Movses Abelian, will serve as the Secretary of the Conference.
- III. Organization of work of the LDC5 Conference (Part II) and Seating Arrangements
 - 10. The proposed organization of work of the Conference (Part II) will be made available in advance of the Conference
 - 11. The opening plenary meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Sunday, 5 March 2023 in the Plenary Hall.
 - 12. Statements will be made by the President of the Conference, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of the General Assembly, the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Chairperson of the Group of Least Developed Countries, representatives of Development Partners and a Youth representative from a least developed country.
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- 19. There will be ten plenary meetings, including the opening and closing meetings. The list of speakers for the general debate will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, with the customary protocol that ensures that Heads of State or Government speak first, followed by other heads of delegation. The European Union, in its capacity as observer, may also be included in the list of speakers. The details for inscription in the list of speakers and applicable time limits will be announced in the *Journal* of the United Nations and on the e-deleGATE platform. Representatives of the following may make a statement in the general debate in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference: (a) intergovernmental organizations and other entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and work of the General Assembly; (b) associate members of regional commissions; (c) specialized agencies and related organizations; (d) other intergovernmental organizations;(e) interested United Nations organs and (f). non-governmental organizations and other organizations or institutions accredited to participate in the Conference in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 74/232 A and 75/227.
- 20. In addition to the discussions in the Plenary and the Roundtables of the LDC5 Conference, other parallel events, including side events and special events such as the Commemoration Event of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the LDC Category, the Private Sector Forum, Civil Society Forum and the South-South Cooperation Ministerial Meeting, will be held. Pre-conference events, including the Summit of the LDC Group, the Parliamentary Forum, the Youth Forum, and the Civil Society Forum will be held on 4 March 2023.

V. High-level Thematic Roundtables

- 21. Eight high-level thematic round tables will be held in parallel to the plenary meetings in the Exhibition Hall 1 as follows:
 - Roundtable 1: Investing in people in least developed countries to leave no one behind (Sunday, 5 March; afternoon);
 - Roundtable 2: Leveraging the power of science, technology and innovation for the sustainable development of LDCs (Monday, 6 March; morning);
 - Roundtable 3: Structural transformation as a driver of prosperity in least developed countries (Monday, 6 March; afternoon);
 - <u>Roundtable 4</u>: Enhancing the participation of LDCs in international trade and regional integration (Tuesday, 7 March; morning);
 - Roundtable 5: Addressing climate change and supporting the environment (Tuesday, 7 March; afternoon)
 - Roundtable 6: Sustainable recovery from the pandemic and building the resilience of LDCs against future shocks (Wednesday, 8 March; morning);
 - <u>Roundtable 7</u>: Resource mobilization and strengthened global partnerships for sustainable development in LDCs (Wednesday, 8 March; afternoon);
 - Roundtable 8: Supporting sustainable and irreversible graduation from the LDC category (Thursday, 9 March; morning).
- 22. In accordance with the agreed modalities of the high-level thematic roundtables (A/CONF.219/2021/IPC/L.5), each round table will be co-chaired by two Chairs, one from the LDCs and one from the development partners, to be appointed by the President of the LDC5 Conference, from among representatives at the level of Head of State or Government or at the ministerial level. Invitations for expressions of interest of Member States to act as Co-Chairs of thematic roundtables will be circulated/issued in the weeks before the Conference.

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VII. Interpretation

- 31. The official languages of the LDC5 Conference are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Statements made in the plenary and the roundtable meetings will be interpreted in the six official languages.
- 32. Statements made in any of the six official languages of the LDC5 Conference are interpreted into the other official languages. Speakers are requested to deliver the statement at a speed that is interpretable. While

- f) Other intergovernmental organizations;
- g) Interested organs of the United Nations;
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- 54. Delegates/representatives collecting the conference badges and secondary access cards must be mindful that it is their responsibility to ensure safe delivery of the badges and access cards to members of their delegations. The Registration Centre will not re-issue duplicate passes/secondary access cards.
- 55. The office hours for the Registration Centre in Doha are as follows (subject to change):

28 February-3 March 2023	9.30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
4-5 March 2023	8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
6-8 March 2023	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
9 March 2023	8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.

56. All costs of participation will be the responsibility of participants. The Government of the State of Qatar will

Please follow the instructions at https://www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/pdf/eRegistration_guide_media_passes.pdf

70. Pre-accreditation of media is open from Monday, 5 December 2022 through 15 February 2023. On-site registration of delegation media and collection of conference badges for pre-registered media will begin on Tuesday, 28 February 2023 and continue until Thursday, 9 March 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the United Nations Registration Centre in Doha. Delegation media personnel seeking on-site registration will be required to present a Note Verbale (with official stamp) from the Permanent Mission of the delegation to the United Nations in New York or the embassy/consulate-general in Doha, together with a valid passport. For questions regarding media accreditation at LDC5, please contact MALU at malu@un.org.

Press conferences

71. Daily press briefings by the spokesperson for the Conference will be held in the press briefing room

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78. A full list of side events will be available at www.un.org/ldc5, including programme and other details as well as information on how to register to participate.

XIII.	Exhibitions
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XIV. Security

- 81. Beginning , access to the conference center premises and the surrounding area will be strictly limited to persons properly accredited to the Conference by the United Nations.
- 82. for all delegations and participants from intergovernmental organizations, United Nations entities, media and representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the private sector , will be issued at the egistration enter located in the until at 1 p.m. The security arrangements for the Conference are set out below.
- 83. For all type of emergencies within the conference center, and to coordinate the appropriate response, please contact United Nations security staff (wearing the UN uniform) located within the conference center

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- 88. As part of the security arrangements, all participants in the Conference will be required to present their invitations together with their passports at the entrance before proceeding to the registration area of the Qatar National Convention Centre, to register and collect their security passes for the Conference. Security passes must be worn visibly at all times at the Conference venue. All persons and their bags/luggage will be screened at the entrance to the Centre.
- 89. On-site registration will begin on Tuesday, , at 9.30 a.m. and the desk will remain open until 6 p.m. The registration desk will then be open as follows:

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- 91. Loss of a for the Conference or any personal item at the Qatar National Convention Centre must be reported to the Security and Safety Service.
- XV. Health services and COVID-19 prevention and mitigation measures
 - 92. The United Nations and the host country have been jointly developing a COVID-19 prevention/mitigation plan for the LDC5 Conference, based on the relevant guidelines of the State of Qatar and the sanitary standards applicable to intergovernmental meetings organized by the United Nations. Details will be available on the following website: www.un.org/ldc5. Owing to the evolving nature of the situation, participants are encouraged to check that information regularly.
 - 93. In-person participants must comply with the COVID-19-related measures in place; in particular, they must not attend meetings if they show symptoms associated with COVID-19.

First aid

- 94. An on-site medical service will provide all first aid facilities at the Convention Centre.
 - Medical emergency call number is 999.
 - Closest hospital in the area: Hamad General Hospital (Public Hospital)

- 97. Official registration confirmation or valid invitation letters provided by the United Nations should be submitted at the time of application for special entry permit. Special entry permits will be issued free of charge to registered participants. For information on registration for the Conference, see section IX above or visit www.un.org/ldc5/registration.
- 98. All registered participants need to apply for the special entry permit. The link to apply will be sent to all participants upon official registration. For any questions, please contact ldc5@un.org (Subject Line: Special Entry Permit).
- 99. The registration link for the special entry permit will be open in the beginning of January
- 100. The special entry permit issued by the Government of the State of Qatar will provide an exemption from generally applicable quarantine requirements as per the COVID-19 Qatar National Response Plan. Further information will be made available on the LDC5 conference website: www.un.org/ldc5.

XVII. Arrival in Doha and local transportation

- 101. To facilitate the reception of official delegations on arrival and departure, a dedicated welcome and information desk will be set up at the Hamad International Airport in Doha.
- 102. The Government of the State of Qatar will provide official transportation services, namely, one limousine for each Head of State/Government or ministerial-level delegations, and shuttle buses for other Conference participants, between Hamad International Airport, designated hotels and the Qatar National Convention Center.
- 103. Each participant will be offered a free rail card to be used for the duration of the conference. A map of the rail/subway system is provided in the Annex B.

XVIII. Hotel accommodation

- 104. A list of recommended hotels can be found in Annex 1.
- 105. The Host Country will also provide lunch at the Conference venue to all the registered participants of the Conference for the duration of the conference free of charge.

XIX. Climate

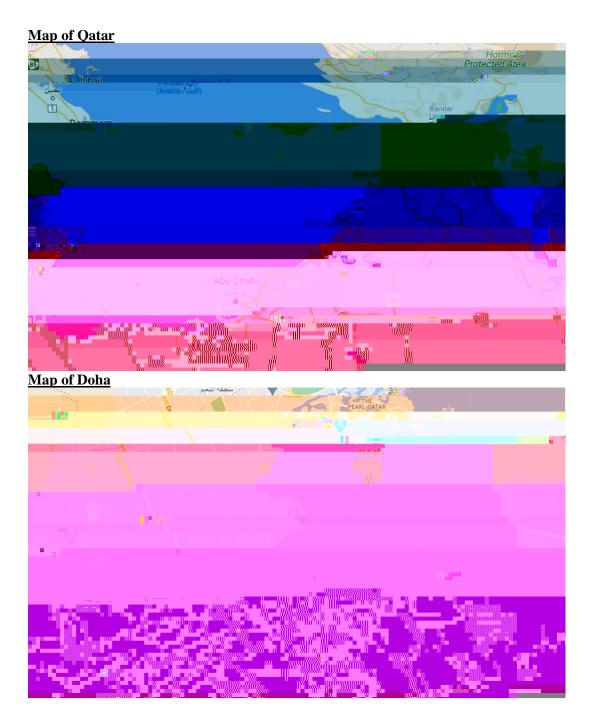
- 106. March is typically the one of the coldest months in Doha, Qatar. Temperatures are however mild, with average temperatures ranging between max 21.7°C (71.1°F) and min 12.8°C (55°F).
- 107. During March, the rain falls on average for 1.7 days and regularly aggregates up to 13.2mm (0.52") of precipitation. Snowfall in Qatar is extremely unlikely during any time of the year.

XX. Voltage

108. In Qatar power plugs and sockets are of type D and G. The standard voltage is 240V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

109. Electric appliances can be used in Qatar, if the standard voltage in the home country is in between 220 - 240 V (as is in the UK, Europe, Australia and most of Asg50 59 Asg50 5909.

ANNEX B MAPS



Virtual Tour of the QNCC: https://www.qncc.qa/about-qncc/360-virtual-tour Floor Plans of the QNCC: https://www.qncc.qa/organisers/floor-plans-capacity-charts