



## Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

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### Preparatory Committee for the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

#### First session

New York, 24–28 May 2021

### Annotated provisional agenda

#### Provisional agenda

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#### Annotations

The first session of the Preparatory Committee for the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries will be held from 24 to 28 May 2021 at United Nations Headquarters in New York, pursuant to paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution [A/RES/74/232](#) B. The Preparatory Committee will undertake substantive preparations for the Conference, including a review of progress in the preparatory process for the Conference and its organization and a comprehensive appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020 by the least developed countries and their development partners; identify effective international and domestic policies in the light of the outcome of the appraisal, as well as new and emerging challenges and opportunities and the means to address them; reaffirm the global commitment to addressing the special needs of the least developed countries; and mobilize additional



international support measures and action, in addition to domestic resources, in favour of the least developed countries.

**2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

The Preparatory Committee should adopt its agenda as recommended at its organizational session and approve its programme of work.

**3. Preparations for the Conference**

**(a) Organizational and procedural preparations**

The Preparatory Committee should consider procedural and organizational matters, including the draft provisional rules of procedure and the agenda of the Conference.

The Preparatory Committee will be briefed on the organizational arrangements for the Conference, including by the host country.

**(b) Substantive preparations**

The Preparatory Committee is expected to consider the substantive preparations for the Conference, especially on the basis of the national reports and reports of the regional review meetings.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution [73/242](#), the Conference has the aim of, among others, undertaking a comprehensive appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020 by the least developed countries and their development partners, sharing best practices and lessons learned and identifying obstacles and constraints encountered, as well as actions and initiatives needed to overcome them. The Conference should identify effective international and domestic policies in the light of the outcome of the appraisal, as well as new and emerging challenges and opportunities and the means to address them. The Conference is also expected to reaffirm the global commitment to addressing the special needs of the least developed countries made at the major United Nations conferences and summits, including in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030. Finally, the Conference is tasked with mobilizing additional international support measures and action, in addition to domestic resources, in favour of the least developed countries, and, in this regard, formulating and adopting a renewed partnership between the least developed countries and their development partners, including the private sector, civil society and governments at all levels.

For its consideration of item 3 (b), the Preparatory Committee will have before it the following documents:

- (a) Report of the regional review meeting for Africa and Haiti;
- (b) Report of the regional review meeting for Asia-Pacific and Yemen;
- (c) Background documents:
  - (i) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020;
  - (ii) *Lessons Learned: Implementing the Istanbul Programme of Action for Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020* (Office of the High

Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, 2020);<sup>1</sup>

(iii) *United Nations Support to the Least Developed Countries* (Office of the High Representative, 2020);<sup>2</sup>

(iv) *State of the Least Developed Countries 2021* (Office of the High Representative, forthcoming);

(v) Chapter VII of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its twenty-second session,<sup>3</sup> entitled “Framework for the programme of action for the least developed countries”;

(vi) Chapter VII of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its twenty-third session,<sup>4</sup> on contributions to the Conference;

(vii) *The Least Developed Countries Report 2020* (United Nations publication, 2020);

(viii) Report of the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the right to development;<sup>5</sup>

(ix) Reports of pre-Conference events:

a. Progress in the implementation of the priority areas of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020 (Economic Commission for Africa);<sup>6</sup>

b. *Blended Finance in the Least Developed Countries 2020* (United Nations Capital Development Fund and Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, 2020);

c. Policy brief: COVID-19 – tackling the jobs crisis in the least developed countries (International Labour Organization);

d. Ministerial declaration on accelerating industrialization in the least developed countries (United Nations Industrial Development Organization and Office of the High Representative).

There will be an opportunity for delegations to deliver general statements under agenda item 3 (b). Statements should be limited to seven minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States and to five minutes for individual statements. Statements by speakers other than States will be limited to four minutes.

#### 4. Adoption of the provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee

The Preparatory Committee, at its first session, may wish to adopt the agenda for its second session and take decisions concerning the organization of its work.

<sup>1</sup> See [www.un.org/ohrlls/news/lessons-learned-implementing-istanbul-programme-action-least-developed-countries-decade-2011](http://www.un.org/ohrlls/news/lessons-learned-implementing-istanbul-programme-action-least-developed-countries-decade-2011). National reports were submitted by Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, the Comoros, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, the Sudan, Tuvalu, Uganda and Zambia; the reports are available on the website of the Conference.

<sup>2</sup> See [www.un.org/ohrlls/news/united-nations-support-least-developed-countries](http://www.un.org/ohrlls/news/united-nations-support-least-developed-countries).

<sup>3</sup> E/2020/33.

<sup>4</sup> E/2021/33.

<sup>5</sup> A/HRC/45/21.

<sup>6</sup> E/ECA/COE/39/15. Available at [www.un.org/ldc5/sites/www.un.org/ldc5/files/ldc\\_report\\_-\\_2021\\_-\\_final.pdf](http://www.un.org/ldc5/sites/www.un.org/ldc5/files/ldc_report_-_2021_-_final.pdf).

**5. Consideration of the draft outcome document of the Conference**

The Preparatory Committee should consider inputs to the draft outcome document of the Conference, including first elements and a road map for its finalization.

**7. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee at its first session**

The Preparatory Committee will adopt the report of its first session, which will be procedural in nature. The report will be further considered and finalized by the Committee at its second session (26–30 July 2021) and will be submitted to the Conference (Doha, 23–27 January 2022).

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