

FORUM ON INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LDCs



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Sustainable Development***

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The United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS), the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA) and the Government of Turkey are organizing a Forum to discuss investment promotion in the LDCs. FDI holds the potential to significantly help LDCs economies to diversify, reduce their dependence on commodities and promote manufacturing and services with higher local value-addition and a deeper integration in international value-chains. LDCs through their investment promotion agencies need to improve their capacity to market themselves by providing relevant, accurate and timely information to potential investors. The Forum will be held on the eve of the mid-term review of the Istanbul Programme of Action for LDCs where the potential of FDI for the sustainable development of LDCs will be further considered. Against this background, the Forum aims at furthering the discussion and adoption of best practices in investment promotion through interactions between business and government leaders as well as promotion professionals and multilateral agencies in order to enhance the capacity of LDCs to attract additional FDI, which can provide a crucial contribution to their sustainable development.

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10:00 – 11:30 AM

High-Level Opening Session

*FDI for Sustainable Development of the LDCs:
Challenges and Opportunities*

Keynote Speakers will include high-level representatives from Government, Academia, Business, and the UN

11:30 – 1:00 PM

Thematic session: Putting LDCs investment opportunities on the radar screen of investors: Challenges and Best Practices

Questions for discussion: How can IPAs from LDCs increase the visibility of the investment opportunities which exist in the respective countries? What does business need in order to fully consider LDCs in their location decisions? What are the key ingredients for a successful investment in LDCs?

Moderated by Louise Kantrow, Permanent Representative of the International Chamber of Commerce to the UN

Speakers will include high level representatives from investment promotion agencies from LDCs and their development partners, as well as business executives

3:00 – 6:00 PM

Thematic session: International support to increase the flow of sustainable investment to the LDCs in the context of the IPoA and the SDGs

Questions for discussion: How can the LDCs be supported in attracting sustainable investment? How can the needs identified in the previous session be addressed through international support? How can we increase sustainable FDI and ensure that it contributes to the structural transformation of LDCs and the realization of the SDGs?

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