



Journal



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on the Least Developed Countries

BRUSSELS,
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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Monday, 14 May 2001

Inaugural Ceremony

8.30 *All participants and invitees are requested to be seated by 8.30.*

**Room
3A 50**

9.00 Arrival of His Majesty King Albert II of Belgium

9.05 The Master of Ceremonies will invite the following dignitaries to address the Conference:

H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations
H.E. Mr. Göran Persson, Prime Minister of Sweden and President of the Council of the European Union
H.E. Mrs. Nicole Fontaine, President of the European Parliament
H.E. Mr. Guy Verhofstadt, Prime Minister of Belgium
H.E. Mr. Romano Prodi, President of the European Commission
H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh (Coordinator of the Global LDC Community)
H.E. Harri Holkeri, President of the Millennium Assembly
H.E. Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of France, Host of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

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10.00

Special Event

**Room
3A 50**

**The Challenge of Eradicating Poverty:
International Community Response**

Interactive Debate

Chairman: Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations

Segment I: Results and rethinking

What has been achieved over the past 30 years?

Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations
Mr. Göran Persson, Prime Minister of Sweden, President of the
Council of the European Union
Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo, President of Nigeria
Mr. Alpha Oumar Konaré, President of Mali

***Do the new approaches and initiatives address LDC
needs?***

Mr. James Wolfensohn, President of the World Bank
Mr. Mike Moore, Director-General of the World Trade
Organization
Mr. Poul Nielson, European Commissioner, Development and
Humanitarian Aid
Mrs. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh
Ms. Christine Hemrick, Vice-President, Cisco Systems
Mr. John Sayer, Executive Director, OXFAM International
Mr. Benjamin Mkapa, President of the United Republic of
Tanzania

Segment II: Reality

***How can we reach the 2015 International
Development Goals?***

Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the Millennium Assembly
Mr. Andrew Natsios, USAID Administrator
H.M. King Letsie III of Lesotho
Mr. Salil Shetty, Chief Executive, ActionAid
Mr. Apollo Nsibambi, Prime Minister of Uganda

Concluding comments

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Monday, 14 May 2001, cont'd

**14.30
to
17.15**

Interactive Thematic Session

Governance, Peace and Social Stability

**Room
3A 50**

The session aims to:

- (i) Promote interactive debate on key governance issues among LDC ministers, UN agencies and other relevant intergovernmental agencies, and donors;
- (ii) Discuss the four deliverables relating to governance, peace and social stability;
- (iii) Discuss commitments by LDCs and the international development community to improve governance for sustainable human development; and
- (iv) Identify follow-up actions by LDCs at the country level and support from development partners.

Co-chairpersons:

Mrs. Anne Kristin Sydnes, Minister of International Development, Norway

Dr. Leonardo Santos Simão, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mozambique

Keynote address:

Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme

I. Improving electoral and parliamentary systems and processes, and improving human rights and access to justice

Panellists include:

Mr. Abu Hasan Chowdhury, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh

Mr. Jakaya Kikwete, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh

Mrs. Mary Robinson, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Mr. Ruud Lubbers, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Mr. Benedict Mutyaba, MP, Uganda

II. Improving public sector institution performance to enhance good governance, peace and stability, and conflict prevention, management and resolution for durable peace

Panellists include:

Mr. Mobido Sidibe, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mali

Dr. Ramsharan Mahat, Minister for Finance, Nepal

Ms. Ana Dias Lourenco, Minister for Planning, Angola

Ms. Maj-Inger Klingvall, Minister for Development Cooperation, Migration and Asylum, Sweden

Mr. Brunson McKinley, Director General, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Ms. Cheryl Gray, Acting Vice-President and Director, Public Sector Reforms, World Bank

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15.00 General Statements **Room**
4B 01
See List of Speakers on page 5.

15.00 Parallel Event **Room**
1A 02

High-level Parliamentary Round Table
"Parliamentary Support for the Fight Against Poverty"

Parliamentarians from around the world, and in particular from LDCs, will address issues of urgent concern to the LDCs: (i) commodities, with particular focus on agriculture; (ii) capacity building and new technologies; (iii) financing for development, debt relief and capital flows. Moreover, the issue of gender and development will be addressed in all of these areas as a cross-sectoral issue. The initiative aims at promoting parliamentary action on issues addressed by the Conference as well as parliamentary follow-up action focused on practical implementation of the commitments to be adopted at UN-LDC III. Organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the European Parliament, and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the event is open to national delegations, NGOs and press representatives.

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18.00 General Statements **Room**
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GROUP MEETINGS

19.00 Group of 77 **Room**
3E 02

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Note for participants

The texts of general statements and messages to the Conference will be available at the Documents Distribution Counter (walkway, 3rd floor).

LIST OF SPEAKERS
GENERAL STATEMENTS

Monday, 14 May 2001

Afternoon session

15.00 H.M. King Letsie III of Lesotho

H.E. Mr. Omer Hassan Ahmed Elbashir, President of the Republic of Sudan

H.E. Mr. Benjamin W. Mkapa, President of the United Republic of Tanzania

H.E. Mr. Ange Félix Patasse, President of the Central African Republic

H.E. Mr. Olesegun Obasanjo, President of Nigeria

H.E. Mr. Abdullah Yamin, Minister for Trade and Industries of Maldives

16.00 H.E. Mr. Celso Lafer, Minister of External Relations of Brazil

H.E. Ms. Anita Bay Bundegaard, Minister for Development Co-operation of Denmark

H.E. Mr. Hwang-Doo-Yun, Minister for Trade of the Republic of Korea

Mrs. Mary Robinson, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

S.E. M. Youssef Mokaddem, Secrétaire d'Etat auprès du Ministre des Affaires Etrangères, Tunisia

H.E. Mr. Apinan Pavanarit, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand

17.00 H.E. Mr. M. Ram Sharan Mahat, Minister for Finance of Nepal

H.E. Mr. Walter Fust, Head of Delegation of Switzerland

H.E. Mr. Wilhelm Molterer, Federal Minister for Agriculture of Austria

S.E. M. Rino Serri, Sénateur, Secrétaire d'Etat, Ministère des Affaires Etrangères, Italy

S.E. Sr. Ricardo Cabrisas Ruiz, Ministro de Gobierno, Cuba

Mr. Thomas E. Leavey, Director General of the Universal Postal Union

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Evening session

- 18.30** H.E. Ms. Grazyna Bernatowicz, Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland
- Mr. Robert Blois, Deputy Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union
- Mr. Juan Somavia, Director General of the International Labour Organization
- S.E. M. Abdelkader Messahel, Ministre Délégué Chargé des Affaires Africaines, of Algeria
- S.E. M. Charles Goerens, Ministre de la Coopération et de l'Action Humanitaire, Ministère des Affaires Etrangères, Luxembourg
- S.E. M. Bedouma Alain Yoda, Ministre du Commerce, Burkina Faso, for l'Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie
- 19.30** Mr. Kim Hak-Su, Executive Director, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- Most Reverend Bishop Jean Marie Roger Kozik, Bishop Founder and Superior General of the Fraternité Notre Dame

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 15 May 2001

**9.30
to
13.00**

Interactive Thematic Session

**Room
3A 50**

Enhancing Productive Capacities: The Agricultural Sector and Food Security

- (i) The problems of, and the prospects for, enhancing the productive capacities of LDCs in the agricultural sector, including the interrelationship between agricultural development, food security, rural development and poverty alleviation;
- (ii) Concrete actions that both bilateral and multilateral development partners could take to accelerate LDC agricultural development and substantially reduce poverty and hunger in the LDCs.

Opening remarks:

Mr. Carlos Fortin, Deputy Secretary-General of UN-LDC III and Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Facilitators:

H.E. Mr. Eddy Boutmans, Secrétaire d'Etat à la Coopération au Développement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belgium

H.E. Mr. Khandu Wangchuk, Minister for Trade and Industry, Bhutan

Panellists:

Mr. H. de Haen, Assistant Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Mr. Lennart Båge, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Mr. Baba Dioum, General Co-ordinator, Conference of Ministers of Agriculture, West and Central Africa

Mr. Sartaj Aziz, Former Foreign and Finance Minister, Pakistan

Mr. Tripathy, Agriculture Division Chief, African Development Bank (ADB) Group

Mr. Stein Bie, Director-General, International Service for National Agricultural Research (ISNAR)

**10.00 Plenary -
Establishment of the Committee of the Whole
Programme of Action**

**Room
3C 50**

10.00 General Statements

**Room
4B 01**

Tuesday, 15 May 2001, cont'd**9.00
to
13.00****Parallel Event**
Meeting of Mayors**Room
1A 02**

City mayors from around the world, and in particular from LDCs, city associations and international organizations are meeting for two days with the goal of fostering city-to-city cooperation, particularly between LDC cities and non-LDC cities. Participating municipalities will also have an opportunity to elaborate and sign cooperative agreements or partnerships with other cities. The event is organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in collaboration with the World Alliance of Cities Against Poverty (WACAP) and the City of Brussels.

Chairperson: Mr. Freddy Thielemans, Bourgmestre, City of Brussels

First session**Welcoming address and general policy statements****Methodology for city-to-city cooperation**

Goal: To provide practical guidelines on sustainable city-to-city cooperation to assist LDC cities in their search for, and management and evaluation of, such cooperation.

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Tuesday, 15 May 2001, cont'd

15.00	Interactive Thematic Session	Room 3A 50
	<i>Intellectual Property and Development An Instrument for Wealth Creation</i>	

Opening remarks:

Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Co-Chairpersons:

H.E. Mr. Fredo Betsimifira, Minister of Information, Culture and Communications, Madagascar

H.E. Mr. Ronaldo Sandenberg, Minister of Science and Technology, Brazil.

The LDCs require a special programme with the vision and resources to bring about a quantum leap in the development of their intellectual property systems. In this context, the thematic session will discuss the following major areas of WIPO's deliverables for LDCs, namely:

- WIPO Global Information Network (WIPONET)
- WIPO Worldwide Academy (WWA)
- Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs)
- Copyright and related rights and collective management
- Traditional knowledge, genetic resources and folklore

15.00	Committee of the Whole – Cluster I	Room 3C 50
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15.00	Committee of the Whole – Cluster II	Room 3G 2
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15.00	General Statements	Room 4B 01
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14.30	Parallel Event	Room 1A 02
	<i>Meeting of Mayors</i>	

Second session

Discussions will focus on local autonomy, training, financing and the support/institutional framework necessary for promoting sustainable city-to-city cooperation and investments that generate local employment. The session will make recommendations to Governments and the international community.

Tuesday, 15 May 2001, cont'd**16.30****Other Event****Room
3G 03*****Ministerial Panel on Gender in LDCs
Building Capacities for Mainstreaming Gender
in Development Strategies***

Can gender equality lead to accelerated socio-economic development in LDCs? A pre-UN-LDC III event on gender held from 21 to 23 March 2001 in Cape Town, South Africa, concluded that gender equality is a development issue and that its promotion enhances economic efficiency. A declaration was adopted and a number of recommendations made which will be presented at this panel. This event was organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

*** * *****18.00 General Statements****Room
4B 01***** * ***

SOCIAL EVENTS

Monday, 14 May

13.00: The Swedish Presidency is hosting the Official Opening Lunch for Heads of Delegation in the European Parliament Building, Salons des Membres (through the Spinelli entrance, to the right).

17.30: All Heads of Delegation are cordially invited to the Palais Royal de Bruxelles to attend the ceremony during which the International King Baudouin Prize for Development will be awarded in the presence of Their Majesties the King and Queen. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan, will address the assembly. Transportation by special coaches will be provided from the European Parliament at 17.00, as well as back to the Parliament after the reception, at around 19.00.

18.00: The President of the European Parliament, Mr. Nicole Fontaine, is offering a reception for the participants in the High-level Parliamentary Round Table in front of meeting room 1A 02. It will be hosted by Mr. Joaquim Miranda, MEP, and Mr. John Corrie, MEP.

Tuesday, 15 May

19.00 – 21.00: On behalf of the Belgian Government, Mr. Eddy Boutmans, Secretary of State for International Cooperation, has the pleasure of inviting the participants in the LDC Conference to a reception to be held at the Autoworld Museum (at the Cinquantenaire). Special invitations have been issued. Transportation by coaches will be provided on a shuttle basis between the European Parliament and the Autoworld Museum. Parking facilities are also available at the Cinquantenaire.

Thursday, 17 May

18:30: Mr. Romano Prodi, on behalf of the European Commission, is offering a reception for all delegates in the European Parliament Building.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration and accreditation

Admission to the European Parliament Building requires showing the identity badge issued to delegates upon registration. Identity badges will be issued on the basis of advance communications submitted to the Conference secretariat.

Registration at the Spinelli entrance of the European Parliament Building will take place daily as of 11 May 2001, from 8.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m., for delegations, IGOs, the UN and other agencies.

Registration for the press/media and NGOs will take place as of 10 May, from 8.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m., in the building next to the European Parliament, Spinelli entrance (office 1F35).

To register and to obtain photo ID badges, all participants should go to the respective Registration and Accreditation Counters with their passport and credentials.

For purposes of formal accreditation and preparation of the official list of participants in the Conference, the credentials of representatives, alternates and advisers should be submitted in writing to the Secretary-General of the Conference and the original copy deposited with the Registration and Accreditation Counter.

General statements

General statements will be made in Room 4B01 of the European Parliament Building and be broadcast live on the Internet. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in the

six official UN languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish).

For inclusion in the list of speakers, please contact Mr. Masahiro Igarashi (tel.: 0498/587 569; fax: 02/230 3794, Office 1C50I, 1st floor, above the Spaak entrance of the European Parliament Building). The name and title of the speaker should be provided at least one full day before the speech.

Advance copies of statements should be submitted to the conference room staff. Whenever possible, texts should also be submitted in electronic format (preferably plain text or Word documents) for uploading onto the Conference Web Site. Please send to patricia.almeida@unctad.org, or give a diskette to the conference room staff.

Distribution of documents

The documentation for the Conference will be distributed to delegations in a limited number of copies in the official languages of their choice at the Documents Distribution Counter (walkway, 3rd floor).

Car parks

A limited number of parking spaces will be reserved for delegations in the European Parliament Building parking grounds. Special parking stickers can be obtained from United Nations Security at the main Registration Counter.

Arrival and departure of Heads of State or Government and Heads of Delegation

Delegates are requested to inform the United Nations Protocol Office (Room II, walkway, 3rd floor, European Parliament Building, tel.: 02/230 8375; fax: 02/230 9985,) of the scheduled arrival and departure of Heads of State or Government and Heads of Delegation.

Social events

To help ensure that social events (i.e. cocktail parties and receptions) are not scheduled for the same time, delegations should contact the United Nations Protocol Office regarding their proposed dates.

NGO Forum

The NGO Forum will take place from 14 to 20 May at the Bibliothèque Solvay (close to the European Parliament Building) and other venues. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan, will address the Forum on 14 May at 11.40 a.m. Delegates are welcome to attend Forum sessions.

The Journal

The *Journal of the Conference*, issued daily, will be available at the Documents Distribution Counter as well as on the Conference Web Site at the following address:

<http://www.un.org/events/lcd3/conference/index.html>

To make official announcements related to the Conference in the *Journal*, please contact Ms. Sophia Twarog (tel.: 0498/587 569, Office 1C50I, 1st floor, above the Spaak entrance at the European Parliament e-mail:sophia.twarog@unctad.org)

Exhibition

The Conference exhibition is located on the 3rd floor walkway, European Parliament Building. The exhibition focuses on the cultural heritage of the LDCs and on the work of the international organizations in these countries. Approximately 10 countries and 22 agencies and organizations are expected to participate.

UN Security Office

The UN Security Office is located on the 2nd floor, walkway, European Parliament Building (tel.: 02/280 4974).

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Inquiries should be made to European Parliament Security at the main Registration Counter.

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An on-site service will provide all first aid facilities at the European Parliament Building. Ambulance services will be on site, should transfer be required to the local hospital. All costs incurred at hospitals or for other medical care will be at each delegate's own expense.

Travel services

Offices of the tourist and air travel agencies located within the European Parliament Building will assist delegations in making arrangements for local and international travel, and also for tours in Belgium.

Banking services

Banque Bruxelles Lambert (BBL) on the ground floor of the European Parliament Building. Banking hours: Sunday, 13 May, 11.00 to 18.00; Monday-Thursday, 8.30 to 17.00; Friday, 8.30 to 15.00.