



**United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
(UNCTAD)**

**Expert Meeting of LDCs in preparation for the 12th session of the United
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Draft Programme

Ngurdoto, (Arusha), United Republic of Tanzania

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Day 1: Monday, 22 October 2007

Opening Session

10:00 Opening remarks by a Chairman, **H.E. Mr. Arsen M. Balihuta**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Uganda in Geneva.

10:30 Keynote Address by **Honourable Basil Mramba**, Minister of Industry, Trade and Marketing of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Item 1: Export Competitiveness and Development in Least-Developed Countries: Issues and policy challenges

11:00-11:30 Presentation by **Mr. Habib Ouane**, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes

(Coffee break)

Item 2: Key Trade and Development Challenges facing LDCs: National and regional perspectives

12:00-12:20 Case study of **Uganda**, presentation by Mr. Lindani Ndlovu

12:20-12:40 Case study of **Burundi**, presentation by Mr. Dismas Baransaka

12:40-13:00 Comments and discussions

(Lunch break)

Item 2 (Continued)

15:00-15:20 Case Study of **Senegal**, presentation by Mr. Cherif Salif Sy, Secretary General of the Senegalese Economists Association

15:20-15:40 Case study of **Rwanda** presentation by Mr. Andre Habimana

15:40-16:00 Case study of **Mozambique**, presentation by Mr. Lourenço Sambo

(Coffee Break)

16:20-16:40 Case study of **Benin**, presentation by Mr. Mathias Pofagi

16:40-17:00 Commentator: Mr. Cherif Salif Sy, Secretary-General, Senegalese Economists Association

17:0-18:00 Discussions

Chairman's summing-up

Day 2: Tuesday, 23 October 2007

Item 2 (Continued)

9:00-9:30 Case study of **Burkina Faso**, presentation by Mrs. Bere Lompo

9:30-10:00 Case Study of **Bhutan**, presentation by Mr. Wangchuk Loday

10:30-11:00 Case study of **Mali**, presentation by Mr. Hamacire Dick

(Coffee Break)

11:30-12:00 Case study of **Sudan**, presentation by Dr.Mohammed Ali Dingle

12:00-13:00 Commentators

Dr. Lindani Ndlovu (Independent Consultant)

Mr. Mr. Bharat Raj PAUDYAL, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Nepal in Geneva

Mr. Akhshid JAVID, Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of Afghanistan in Geneva

Chairman's summing-up

(Lunch break)

Item 3: Priority Areas for Action at the national, regional and international levels during and beyond UNCTAD XII

15:00-16:30: Moderator: H.E. Mr. Arsen M. Balihuta

Lead Discussants:

Mr. Cherif Salif Sy (Senegal)

Mr. Lindani Ndlovu (Uganda)

Mr. Dismas Baransaka (Burundi)

Mrs. Bere Lompo (Burkina Faso)

Mr. Andre Habimana (Rwanda)
Mr. Mathias Pofagi (Benin)
Dr. Mohammed Ali Dingle (Sudan)

Summing up by a moderator

(Coffee Break)

17:00-18:00: Views and perspectives of agencies and organizations of the UN system and other international Organizations participating in the meeting:

- UNCTAD
- UNDP
- UN-OHRLLS
- World Trade Organization (WTO)
- Common Fund For Commodities (CFC)

18:30-20:30 Cocktail

Day 3: Wednesday, 24 October 2007

Item: 4 Consideration of Possible elements for negotiating proposals for LDCs in the preparatory process for and at UNCTAD XII: Key issues of interest

9:00-9:30 Introduction by Mr. Habib Ouane

9:30-11:00 Comments and Discussions

(Coffee Break)

12:00-13:00 ***Item 4 (Continued)***

(Lunch break)

15:00-16:30 ***Item 4 (Continued)***

Finalization and adoption of the outcome of the Expert meeting