ITU's pre-conference Event for the Fourth United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries (LDC IV)
ITU Headquarters (Room K, Montbrillant Building), Geneva, Switzerland, 8 – 9 March 2011

Digital Inclusion For LDCs: Innovation · Growth · Sustainability

Provisional Agenda

	Day 1, Tuesday, 8 March 2011
10:00 - 11:00	**Opening Remarks** • Mr. Houlin Zhao, Deputy Secretary-General, ITU • Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States • H.E. Ambassador Oğuz Demiralp, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the U.N., Geneva • Mr Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD
11:00 - 11:15	**Coffee Break**
11:15 - 13:00	**Interactive High level Debate: Making the MDGs come true for LDCs** **Chair:** H.E. Ambassador Khadija R. Masri, Permanent Representative of the African Union to the U.N., Geneva • Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States • Mr. Brahima Sanou, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU • Mr Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary General, UNCTAD • Mr. Kiflé Shenkoru, Director, Division for Least Developed Countries, WIPO • Ms. Najat Rochdi, Deputy Director, UNDP Office, Geneva
13:00 – 14:30	**Lunch**

14:30 - 16:30	**Session I: Information and Communication Technologies in LDCs**
	    Chair: Mr. Brahima Sanou, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU
	
	    Presentation: Unlocking Digital Dividends for the LDCs through ICTs - Mr. Cosmas L. Zavazava, Chief, a.i. Projects and Initiatives Department
	• H.E. Ambassador Dudley McKinley Thomas, Permanent Representative of Liberia to the U.N.
	• H.E. Ambassador Mr. Dinesh Bhattarai, Permanent Representative of Nepal to the U.N.
	• Mr. Md. Nazul Islam Khan, Secretary, Government of Bangladesh, Project Director, A21 Program, Prime Minister's office, Bangladesh
	• Mr. Patrick Mwesigwa, Director General, Uganda Communications Commission (UCC)
	• Mrs. Gertrude Akapelwa-Ehueni, Chairperson, Zambia Information Communications Technology Authority (ZICTA)

	Day 2, Wednesday, 9 March 2011
09:00 - 11:00	**Session II: Creating an Information Society for All: Attaining the World Summit on the Information Society Goals** 　　　　**Chair:** Mr. Matthias Kern, Basel Convention Secretariat / UNEP 　　• Mr. Torbjörn Fredriksson, Chief, ICT Analysis Section Science, Technology and ICT Branch Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD 　　• Mr. Jaroslaw Ponder, Strategy and Policy Advisor, ITU 　　• Mr. Raul Zambrano, Senior Policy Advisor, ICTD & e-Governance UNDP/BDP/DGG 　　• Ms. Susan Teltscher, Head, Market Information and Statistics, ITU 　　• Mr. Víctor Vázquez López, Senior Legal Counsellor, WIPO 　　• Md Shahid Uddin Akbar, Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh Institute of ICT in Development (BIID) Panel Discussions
11:00 - 11:15	**Coffee Break**
11:15 - 12:30	**Session III: Priorities for LDCs under LDC IV with respect to making ICTs more accessible and the driving engine to growth, sustainability through innovation** 　　• **Chair:** Mr. Md. Nazul Islam Khan, Secretary, Government of Bangladesh, Project Director, A21 Program, Prime Minister's office, Bangladesh This session will discuss the final report to be adopted by the meeting. The report will highlight ICT priorities for the LDC IV which will be used as input to the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee in April 2011.
12:30 - 13:00	**Adoption of Final Report**

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