**Global South-South Development Expo Mini Partnership Forum on *Enhancing ICT development and connectivity for the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)* Jointly organized by UN-OHRLLS and the ITU**

**Pre-conference event held in preparation for:**

**The Ten-Year review conference of the Almaty Programme of Action 2014**

**Thursday, 31 October 2013**

**Time: 09:00 - 13:00**

**Venue: Conference Room 11, United Nations Office**

**Nairobi, Kenya**

**Draft Provisional Programme**

**Chair:** Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, UN-USG and High Representative

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| 09:00 – 09:20 | 1. Welcome remarks:  - Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative, (UN-OHRLLS)  - Dr Hamadoun Touré, Secretary-General, ITU |
| 09:20 – 11:00 | 2. Panel on key issues on ICTs/Broadband, LLDCs challenges, best practices, country experiences and solutions   1. ITU - Mrs. Gisa Fuatai Purcell Head, LSE Division, ITU 2. Uganda - Hon. John Nasasira, Minister of ICT 3. Nepal – Mr. Sushil Kumar Ojha, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information and Communication 4. Zimbabwe - Ms. Georgina Chingonzo, Director, Ministry of ICT, Postal and Courier Services 5. Azerbaijan – Mr. Zaur Hasanov, Director, Project Trans-Eurasian Information Super Highway (TASIM) 6. Zambia - Mr Milner Makuni, Assistant Director, Ministry of Transport, Works, Supply and Communications, Department of Communication 7. Rwanda - Mr. Emmanuel Dusenge, Senior Engineer, Ministry of Youth and ICT 8. Kazakhstan (TBC)   Discussion |
| 11:00 – 12:45 | 3. Panel on initiatives partnerships and solutions that can work to improve ICTs development for LLDCs   1. **Mr. Abdoulkarim Soumaila,** Secretary General, African Telecommunications Union 2. Mr. Amos Marawa, Head of the COMESA-EAC-SADC Tripartite's Project Preparation and Implementation Unit 3. African Development Bank - Mr. Gabriel Negatu, Regional Director, East Africa Regional Resource Center, African Development Bank Group 4. Mr. Erik Habers, Minister Counsellor – Head of Cooperation European Union - Delegation to the Republic of Kenya 5. Mr. Kiprono Kittony, National Chairman, Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry 6. Ms. Hannah Ryder, DFID (TBC) 7. Sweden (TBC)   Discussion |
| 12:45 – 13:00 | 4. Conclusions and recommendations on priorities for ICT development and solutions for LLDCs and wrap up  ITU  OHRLLS |