



The Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries Vienna, Austria, 2014

Preliminary Programme

Addressing connectivity challenges in LLDCs

Room MOE100, Vienna International Centre

13:30-14:50, 3 November 2014

The goal of this side event is to discuss ways to address the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) development and connectivity challenges for the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs). Addressing ICT connectivity including broadband will help LLDCs address special development challenges such as increased costs due to lack of access to the seaport, long distances to the ports, inadequate telecommunication and ICT infrastructure, inadequate transport infrastructure, and cumbersome customs and border crossing procedure.

The event will identify ICT connectivity priorities and concrete actions to ensure concrete projects are created and implemented through genuine and durable partnerships between governments, private sector and academia.

Moderator: TBC

Welcoming Remarks: **Mrs. Gisa Fuatai Purcell**,
Head, Least Developed Countries, Small Island Developing States and Emergency Telecommunications (LSE) Division, Telecommunication Development Bureau, BDT/ITU

Opening Remarks: **Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya**,
Under Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

Panelists:

1. **Ms. Ann Vandenbroucke**,
Director International Regulatory & Policy Issues, Inmarsat
2. **Ms. Candace Johnson**,
Founder/Co-Founder SES, Loral Teleport Europe, Europe Online, Global Telecom Women's Network, Success Europe and OWNSAT, Oceania Women's Network Satellite
3. **Mr. Christian Patouraux**,
Chief Executive Officer, Kacific
4. **Mr. Pierre Guislain**,
Senior Director and Head of the Transport & ICT Global Practice, World Bank
5. **Mr. Gary Daly**,
Sales Director, O3b Networks, Africa
6. **Mr. Toshikazu Sakano**,
Senior Research Engineer, Supervisor, Resilient Network Project, NTT Network Innovation Laboratories, Japan
7. **Ministry of Transport and Communication**, Kyrgyz Republic
8. **Ministry of Information and Communications**, Nepal
9. **Uganda Communications Commission**, Uganda

Closing Remarks: **Mrs. Gisa Fuatai Purcell**,
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