



Statement

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Item 11: Implementation of and follow-up to major United
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(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the
Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the
Decade 2011–2020

Introduction of the Report of the Secretary-General on the
Follow-up to the Fifth United Nations Conference on the
Least Developed Countries (A/77/73–E/2022/53)

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ECOSOC Chamber

Mr. Chair,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to introduce the Report of the Secretary-General on the Follow-up to the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries- LDC5 contained in document A/77/73.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its unprecedented impacts, the General Assembly decided to hold the LDC5 in two parts. The first part was held on 17 March this year in New York, and the second part in will be held from 5 to 9 March 2023 in Doha. In March, the Conference adopted the Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the decade 2022-2031.

The Doha Programm of Action is a landmark document that manifests a new generation of renewed and strengthened commitments by LDCs and their development partners. Under six key areas, the Programme of Action lays out a clearly designed and ambitious global agenda.

It will help us achieve:

- a full and sustainable recovery of LDCs from the Covid-19 pandemic
- build resilience against future shocks
- alleviative abject poverty
- achieve the SDGs
- and march LDCs towards sustainable graduation.

The Doha Programme of Action reaffirms existing goals and targets, including the SDGs, and sets new ambitions that go beyond the 2030 Agenda.

Let me highlight a few of those ambitious goals and targets in the DPoA:

- By 2031, broadband Internet user penetration should reach 70% in LDCs.
- Labour productivity will be increased by 50% by 2031.
- 50% of the annual financing flows to clean cooking and electricity access to be directed to LDCs.
- LDCs' share of global exports and the aid for trade will be doubled by 2031.
- providing at least 50 per cent and to aim to allocate 69 per cent of the adaptation allocation to LDCs and other vulnerable countries.
- Enable 15 additional LDCs to meet the criteria for graduation by 2031.

The Doha programme action has also launched new specific initiatives such as:

Online University for LDCs,

An International Investment Support Center for LDCs;

Food Stockholding for LDCs;

Crises Mitigation and Resilience Building Mechanism;

And a Sustainable Graduation Support Facility.

The Secretary-General has been requested to undertake feasibility studies in these areas.

And the Secretary-General will submit his recommendations to the General Assembly for its consideration.

Mr. Chair,

The ultimate success of the Doha Programme of Action lies in its full, effective, and timely implementation.

The endorsement of the DPoA by the General Assembly has paved the way for prompt and full implementation by all partners and stakeholders.

The UN-OHRRLLS has embarked on this journey without delay to keep the momentum created at the first part of the conference.

The Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams play a critical role. In May this year, we convened a very important meeting with RCs focusing on mainstreaming the DPoA at country level.

Last week we convened our network of LDCs national focal points in-person in Kigali, Rwanda, to look at the implementation of the DPoA at the national level.

Next week we will convene the full UN development system to begin coordinating delivery plans for the 6 priority areas of action.

Specifically, we will present the draft Roadmap for the accelerated implementation of the DPoA aimed to capture actions to be undertaken by all stakeholders in support of the LDCs.

We recently convened the UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Graduation to advance support for graduating LDCs.

Together with ITU, we have launched the Action Framework of the Partner2Connect Digital Coalition, to foster connectivity and digital transformation.

Mr. Chair,

Let take this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude to the Government of Qatar for its strong commitment and generous hospitality to host the LDC5 at the Heads of State or Government.

The Doha conference will provide the international community with an unique opportunity to show case efforts to date, and announce new initiatives and partnerships.

We count on your active engagement and support for the implementation of the Doha Programme of Action.

I thank you.