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CDP	Committee for Development Policy
CFC	Common Fund for Commodities
ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
EIF	Enhanced Integrated Framework
ESCWA	UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
IAC	Inter-agency Consultative Group
IACC	Inter-agency Action and Cooperation for the (east Developed Countries
IPoA	Istanbul Programme of Action for the (east Developed Countries for the Decade)
ILO	International Labour Organization
IP	Intellectual Property
IPA	Investment Promotion Agency
I&C	International Trade Centre
I&T	International Telecommunications Union
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
SEEs	Small and Medium Enterprises
S&I	Science, Technology and Innovation
WTO	World Trade Organization
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UN-ESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

#2 Introduction

The Seventeenth meeting of the Inter-Agency Consultative Group of the United Nations system and international organizations on the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) for the (Least Developed Countries for the Decade) (2011-2020) was held in Geneva on 14 November 2015. The meeting was organized by the United Nations Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS). The IAC meeting provided a platform for the participating agencies/funds and programmes and other international organizations to share an update on their efforts to support the LDCs across the priority areas of the IPoA and discuss areas for further action.

3.2 Opening session

The meeting was opened by His Excellency Teitiyaia Teitiyaia, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (LDCs). She also chaired the session. She also welcomed to the meeting the Chair of the Global Coordination Unit for the LDCs represented by the Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom. The Under-Secretary-General expressed her appreciation for their strong commitment and continuous support to accelerate the implementation of the IPoA and to promote the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in the LDCs. His Excellency Teitiyaia underscored that the LDCs rely on the

capacity had been limited in technology and R&D. There were positive trends in technology innovation for the DCs had been fully operationalized. In the first SD target achieved in 2011, the US had started implementing the innovation programme of the technology innovation in collaboration with the NSF and the ESC on Science, Technology and Innovation reviews and technology Needs Assessments. The technology innovation could be carrying out innovation on digital access to research in selected DCs. In research, a consortium formed

The representative of UNCTAD informed the meeting that the meeting that #SC&AD would soon launch the /! ic would address the issue of entrepreneurship and the role it plays in the process of structural transformation and sustainable development

The representative of I1U informed the meeting that in order to address their special requirements, I&# had a dedicated programme for (DCs which provided catalytic assistance on infrastructure development/ capacity building/ emergency telecommunication/ ICT/ e-infrastructure/ e-justice and climate change. I&# has provided assistance in rural infrastructure/ build institutional and human capacity/ regulatory reform/ e-justice/ and more. She gave several country examples of work. She noted that several resolutions had been adopted by I&# on (DCs. She provided examples of joint activities between I&# and #

to developing data tools to measure the direct and indirect costs of trade/ and understanding trade rules

The representative of UN#IDS stated that #AIDS # as engaged on the free trade's in (DCs & #AIDS strategy running until)*)1 identified 4J >fast-trade" countries/ accounting for B*E of ne! OIF infections and AIDS-related deaths/ of ! ic 1< ! ere (DCs to provide targeted support #AIDS #ad in addition launched in)*1H the West and Central Africa catch-up plan ! ere there ! ere significant lags! And the irdly/ a targeted initiative ! as tackling the AIDS epidemic in)J* >fast-trade" cities? and municipalities/ many of ! ic ! ere in (DCs & ere also ! as a thematic focus on topics such as maternal and child health / girls and ! omen and young people

The representative of UN4SCO noted that #ESC+ ! as the convener of multi-stakeholder)*4* Education Steering Committees to support . ember States to achieve SD%<6 Several consultations had been organized in (DCs! In addition/ the #ESC+ programme for capacity development for education ! as active in)J (DCs! Further/ #ESC+ had ! or"ed ! it over)* (DCs on science/ technology and innovation! In July/ an agreement ! as signed between #ESC+ and the &ec nology 'an" for the (DCs to ! or" on the preparation of S&I0&\$A in four (DCs! #ESC+ experts ! ould participate in all phases for the preparation of the review! s6 #ESC+ and the World Academy of Sciences had J targeted programmes in (DCs! In addition/ a number of activities ! ere being implemented to support (DCs build their AI capacity/ such as training at the Abdus Salam International Centre for &eoretical Physics/ a sub-developed the rough a partnership ! it ! . and %oogle/ and a series of conferences on transparency and multi-stakeholder dialogue! Activities ! ere also under! ay on South-South and triangular cooperation! & e usual set of activities on hydrological systems continued to be implemented/ ! ell as on disaster risk reduction/ both in relation to climate change and post-conflict settings!

4SC#) submitted a ! ritten statement noting that the (DCs of Asia and the Pacific had registered significant progress despite their structural challenges/ surpassing the aim of enabling half of them to meet the criteria for graduation by)*)*! it 1* of the region;s (DCs fulfilling the criteria/ the first time/ four being recommended for graduation and the first meeting the economic vulnerability threshold! ESCAP has accorded high priority to assist the region;s (DCs in implementing the IPoA through analytical products/ capacity building ! or"s ops and ensuring that the voices of the (DCs are heard in international fora! Capacity building initiatives include regional ! or"s ops/ on strengthening development of the (DCs in Asia-Pacific to support implementation of the)*4* Agenda/ on formulating

that are relevant to the (DCs/ ((DCs and SIDS of Asia-Pacific through its annual flagship publication/ the >Countries in the Special Seeds Development Report in 2015 focusing on >Sustainable Development and Sustaining Peace and forthcoming in 2016 on >Structural Transformation and its role in Poverty Reduction. It will touch on several priority areas such as productive capacity/ rural development/ human and social development and trade.

In conclusion, Heidi Schroderus, Director, expressed appreciation for the role of the agencies in support of the (DCs. She highlighted that these meetings allowed the office to make linkages and follow-up to build stronger partnerships among the organizations (linking up on the #SDG reform process as crucial to connect global/ regional and country-level efforts to ensure coherence and make sure that it reinforced the #SDGs as important. She noted the importance of #SDG at the country level and underscored the need for coherence between the implementation of IPoA and SDGs. She also highlighted the need to focus on SDG 17 on partnerships/ especially building better partnerships/ avoiding duplication/ and adding value to our common efforts to move forward collectively to make a difference at the country level. She encouraged the group to share views and ideas/ particularly on the way forward to the next Conference and to think about the key priorities for the next programme of action/ including new areas that should be included in the next programme of action.

Enhanced support for LDCs in the period (2015-2019) preparations for LDC 6 Conference

Sandagdorjdenz (Chief/ Office of the OIG Representative for the (DCs/ ((DCs and SIDS/ introduced the agenda item. He noted that today's world is very different to that of 2014 and the intergovernmental development landscape had evolved considerably/ and the adoption of the 2014 Agenda/ Addis Ababa Action Agenda

making S e noted t at t e trade regime and investment regime needed to be realigned ! it

enough and that the Secretary-General's report called on Member States to step up their efforts in the last lap of the IPoA. He called on the participants to ensure that the # system is better coordinated/ more effective and more innovative/ and to step up support to graduating (DCs. He recalled that at the)*15 EC+S+C resolution on (DCs expressed serious concern at the declining share of expenditure for operational activities for development of the #nited States system in the (DCs and urged the #nited States development system to continue to prioritize allocations to the (DCs by developing operational guidelines. He appealed to the members of the IAC to report this to their political leadership and urged them to accord high importance to the (DCs. He noted that at the upcoming (DC F Conference

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