

**Workshop on Mainstreaming and Monitoring the Implementation of the
Doha Programme of Action (DPoA)
Annual Meeting of National Focal Points of Least Developed Countries
Opening Session
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Remarks by Ambassador Esen

Dear friends,

I would like to draw your attention to digital transformation and technological advancements that bring new opportunities for global development efforts.

LDCs, too, should be given the necessary tools and means to be able to reap the full benefits of the emerging technologies.

The UN Technology Bank that we host in Gebze is the only UN entity exclusively dedicated to LDCs.

The Technology Bank has an important role to play in bridging the digital gap between developed countries and LDCs.

The DPoA has also recognized the Bank as a focal point for LDCs to strengthen their science, technology, and innovation (STI) capacity toward building sustainable production capacity and promoting structural economic transformation.

To this end, we have been consistently encouraging LDCs to make best use of the services provided by the Bank.

I understand that there will be a visit to the Technology Bank on Friday (26 July).

We hope the presentations by the Technology Bank officials will help the participants explore more areas of collaboration in the period ahead.

I wish you all a successful workshop.

Thank you and welcome again.