

**Inaugural Meeting of the
International Think Tank for LLDCs**

**June 11-12, 2018
“Consensus hall” Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**

Day 1 – June 11, 2018

08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:30	<p>Opening session Moderator: Mr. D. Davaasuren, State Secretary of the MFA of Mongolia</p> <p><i>Opening remarks by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Enkhtuvshin U., Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia (tbc) • Mr. Raul Silvero, Ambassador of Paraguay to Mongolia, Global Chair of the Group of LLDCs, • Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa ‘Utoikamanu, Under Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, • Delivery of the Message of the United Nations Secretary General
09:30-10:30	<p>Session 1: Introduction of the International Think Tank for LLDCs This session will introduce the progress in the transition of the International Think Tank for LLDCs from its interim management scheme to full operation.</p> <p>The session will also present the report of the first meeting of the Board of Governors of the ITT for LLDCs.</p> <p>Moderator: H.E. Mr. Gebeyehu Ganga Gayito, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the United Nations (tbc)</p> <p><i>Presenter(s):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Odbayar E., Executive Director, ITT for LLDCs, • H.E. Ms. Battsetseg B., Chairman of the Board of Governors of the ITT for LLDCs, • Q and A
10:30-10:45	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
10:45-11:30	<p>Session 2: Future collaboration within the framework of the ITT for LLDCs This session will provide a platform to discuss areas and research topics for future collaborations.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Odbayar E., Executive Director of the ITT for LLDCs</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive debate and exchange of views by the LLDCs and Partner organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Lyompo Damcho Dorji, Foreign Minister of Bhutan, • H.E. Mr. Raul Silvero, Ambassador of Paraguay to Mongolia, • H.E. Mr. Azer Huseyn, Ambassador at Large of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, • H.E. Ms. Beate Trankmann, Resident Coordinator, UNDP, • Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg. Chief. Policy Coordination, Development, Monitoring and Reporting Service, UN-OHRLLS, •
11:30-12:00	Joint press conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa ‘Utoikamanu, OHRLLS • H.E. Ms. Battsetseg B., Deputy Foreign Minister of Mongolia • H.E. Mr. Raul Silvero, Ambassador of Paraguay to Mongolia • Mr. Odbayar E., Executive Director of the ITT for LLDCs
12:00-13:30	LUNCH BREAK
13:30-14:45	Thematic panel/session 1: Foreign Direct Investment and Economic diversification of LLDCs The event will review the impact of foreign direct investment on economic diversification in LLDCs and further explore the effects of economic diversification on economic growth, role of private sector, international trade position and integration into regional economy. Moderator: H.E. Dr. Khiane Phansourivong, Ambassador, Permanent representative of Lao PDR to the UN (tbc) Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of FDI and trends in LLDCs – (Gladys Mutangadura, Senior Programme Officer, UN-OHRLLS) • The impact of foreign direct investment on economic diversification in the region and LLDCs in particular - UN-ESCAP (Hamza Malik, Director, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division) • FDI, Economic Diversification, and Regional Trade Network Connectivity: The Case of Laos – ITTLLDC (Sandra Seno-Alday, Lecturer, University of Sydney) • The Role of Intellectual Property and Innovation for Development and Economic Diversification and WIPO’s development cooperation activities – World Intellectual Property Organization (Mr. V.Purevdorj, Senior Counsellor) • Economic Diversification of LLDCs: Case Mongolia –Economic policy and Competitiveness Research Center (B.Lakshmi, Director General) • Interactive discussion and exchange of views by the LLDCs and participants
14:45-15:00	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
15:00-16:20	Thematic panel/session 2: ICT-Connectivity and LLDCs The event will discuss the ICT infrastructure development of LLDCs and draw insights into how to achieve high Internet penetration rate and to close the digital divide. Moderator: Hamza Malik, Director, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division, UN-ESCAP (tbc) Presentations:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Process of Technology Leapfrogging: Insights from the National ICT Infrastructure Development Journey of Azerbaijan – ITTLLDC (Evelyn Ng, Lecturer, University of Sydney) • Bridging the digital divide through regional cooperation – UNESCAP (Siope Vakataki’Ofa, ICT and Development Section) • E-commerce and GS1 barcode system –GS1 Mongolia (Tsevelsaikhan Sh., CEO) • Information, communication technology and business development –Xac Bank (Arvind Joshi, Chief Information Officer, Head of Digital Banking) • Interactive discussion and exchange of views by the LLDCs and participants
16:20-17:30	<p>Thematic panel/session 3: Infrastructure Development, Transit Transport Corridors and trade facilitation: Challenges and opportunities of LLDCs</p> <p>The event will focus on transport connectivity issues of LLDCs, including infrastructure development, and development of transit transport corridors the market potential of different transport sectors and different liberalization schemes, and trade facilitation for development will also be discussed.</p> <p>Moderator - Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg. Chief. Policy Coordination, Development, Monitoring and Reporting Service, UN-OHRLLS</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure Development and Trade Facilitation: Introduction of key issues - UN-OHRLLS (Gladys Mutangadura, Senior Programme Officer) • Modeling the Potential for Aviation Liberalization in Central Asia – ITTLLDC (Xiaowen Fu, Lecturer, University of Sydney) • Experiences of a Transit corridor organization from Africa - Northern Corridor Transit and Transport Coordination Authority (Mr. Elias Leonardo, Director, Monitoring and Evaluation) • Transport and Trade Facilitation for Development - UNCTAD (Mussie Delelegn Chief, Landlocked Developing Countries' Section Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes) • Special needs in effective transport and transit system – National Road Transport Association of Mongolia (J.Ayush, Executive Director) • Interactive discussion and exchange of views by the LLDCs and participants
18:00	<p>Official Reception to be hosted by Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia</p> <p>Venue: Best Western Premier Hotel (by invitation)</p>
Day 2 – June 12, 2018	
09:00-10:30	<p>Way forward and closing</p> <p>This session will summarize the discussions and present policy recommendations and priority actions to facilitate the operation of the ITT for LLDCs in order to implement and mainstream the VPoA.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Odbayar E., Executive Director, ITT for LLDCs</p> <p>Speeches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Brian Mushimba, Minister of Transport and Communications of Zambia • Hon. Pradeep Kumar Gyawali, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal

	<p>Presenter: Mr. Raul Silvero, Ambassador of Paraguay to Mongolia, Chair country of the Group of LLDCs</p> <p>Presentation and consideration of the Declaration</p> <p>Closing remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Tsogtbaatar D., Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia • H.E. Mr. Raul Silvero, Paraguay, Chairman of the Group of LLDCs • H.E. Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa ‘Utoikamanu, Under Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States <p>Photo session of participants</p>
16:00-16:30	Ribbon cutting ceremony at the International Think Tank for LLDCs and tour through the office premises of the ITT-LLDCs at the UN House (by invitation)