



## ***Tracking Progress and Accelerating Transformation*** **Side-event at Midterm Review of IPoA**

Venue: Adriatic II, Hotel Titanic Deluxe Belek, Antalya, Turkey

Date & Time: 1:15-2:45pm on Sunday, 29 May 2016

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### **1. Context**

The [LDC IV Monitor](#) is a partnership of seven globally reputed think tanks and international organisations which seeks to contribute to effective implementation of the commitments envisaged under the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) adopted at the Fourth UN Conference for the Least Developed Countries (UN LDC IV) in 2011. The network was set up on the eve of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (UN LDC IV) in 2011. Through research, dialogues and policy influencing, *LDC IV Monitor* seeks to both monitor and contribute to the implementation and delivery of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the least developed countries (IPoA). Over the past years, *LDC IV Monitor* has produced a number of important works which focus on the various deliverables in the context of the IPoA. A number of dialogues, discussions and events were organised under its auspices, with participation of key stakeholders including experts, practitioners and high-level policymakers. *LDC IV Monitor* has indeed emerged as an important voice in advancing the interests of the LDCs in view of the IPoA.

The IPoA, adopted at UN LDC IV, was endorsed by the General Assembly. Through Resolution 69/231 of 19 December 2014, the General Assembly announced, *inter alia*, its decision to organise a comprehensive three-day long high-level midterm review (MTR) of the implementation of the IPoA in mid-2016, and accepted the offer of the Government of Turkey to host the event.

The session titled “Tracking Progress and Accelerating Transformation” has been tailor-made to serve as an important contribution in view of the upcoming mid-

term Review of the IPoA in Antalya (27-29 May 2016). The event will also be the occasion to launch *the Monitor's* latest report of the same title.

## 2. **Agenda**

The session is expected to put on the table unique perspectives on the implementation of IPoA particularly in the light of the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*. The session will deliberate on three key themes:

- a) progress to date of individual LDCs since the adoption of the IPoA, in terms of structural transformation and inclusive growth
- b) to examine the extent to which progress has been made in delivering the IPoA commitments, the respective roles of developed countries and LDCs in this connection, status of LDCs with respect to investigate the extent to which they have driven development in LDCs graduation including prospects of post-graduation sustainability; and
- c) challenges and opportunities for the LDCs in view of the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*.

## 3. **Participants**

The speaking panel will include eminent policymakers from national governments and international organisations and experts from partner institutions from the *LDC IV Monitor*.

*Details to come.*