

**Trade and Development Board
Fifty-first executive session**

**Geneva, 29-30 November 2010
Palais des Nations, Room XXVI**

Programme

MONDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2010

10.00 - 13.00 Opening plenary

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Opening remarks by Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the Brussels POA and to UNLDC IV; Ms. Jo Elizabeth Butler, Officer-in-Charge and Deputy Director Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes (ALDC), UNCTAD

Overview of the Least Developed Countries Report, 2010: Towards a new international development architecture for LDCs, by Mr. Charles Gore, Head of Research and Policy Analysis Branch, ALDC, UNCTAD.

Followed by Regional Groups and individual delegations statements

15.00 - 18.00 Panel Session: From global crisis to sustainable development: the scope for a New International Development Architecture for the LDCs

Panellists:

- **Mr. Charles Gore**, Head of Research and Policy Analysis Branch, ALDC, UNCTAD
- **Professor Stephany Griffith-Jones**, Financial Markets Programme Director, Initiative for Policy Dialogue - Columbia University, New York, United States of America
- **Professor Emeritus Fantu Cheru**, Research Director, Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden

Followed by an interactive debate

The key issues slated for discussion by the panel include:

- How well are LDCs doing in terms of inclusive growth, poverty reduction and human welfare as measured via MDG achievement?
- How can current international support measures be made more effective?
- What are the major elements of an agenda for action to accelerate development and poverty reduction in LDCs and address their structural weaknesses?
- What role can development partners play in forging a New International Development Architecture for the LDCs?
- What needs to be done to assist LDCs in meeting the emerging development challenges (climate change, south-south cooperation) they will face in the coming years?

TUESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2010

10.00 - 13.00 Informals

Discussions on draft agreed conclusions

15.00 - 18.00 Informals

Discussions on draft agreed conclusions (cont'd)

Followed by

Closing Plenary

Adoption of the report