

Civil Society Assembly for Assessing Development Challenges in African Least Developed Countries (LDCs): Reviewing the Brussels Programme of Action (BPoA) and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) towards the Fourth UN Conference on LDCs (LDC IV)

4-5 March 2010, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

(DRAFT PROGRAMME)

Thursday, 4 March – Day 1

09:00–09:30 Registration

09:30-10:30 Opening Session

- *Welcome, objectives, presentation of agenda by Ms. Azeb Girmai, ENDA Ethiopia*
- *Statement by Mr. Demba Moussa Dembele, President, LDC Watch*
- *Statement by Mr. Simon Stocker, Director, Eurostep, Brussels*
- *Statement by Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, UN-OHRLS*
- *Statement by Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary, UNECA*

Moderator: Mr. Arjun Karki, International Co-ordinator, LDC Watch

10:30-11:00 Tea/Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 Thematic Session I

- *Introduction of participants*
- *Thematic paper on the status and trends of implementation of BPoA and MDGs in African LDCs by Mr. Amadou Taal, Worldview - The Gambia*
 - *Key discussion points: 1) Universal access to basics services, 2) Domestic productive capacities*
- *Floor discussion*

Moderator: tbc

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 Thematic Session II

- *Thematic Paper on the impacts of Global Financial Crisis on African LDCs by Mr. Demba Moussa Dembele, Africaine de Recherche et de Cooperation pour l'Appui au Developpement Endogene (ARCADE) and LDC Watch*
- *Floor discussion*

Moderator: tbc

15:00-15:30 Tea/Coffee Break

15:30-17.00 Thematic Session III

- *Thematic Paper on the Food Crisis, Livelihoods & Impact of Climate Change in African LDCs by Ms. Azeb Girmai, ENDA Ethiopia*
- *Floor discussion*

Moderator: tbc

(Formation of statement/declaration drafting team and announcement of any logistical information)

Friday, 5 March – Day 2

9:00-11:00 Strategy Planning Session

- *Recap of Day 1*
- *Strategic Preparations for and expectation from the LDC IV Conference*
- *Presentation on the LDC IV CSO preparatory process by Mr. Arjun Karki, International Co-ordinator, LDC Watch*

Moderator: tbc

11:00-11:30 Tea/Coffee break

11:30-13:00 Strategy Planning towards LDC IV (Contd ...)

Moderator: tbc

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Presentation and finalisation of African CSO Assembly Statement

- *Discussion on the statement to be presented to the official conference on the Regional Review of the BPoA in Africa, 8-9 March 2010*

Moderator: tbc

15:30-16:00 Closing Session

Moderator: tbc

16:00-17:00 Press Conference

- *Statement to national and international media*

Moderators: tbc

17:00 Snacks/Tea/Coffee