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Private Sector Forum

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MONDAY, 6 MARCH 2023

09:00 10:45 SESSION 1: SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Access to energy is moving at a slower pace and falling behind actual needs to achieve structural transformation in LDCs. Energy sector in LDCs needs a transformative change to bring SDG 7 within their reach. An enabling environment, underpinned by policie



11:00 12:45 SESSION 2: AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Achieving global food security and ending hunger and extreme poverty requires transformation of the agri-food systems in many LDCs, addressing the particular challenges faced by smallholder farmers and agribusinesses. Public-Private Partnerships can unlock domestic private and public investments in support of local agricultural development in LDCs, including through deploying a combination of catalytic capital, hands-on technical assistance, risk mitigation strategies, and direct engagements with the private sector, domestic banks, and local authorities that identify and develop bankable local projects. This session will explore opportunities for scaling-up existing and developing further partnerships aimed at transforming agri-food systems.

Moderator: Ms. Femi OKE, Moderator and Co-Founder, Moderate The Panel LLC

Keynote: H.E. Mr. Andrzej Sebastian DUDA, President, Republic of Poland

High-level panellists: (50 mins)

Mr. Mohamed Bin Ahmed AL OBAIDLY, Board Member and Head of Food and Agriculture Committee of Qatar

Mr. Máximo TORERO CULLEN, Chief Economist, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Mr. Dejene TEZERA, Director, Division of Agribusiness and Infrastructure Development, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

H.E. Sheikh Mohammed BELAL, Managing Director, Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) Ms. Hanane MOURCHID, Chief Sustainability Officer, OCP Group

Mr. Alessandro CATALDO, EMEIA Head of Agrifood Sector, EY Switzerland

Ms. Rose Nsereko NAMAYANJA, Managing Director, Kanda Poultry Farm (Uganda)

Comments by lead discussants from the floor (5 mins)

Mr. Brad STAPLES





11:00 12:45 SESSION 5: SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

Tourism has the potential to be a key agent for sustainable development in LDCs with the sector accounting for 7 per cent of total exports, a figure that stands at 10 per cent for non-oil exporting LDCs. Tourism was among the main contributors enabling the graduation of LDCs which are also Small Island Developing States including Cabo Verde, Samoa, Maldives and most recently Vanuatu.

As the tourism sector looks to the recovery of international travellers and investments, there is an opportunity for rethinking tourism post-Covid and to build back better, putting LDC's tourism assets and unique selling points such as nature, cultural heritage and pristine environment at the core.

This session will explore opportunities to position the tourism sector as a significant driver of sustainable development in LDCs through leveraging partnerships to promote entrepreneurship and implement scalable solutions for recovery with the strong support of the private sector over the next 10-years.

- Moderator: Ms. Folly BAH THIBAULT, Broadcast journalist, host, moderator
- Keynote: H.E. Mr. Hassan AL THAWADI, Secretary General, Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy, 2022 FIFA World Cup

High-level panellists (50 mins):

Mr. Mossadeck BALLY, Chief Executive Officer, Azalaï Hotels Mr. Nico VISSER, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, TUI Care Foundation Ms. Zoritsa UROSEVIC, Executive Director, World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Ms. Tiffany MISRAHI, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Tourism of Saudi Arabia Professor Geoffrey LIPMAN, Co-Founder at The SUN^x Program and President, SUN^x Malta Ms. Romiary ANDRIANARISOA, President of the Commission for Sustainable Development and Business Ethics, Groupement des Entreprises de Madagascar (GEM)