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Tuesday 15 May 2001

09:00-13:00

Parallel Event

1A 02

Meeting of Mayors: "City to City Cooperation"

Organized jointly by UNCTAD, UNDP and Habitat with the
World Alliance of Cities against Poverty

Chairperson:

Mr. Freddy Thielemans, Bourgmestre, City of Brussels, Belgium

Opening statements:

Mr. John Cuddy, Executive Secretary, LDC-III

Ms. Anna K. Tibaijuka, Executive Director, Habitat

Mr. Bruce Jenks, Director, Bureau for Resources and Strategic Partnerships,
UNDP

Mr. Joan Clos, Mayor of Barcelona, Chairman of World Association of Cities
and Local Authorities Coordination (WACLAC)

Case studies: experiences of city-to-city cooperation

Mr. Guy Demanet, Mayor of Ganshoren, Belgium

Mr. Jan Swinnen, City Counsellor (Echevin) of Lommel in charge of
cooperation, Belgium

Ms. Chris Marien, Coordinator of North-South relations for Olen, Belgium

Mr. Claude Cantin, Deputy Mayor (Maire suppléant), Quebec, Canada

Mr. Campaoré, Mayor of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Mr. Amouzouvi, Mayor of Lomé, Togo

Mr. Bernard Mouillon, International Relations, Lyon, France

Ms. Stern, International Cooperation, Mainz, Germany

Presentation of the UNDP study on "The Challenges of Linking" – Mr. Nigel
Ringrose, UNDP Consultant

09:30-13:00

Interactive Thematic Session

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Enhancing Productive Capacities: The Agricultural Sector and Food Security

Facilitators:

H.E. Mr. Eddy Boutmans, Secretary of State for International Development and
Cooperation, Belgium

H.E. Mr. Khandu Wangchuk, Minister of Trade and Industry, Bhutan

Panellists:

Mr. H. de Haen, Assistant Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations (FAO)

Mr. Lennart Båge, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development

Mr. Baba Dioum, General Co-ordinator, Conference of Ministers of Agriculture,
West and Central Africa

Mr. Sartaj Aziz, Former Foreign and Finance Minister, Pakistan

Mr. Tripathy, Agriculture Division Chief, African Development Bank Group

Mr. Stein Bie, Director-General, International Service for National Agricultural
Research

Speakers (provisional):

S.E. M. Ismael Omar Guelleh, Président de la République, Djibouti
H. E. Mr. Taburoro Tito, President of the Republic of Kiribati, Chairman of the Pacific Islands Forum
H.E. Mr. Ali Khalif Galayr, Prime Minister of Somalia
S.E. Mme. Ana Dias Lourenço, Ministre du Plan et Ordonnateur national, Angola
H.E. Mr. Guangxiang Sun, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation of China
H.E. Mr. Shigeo Uetake, Senior Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan
H.E. Mr. Smosavat Lengsavad, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lao People's Democratic Republic
H.E. Mr. K. H. Madpe, Deputy Prime Minister of Lesotho
H.E. Mr. Abdulrahman Mohammed Ali Othman, Minister of Industry and Trade of Yemen
H.E. Mr. Hassan Musa Sillah, Secretary of State for Trade, Industry and Employment of the Gambia
Dr. Peter Piot, Executive Director of UNAIDS
Mr. Amos Namanga Ngongi, Deputy Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP)
Prof. Michael Bohnet, Director General, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany
H.E. Mr. Ato Girma Birru, Minister of Economic Development and Cooperation of Ethiopia
H.E. Ms. Anne Kristin Sydnes, Minister of International Development of Norway
H.E. M. Mohamed Ould Nany, Ministre des Affaires Economiques et du Développement, Mauritanie
H.E. Ms. Maj-Inger Klingvall, Minister of Development Cooperation, Migration and Asylum Policy of Sweden
H.E. Mr. Ioannis Cambolis, Ambassador, Head of Delegation of Greece

"Poverty and Children"**Focusing on the Effects of Poverty on Children in the LDCs*****Speakers:***

Mr Sadig Rasheed, Director, Programme Division, UNICEF HQ NY
Mr Gianni Murzi, Director, UNICEF Brussels Office
Mr Yves Willemot, Director, UNICEF Belgium (National Committee)

Speaker:

Mr. Habib Ouane, Conference Spokesperson

**Enhancing Productive Capacities:
The Agricultural Sector and Food Security*****Speakers:***

Mr. Hartwig de Haen, Assistant Director General, FAO
Mr. Eddy Boutmans, Secretary of State for International Development Cooperation, Belgium
Mr. Khandu Wangchuk, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Bhutan

14:00-14:30**Press Conference****A 50**

High-Level Parliamentarians Round Table**Speaker:**

Mr. Mosé P. Tjitendero, Speaker of the National Assembly of Namibia, Vice President of the IPU Executive

14:30-18:00**Parallel Event****1A 02**

Meeting of Mayors*Second session***Speakers:**

Mr. Shabbir Cheema, UNDP: Local Governance and City-to-City Cooperation
Mr. Christophe Nutall, UNITAR: Training in City-to-City Cooperation
Mr. Gilles Desesquelles: The Contribution of the European Commission
Mr. Edmundo Werna, United Nations Volunteers: Volunteers in City-to-City Cooperation

The Action of City Networks:

- Mr. Claude Cantin, IULA
- Mr. Mobio, Mayor of Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, for the Alliance of African Mayors against HIV-AIDS
- Mr. Chabert, Lyon, France, for CITYNET
- Ms. Kerstin Dahlberg, Bremen, Germany

Mr. Manuel Tornare, Deputy Mayor of Geneva, Switzerland: The Cities International Fund of Solidarity against Poverty"

Mr. Dominique Laurent, Union des Villes et Communes de Belgique: The Belgian Pilot Project

Mr Alain Mathys, Project Director, La Lyonnaise des Eaux, France: Private/public partnerships

15:00-18:00**Interactive Thematic Session****3A 50**

**Intellectual Property and Development:
An Instrument for Wealth Creation****Opening remarks:**

Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization

Co-Chairpersons:

H.E. Mr. Fredo Betsimifira, Minister of Information, Culture and Communications, Madagascar

H.E. Mr. Ronaldo Sandenberg, Minister of Science and Technology, Brazil

15:00-15:30**Press Conference****A 50**

Global School Feeding Programme**Speaker:**

Mr. Namanga Ngongi, Deputy Executive Director, World Food Programme

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Speakers (provisional):

H.E. Ms. Liz O'Donnell, Minister of State with special responsibility for Overseas Development, Department of Foreign Affairs of Ireland
 Mr. Hynek Kmonicek, Deputy Minister of Bilateral Relations, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
 H.E. Mr. Shah A. M. S. Kibria, Minister of Finance of Bangladesh
 H.E. Ms. Satu Hassi, Minister of Trade of Finland
 H.E. Mr. Hans Joachim Keil, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Samoa
 H.E. Mr. Kamallesh Sharma, Head of Delegation of India
 H.E. Mr. A. Selvarajah, Ambassador of Singapore in Brussels
 Mr. Brian Emmett, Vice-President of the Canadian International Development Agency
 S.E. M. Abdurrahman Mohamed Shalqam, Chef de Délégation, Jamahiriya arabe libyenne
 Mr. Mosé P. Tjitendero, Speaker of the National Assembly of Namibia, Vice President of the IPU Executive
 Mr. Sadig Rasheed, Director, Head of Delegation of the United Nations Children's Fund
 Mr. Carlos Magariños, Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organisation
 H.E. Mr. Andrew Natsios, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development
 Mr. Lennart Båge, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development
 S.E. M. Mathias Sinamenye, Deuxième Vice-Président du Burundi
 H.E. Mr. Arif Mamedov, Ambassador, Head of Delegation of Azerbaijan

16:30	Other Event	3G 03
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***Ministerial Panel on Gender in LDCs
 Building Capacities for Mainstreaming Gender
 in Development Strategies***

16:00-16:30	Press Conference	A 50
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(To be confirmed)

17:30-18:00	Press Conference	A 50
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US Goals For Poverty Reduction

Speaker:

Andrew Natsios, USAID Administrator

Speakers (provisional):

H.E. Mrs. Kadi Sesay, Minister for Development and Economic Planning of Sierra Leone

S.E. M. Joseph-Philippe Antonio, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Haiti

S.E. Mme. Camara Hadja Mahawa Bangoura, Ministre à la Présidence
Chargée des Affaires Etrangères et de la Coopération, Guinée

Mr. Rolf W. Boehnke, Managing Director, Common Fund for Commodities

Mr. Hulaschand Golchha, Former President, Chairman, International
Committee on LDCs, World Association of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises

Mr. Gale Day, Senior Policy Advisor to the Executive Director, United Nations
International Drug Control Programme

A reception will be hosted by Mr. Freddy Thielemans, Bourgmestre, City of Brussels, for the participants in the parallel event on City-to-City Cooperation.

Journalists are cordially invited to attend this reception, which will take place in front of room 1A 02 at the end of the afternoon session of the meeting of mayors.

General information:

- *To order tapes or to place TV or radio booking requests please call Eugénie Den Hertog, tel: 02-284-2010*
- *A limited number of photos of the events will be made available upon order from Nathalie Vialle, Conference Press Service, Room A 23, tel: 0498-587-682 or 02-230-8592*
- *Events taking place in room 3A 50 will be broadcast on the closed-circuit TV*
- *General statements will be broadcast on the Web*
[\(www.un.org/events/ldc3/conference/\)](http://www.un.org/events/ldc3/conference/)

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