



**Special Event on Impact of Economic and Financial Crises  
on Commodity Dependent LDCs: Mapping the Exposure to  
Market Volatility and Building Resilience to Future Crises  
Hamidiye Hall, Istanbul Congress Centre  
8 May 2011**

***Provisional Programme***

13:00 -14:00 Registration of participants and distribution of background documents

Chair and Moderator: Prof. Anna Tibaijuka, Minister for Lands,  
Housing and Human Settlements Development, Tanzania,

14:00 -14:40 Opening Session

Opening remarks by the Chair

Remarks by Cheikh Sidi Diarra, Special Advisor on Africa and High  
Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS

Statement by Ambassador Ali Mchumo, Managing Director, Common  
Fund for Commodities

Statement by Mr. Sujiro Seam, Deputy Director of Food Security,  
French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on the G20 approach to manage  
and mitigate the risks associated with price volatility of food and  
agriculture commodities

Statement by Ms Jo Elizabeth Butler, Deputy-Director, Division for  
Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

14:40 -16:00 Session 1. Commodity dependence market volatility and global crises:  
analyzing lessons from country studies

The session will assist in understanding the impact of the recent  
multiple crises on productive capacities of commodity dependent  
LDCs and their response to the challenges of the crises. The session  
will also explore what needs to be done in the coming decade to  
mitigate the impact of future crises. The discussions will be based on  
case studies on selected commodity dependent LDCs

***Cases of Tanzania and Zambia:*** Mr. Lindani Ndlovu, Independent Consultant

***Case of Burundi:*** Prof. Jean Ndimubandi, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of Bujumbura

***Case of Cambodia:*** Statement by H.E. Pan Sorasak, Secretary of State of Commerce and Deputy Head of the Cambodian Delegation

***Case of Benin:*** Dr. Bio Goura Soule, Independent Consultant

Role of International Commodity Bodies in addressing possible causes and consequences of commodity price volatility: By Mr. José Sette, Executive Director, International Coffee Organization

Comments by lead discussant: Mr. Tom Lines, Independent Consultant

Interactive Discussion

16:00 -16:15 Coffee Break

16:15 -17:00 Session 2. Commodity dependence and food security

This session will examine policies and strategies for commodity dependent LDCs in strengthening food security. The discussions will be based on a case study by Mr. Tom Lines, Independent Consultant

Presentation: Mr. Tom Lines Independent Consultant

Comments:

- Mr. Lindani Ndlovu
- Mr. Peter Gildemacher, Advisor on Sustainable Economic Development, Netherlands Royal Tropical Institute
- Minister of Benin (tbc)
- Minister of Burundi (tbc)

Interactive Discussion

17:00 -18:00 The way forward: how can commodity dependent LDCs take advantage of opportunities provided by commodity markets: policies and strategies

Panelists:

- Mr. Bio Goura
- Prof. Jean Ndimubandi
- H.E. Pan Sorasak, Secretary of State of Commerce and Deputy Head of the Cambodian Delegation
- Minister of Zambia

The challenge ahead: making the most of LDCs' natural endowments

- Mr. Lindani Ndlovu
- Minister of Tanzania
- Minister of Benin

Comments by the Panelists

Questions and discussion

Summing up by the Chairperson

18:00 - 20:00 Cocktail reception offered by the Managing Director of the Common Fund for Commodities