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Development Bureau (BDT)**

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All ITU Member States and  
ITU-D sector members

**Subject: Invitation to an ITU Side Event organized on the occasion of the Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries (Vienna, Austria, 3-5 November, 2014)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On the occasion of the Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries taking place from 3 to 5 November 2014 in Vienna, Austria, I am pleased to invite you and your delegation to the side event organized by the ITU.

The purpose of this event is to exchange views on key connectivity challenges facing LLDCs and identify solutions that would contribute to shaping the new development agenda for the landlocked developing countries for the next decade.

The event entitled, "**Addressing Connectivity Challenges in LLDCs**" will take place on 3 November 2014 from 08:15–9:45 hrs at the Vienna International Centre, the room number will be confirmed in due time. Detailed information is available at: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/LDCs/Pages/2ndInternationalConferenceLLDCs.aspx>

The Draft Agenda of the event is attached as Annex 1 and the participants' Information Note as Annex 2.

I look forward to meeting you in Vienna.

Yours faithfully,

Brahima Sanou  
Director

Annexes: Draft Agenda  
Information Note



## **Annex 1**

### **The Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries Vienna, Austria, 2014**

#### **Preliminary Programme**

#### **Addressing connectivity challenges in LLDCs**

**Vienna International Centre on 3 November 2014**

**08:30 hrs to 09:50 hrs**

**Moderator:** TBC

**Welcoming Remarks:** Mrs. Gisa Fuatai Purcell, Head, LSE Division, Telecommunication Development Bureau, BDT/ITU

**Opening Remarks:** Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

#### **Panelists:**

1. **Ms. Ann Vandembroucke**, Director International Regulatory & Policy Issues, Inmarsat (Confirmed)
2. **Mr. Flavien Bachabi**, Vice President, Business Operations and Intergovernmental Initiatives, Intelsat (TBC)
3. **Ms. Candace Johnson**, Founding Global President and International Board Member of the Global Telecom Women's Network, Kacific (Confirmed)
4. **Ms. Donna Bethea-Murphy**, Vice President, Regulatory Engineering, Iridium (TBC)
5. **Mr. Zahid Zaheer**, Director GMPCS Affairs, Thuraya (TBC)
6. **Mr. Christian Patouraux**, Chief Executive Officer, Kacific (Confirmed)
7. **MIC**, Japan (TBC)
8. **Kyrgyzstan** (TBC)
9. **Nepal** (TBC)
10. **Uganda** (TBC)



The goal of this side event is to discuss ways to address the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) development and connectivity challenges for the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs). Addressing ICT connectivity including broadband will help LLDCs address special development challenges such as increased costs due to lack of access to the seaport, long distances to the ports, inadequate telecommunication and ICT infrastructure, inadequate transport infrastructure, and cumbersome customs and border crossing procedure.

The event will identify ICT connectivity priorities and concrete actions to ensure concrete projects are created and implemented through genuine and durable partnerships between governments, private sector and academia.

**Closing Remarks:** Mrs. Gisa Fuatai Purcell, Head, LSE Division, Telecommunication Development Bureau, BDT/ITU



## ANNEX 2

### The Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

Vienna, Austria, 2014

#### INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

##### DATES AND VENUE OF THE CONFERENCE and ITU SIDE EVENT:

1. The Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) will be held from 3 to 5 November 2014 in Vienna, Austria, at the Vienna International Centre, located at Wagramer Strasse 5, 1400 Vienna, Austria.
2. The ITU Side Event will be held on 3 November 2014 from 08:30hr to 09:50hr, venue will be confirmed at a later date.
3. The side event ITU is co-organizing with UN-ORHLS will be held on 4 November 2014 from 10:00hrs to 16:45hrs.
4. Other side events will take place at the Vienna International Centre as follows:
  - 3 November 2014 13:15 hrs to 14:45 hrs
  - 4–5 November 2014 08:15 hrs to 09:45 hrs and 13:15 hrs to 14:45 hrs

##### GENERAL INFORMATION:

5. All information related to the Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries can be found at: <http://www.lldc2conference.org/>





### **VISA REQUIREMENTS:**

6. A visa for entry into Austria may be required. Participants concerned are strongly advised to seek information on requirements applicable in their case from Austrian diplomatic or consular missions in their home countries. Participants who require a visa must contact the competent diplomatic or consular authorities of Austria and apply for a Schengen short-stay (C) visa at least three weeks prior to their intended date of arrival in Austria. In countries where Austria does not have diplomatic or consular representation, visa applications can be submitted to the consular authority of a State party to the Schengen Agreement acting on behalf of Austria in the country concerned.

### **HOTEL ACCOMMODATION:**

7. Vienna has a full range of hotels of different categories. The following provides options that participants can use to book their hotel rooms.
  - i. A list of hotels with UN discounted rates has been block booked and can be consulted in <http://www.lldc2conference.org/custom-content/uploads/2014/09/Annex-1.pdf>. These rooms are guaranteed at these discounted rates from now until 1 October 2014. Conference participants should make their booking directly by email as stated in the respective hotel information. Participants should book under the reference "United Nations LLDC Meeting" in order to get block booking rate. The hotels would need participant's credit card details and expiry date for the reservation. Free cancellation is possible until 72 hours prior the arrival. For late cancellation or No Show, 100 % will be charged from client credit card (mentioned on the booking form).
  - ii. Participants can also book the hotels that have UN rates shown in <http://www.lldc2conference.org/custom-content/uploads/2014/09/Annex-2.pdf>, however these are not block-booked so they are subject to availability and the UN rates are not guaranteed. Conference participants should make their booking directly by email as stated in the respective hotel information.
  - iii. It is also suggested that participants reserve hotel rooms through their diplomatic missions or online through [booking.com](http://www.booking.com), [hotels.com](http://www.hotels.com), [expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com) and others.
  - iv. Participants who arrive at the Vienna International Airport without a hotel reservation may wish to contact the Vienna tourist information counter in the arrivals area.