Civil Society Consultation Concept Note

As part of the preparatory process for the Fifth UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5),
civil society representatives are invited to register to attend a consultation with UN Member States
in advance of the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee (PrepCom).

The consultation will take place virtually via Zoom on Thursday, 20 May 2021 from 8:00am to 9:30am,
NY Time at the request of the Ambassadors of Bangladesh and Canada to the UN in New
York, Mrs Rabab Fatima and Mr Robert Rae, in their capacity as co-chairs of the Intergovernmental
Preparatory Committee for LDC5 as a way to gather inputs from civil society representatives in
preparation for the first PrepCom Session, which will take place in hybrid format 24-28 May 2021.
The co-chairs would like to hear about civil society’s perspectives on the themes for the first PrepCom,
and views on what priorities civil society organizations believe should be part of the new programme of
action that the LDC5 Conference is expected to adopt as its outcome document in Doha, Qatar in
January 2022.

Due to time constraints, only a limited number of participants will be able to speak during the meeting,
but we encourage anyone who would like to register and attend the meeting. We welcome and will take
into account written statements as well. Written statements can be sent via email to
erica.carroll@un.org and will be posted on the OHRLLS/LDC5 website. The UN and LDC Watch, the
organization coordinating civil society participation in the process, will select the organizations to speak
during the meeting based on the responses to the registration questions, remaining mindful of
geographic and thematic balance.

For further information about this event or about civil society engagement in the LDC5 process, please
contact Ms. Erica Carroll-Ogunka from the Office of the High Representative of LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS
at erica.carroll@un.org, or Mr. Demba Moussa Dembele from LDC Watch at ldc-watch@googlegroups.com.

Registration Link: https://bit.ly/33d8LxK