



Preparatory Committee
for the Fifth United Nations Conference
on the Least Developed Countries
First session
New York, 24-28 May 2021

Draft Programme

Monday, 24 May

10 a.m.–1 p.m.
(in-person meeting
CR 1,2 and 3)

Opening of the session by the Co-Chairs of the PrepCom (and adoption of the agenda and organization of work – Item 2)

H.E. Ms. Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh

H.E. Mr. Robert Rae, Permanent Representative of Canada

Opening statements

H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir, President General Assembly (video statement)

H.E. Mr. Munir Akram, President of Economic and Social Council

Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations (tbc)



Panelists:



Interactive discussion

Thursday, 27 May

10 a.m.–12 p.m.
(virtual informal
meeting)

**Thematic panel discussion 4:
Enhancing international trade of least developed countries and regional integration**

Chairs:

H.E. Mr. Amrit Bahadur Rai, Permanent Representative of Nepal

H.E. Mr. Julio César Arriola Ramírez, Permanent



Friday, 28 May

10 a.m.–1 p.m.
(in-person meeting
CR 1,2 and 3)

**Thematic panel discussion 6:
Mobilizing international solidarity, reinvigorated global partnerships and innovative
tools for risk-informed sustainable development: a march towards sustainable
graduation**

Chairs:

H.E. Mr. Perks Master Clemency Ligoya, Permanent Representative of Malawi

Keynote speakers:

H.E. Ms. Jutta Urpilainen, European Commissioner for International Partner.01D 33 350i0u.[(d)63 (i)s(gr)eo (l)-3