

LDC5 5TH UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

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PRIVATE SECTOR

PARTNERSHIPS FORUM



ABOUT

Taking place on the margins of the Fifth UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5), the LDC5 Private Sector Forum (PSF) is a once in a decade opportunity to forge innovative business opportunities in the world's 46 Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

LDC5 will convene Heads of State and Governments of the full UN Membership of 193 countries with over 5000 expected participants.

Jointly organized by the UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) and Microsoft, the Forum takes place at a time when untapped potential for growth exists in the LDCs.

The Forum will explore partnership opportunities for private sector investments in LDCs in five priority sectors:

- Sustainable energy
- Agriculture and rural development
- Connectivity
- Climate Change
- Sustainable tourism

These sectors have the potential to support sustainable growth, increase productivity and employment creation in the LDCs over the coming decade.

The Forum will convene leaders from the private and public sector including political leaders from the Least Developed Countries and development partner countries, CEOs of global companies and those from LDCs, impact investors and foundations, heads of international organizations as well as regional and international financial institutions.

The three-day PSF will feature a High-Level Opening Dialogue led by the President of Microsoft, five thematic sessions, side-events and networking and exhibition areas with booths.

The PSF will provide a platform for direct interaction between company representatives and delegations from LDCs as well as other stakeholders, offering business networking opportunities.

The combined population of the LDCs is over 1.1 billion. LDCs will account for 46% of the expansion in the global work force between 2021 to 2030. LDCs also qualify for preferential treatment in world trade – including duty-free and quota-free market access in many trading partners. These are young vibrant countries with the potential to drive global growth in the coming decades.

The PSF plans to launch concrete partnerships and initiatives including by governments and non-state actors together with the private sector. These include partnerships and initiatives focusing on financial commitments, capacity building, technology and knowledge-transfer and policy-development and reform to promote enabling environments for the private sector in LDCs.



Representatives from the private sector wishing to attend the LDC5 Conference are invited to Register <u>here</u>.

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VENUE

23 TO 25 JANUARY 2022 QATAR NATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE





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