

**Third Meeting of Trade Ministers of Landlocked
Developing Countries (LLDCs)
Ezulwini, Royal Swazi Convention Centre
Swaziland, 21 - 22 October 2009**

Theme:

*Strengthening Trade Competitiveness in Times of
Global Economic Crisis - Challenges Faced by LLDCs*



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Program

October 21st:

8:30 - 9:00 Registration

Opening Ceremony (*Cabinet Ministers are invited*)

Program Director – Principal Secretary, Ministry of Commerce,
Industry and Trade – Mr. Cyril J.M. Kunene

9:00 – 9:10 **Welcoming Remarks:** Acting Minister of Commerce, Industry and
Trade of Swaziland, Honourable Benedict Xaba

9:10 – 9:20 **Opening Address:** His Excellency The Right Honourable Dr. Sibusiso
Barnabas Dlamini, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Swaziland

9:20 – 10:00 Statements:

- Honourable Mr. Hector Lacognata, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay
- Honourable Mr Ahmadou Abdoulaye Diallo, Minister of Industry, Investment and Trade of Mali
- His Excellency Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, Under-Secretary and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developed Countries, and Small Island Developing States. UN-OHRLLS
- Deputy Director of UNCTAD Africa, LLDCs and Special Programme Division, Ms Jo BULTER
- UN Resident Coordinator in the Kingdom of Swaziland, Mr. Musinga Bandora

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break

Session 1: The impact of the global economic crisis on the economies of LLDCs

Moderator:

Honourable Minister of Industry, Investment and Trade of Mali, Mr Ahmadou Abdoulaye Diallo

10:30 - 11:00 **Keynote Speaker:** Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, Under-Secretary and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developed Countries, and Small Island Developing States. UN-OHRLLS

11:00 - 12:00 General Debate

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

Session 2: Policies and measures to improve the trade efficiency of LLDCs

Moderator:

Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay, Mr. Hector Lacognata

14:30 - 15:30 Panel presentations

- *Skills is the name of the game*, Ambassador Rudolf Baerfuss
- *Trade facilitation policy at national and regional levels: core elements*, Jose Maria Rubiato, UNCTAD
- *Obstacles to Trade from the Perspective of the Business Sector: A Cross-Country comparison*, Mondher Mimouni, ITC

15:30 – 17:00 Interactive Sessions

17:00 - 17:15 Coffee Break

17:15 – 18:00 Presentation of the Think Tank in Mongolia, Representative of Mongolia

18:30 Cultural Experience (tour, dances and waterfall)

19:30 Reception (*Cabinet Ministers are invited*)

October 22nd

Session 3: Mobilization of resources for improving the trade competitiveness of LLDCs

Moderator:

Honourable Minister of Trade of Nepal

09:30 - 11:00 Panel presentations- Co-operation

- *EC support for Landlocked Developing Countries: Transport, Trade Facilitation and Infrastructure*, Mr John. A. Clarke, Deputy Head of Delegation of the European Commission
- *Aid for Trade*, Mr. Shishir Priyadarshi, WTO
- *Guide to Conducting Aid for Trade Needs Assessments: Presentation by UNDP on behalf of the CEB Inter-agency Cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity*, Mr. David Luke and Mr. Jacek Cukrowski, UNDP
- *Aid for Trade in light of the Financial and Economic Crisis*, Ms. Esperanza Duran, AITIC
- *The Africa Development Bank's Contribution to Aid for Trade*, African Development Bank, AFDB, Mr. Kennedy Mbekeani

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 - 13:00 Continuation of the interactive session

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

Session 4: Way Forward

Moderator:

Honourable Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade of Swaziland,
Senator Jabulile Mashwama

14:30 - 15:00 *Progress in the implementation of the Almaty Program of Action*, Mr. Sandogdorj Erdenebileg, Chief, Policy Development, Coordination, Monitoring and Reporting Service, UN-OHRLLS

15:00 - 15:40 Future Developments in the context of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations

- *State of the Negotiations of the Doha Round*, Mr. Shishir Priyadarshi, WTO

- *Comments on the negotiations*, Ambassador Rudolf Baerfuss, Switzerland
- *Comments on the negotiations*, Ambassador Anthony Mothae Maruping, Lesotho

15:40 – 16.30 Open discussions

16:30 - 17:00 Coffee Break

17:00 – 18:00 Consideration and adoption of the Declaration and conclusion of the meeting

18:00 **Closing Remarks:** Senator Jabulile Mashwama, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade, Swaziland