“CSO-LDCs Partnership for Development”
CUTS Pre-LDC IV African Civil Society Forum 2010
3 November 2010, Arusha, Tanzania

In Collaboration with the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Commonwealth Foundation

Programme

08.00-09.00: Registration

09.00-10.00: High Level Inaugural Session – Setting the Stage

Welcome address: Bipul Chatterjee, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International.

Chair: Omar Jobe-Gambia

10.00-1030: Coffee Break

1030-1300: First Plenary: Continuing and Emerging Challenges of Development - From Brussels 2001 to Arusha 2010 Expectations

The thematic background paper on an analytical assessment of the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action and some of the issue-specific studies commissioned by the Commonwealth Secretariat in collaboration with CUTS will provide the substantive background for this plenary. Main elements/recommendations of these will be presented by the author/CWS representative), followed by comments by discussants from the CSOs and IGO representatives, followed by general discussion.

Presentation on Development challenges faced by LDCs: Devising Effective support measures and programme of action.

Presenter: Nichodemus Rudaheranwa, Commonwealth Secretariat, UK.

Discussants (5 minutes each)
- Ambassador Love Mtesa-Zambia
- Gwanfogbe Helen Timia-Cameroon
- Kimera Henry Richard-Uganda

Chair: Florence Ajaih, Nigeria

1300-1400 Lunch Break
1400-1530: Second Plenary: Preparing to Face the Challenges of Development for LDCs – From Arusha to Istanbul and Beyond

The aim of the plenary is to discuss the old and new challenges (for example, climate change, food security, energy security, financial crisis etc.) and opportunities (for example, South-South Trade, intra-regional trade, trade in natural resources, managing trade and development cooperation with developed and emerging economies etc.) that LDCs grapple with in their quest for development with a view to finding solutions. The background thematic papers and relevant issue-specific studies commissioned by the CWS will be the substantive background. Their main points/recommendations will be presented by the author/CWS representative, followed by comments by CSO/IGO experts, leading to a general discussion.

**Presenter:** Nichodemus Rudaheranwa, Commonwealth Secretariat, UK.

**Discussants (5 minutes each)**
- Atul Kaushik- CUTC Geneva Resource Centre
- Michael Gaweseb- Namibia
- Andrew Kumatira-Malawi.

**Chair:** Ms. Misozi Blessings Kumwenda, Zambia

1530-1600 Coffee Break

1600-1730: Closing Session – Message from Arusha

The aim of the session will debate the main points emerging from the Forum deliberations and prepare key African CSO recommendations for LDC IV that will be communicated to UN-OHRLLS and others involved in the LDC IV preparatory process as well as disseminated widely among all relevant stakeholders.

**Closing Remarks:**

Clement Onyango, Director CUTC Africa Resource Centre, Nairobi