



**“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- CUTS Geneva Resource Centre
- Michael Gaweseb- Namibia
- Andrew Kumbatira-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-OHRLS and others involved in the LDC IV preparatory process as well as disseminated widely among all relevant stakeholders.

Closing Remarks:

Clement Onyango, Director CUTS Africa Resource Centre, Nairobi