

## LDCs Rising: The Power of IPAs in Driving Growth 10:30am – 12:00pm CEST, 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023 Virtual

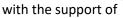
## Overview:

On the occasion of the International Day of the Least Developed Countries on 31 July 2023, The World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA) is organizing a webinar on *"LDCs Rising: The Power of Investment Promotion Agencies (IPAs) in Driving Economic Growth"*. The webinar will provide a comprehensive understanding of the significant role IPAs play in the development of LDCs. Through enlightening case studies and insights, participants will gain valuable knowledge and inspiration to promote sustainable economic growth in LDCs.

The webinar will shed light on the work accomplished by IPAs in attracting investments, while showcasing successful case studies from LDCs.

## PROGRAM:

| (Time in CET) |                           |                              |
|---------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Inaugural     |                           |                              |
| Session       |                           |                              |
| 10:30am –     | Welcome & Opening         | Mr. Ismail Ersahin, CEO,     |
| 10:37am       | Remarks                   | WAIPA                        |
| 10:37am –     | Special Address (recorded | Ms. Rabab Fatima, Under-     |
| 10:47am       | message)                  | Secretary-General & High     |
|               |                           | Representative for the Least |
|               |                           | Developed Countries,         |
|               |                           | Landlocked Developing        |
|               |                           | Countries and Small Island   |
|               |                           | Developing States*           |







| 10:47am –    | Address on Investments as     | Mr. Peter Donelan,            |
|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 10:55am      | an engine for growth &        | Coordinator, Enhanced         |
|              | sustainable development       | Integrated Framework          |
| 10:55am –    | Address on "Powering          | Dr. Ajay Mathur, Executive    |
| 11:03am      | Progress: Solar Energy as the | Director, ISA                 |
|              | Catalyst for Energy Access in |                               |
|              | Least Developed Countries"    |                               |
| 11:03am-     | Address on tbd                | Delegate of the Islamic       |
| 11:08am      |                               | Development Bank*             |
| LDC IPA Case |                               |                               |
| Studies      |                               |                               |
| 11:08am –    | Crafting winning Investment   | Dr. Senara Sar, Director      |
| 11:18am      | Policies – Examples from      | Cambodia Development          |
|              | Cambodia                      | Council                       |
| 11:18am –    | Structuring PPP               | Mr. Sushil Bhatta, CEO,       |
| 11:26am      |                               | Investment Board Nepal        |
| 11:18am –    | Creating a Startup            | Ms. Diana Kouyate, Managing   |
| 11:26am      | Ecosystem: Support program    | Director, APIP Guinée         |
|              | for women entrepreneurs       |                               |
| 11:26am –    | Shifting to Digital Era:      | Ms. Haregewoin Mirotaw        |
| 11:34am      | Experiences of Ethiopian      | Shumiye, Director, Investment |
|              | Investment Commission (EIC)   | Promotion & Marketing         |
|              |                               | Directorate, Ethiopian        |
|              |                               | Investment Commission         |
| 11:35am –    | Question & answers            |                               |
| 11:55am      |                               |                               |
| 11:55am –    | Closing remarks               |                               |
| 12:00pm      |                               |                               |

Moderation by Dushyant Thakor, Deputy Executive Director, WAIPA \*tbc



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