

LDCs Rising: The Power of IPAs in Driving Growth

10:30am – 12:00pm CEST, 31st 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 – 10:37am	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Mr. Ismail Ersahin , Executive Director & CEO, WAIPA
10:37am – 10:45am	Address on <i>"Investments as an engine for growth & sustainable development"</i>	Mr. Peter Donelan , Coordinator, Enhanced Integrated Framework
10:45am – 10:53am	Address on <i>"Powering Progress: Solar Energy as the Catalyst for Energy Access in Least Developed Countries"</i>	Dr. Ajay Mathur , Executive Director, ISA
10:53am- 11:01am	Address by Islamic Development Bank	Speaker from Islamic Development Bank*



Case Studies from Investment Promotion Agencies of LDC Countries		
11:05am – 11:15am	Crafting winning Investment Policies – Examples from Cambodia	Dr. Senara Sar , Director Cambodia Development Council
11:15am – 11:25am	Leveraging PPPs: The Strategic Role of IBN in Driving Socio-Economic Progress	Mr. Sushil Bhatta , CEO, Investment Board Nepal (IBN)
11:25am – 11:35am	Creating a Startup Ecosystem: Support program for women entrepreneurs	Ms. Diana Kouyate , APIP Guinée
11:35am – 11:45am	Shifting to Digital Era: Experiences of Ethiopian Investment Commission (EIC)	Ms. Haregewoin Mirotaw Shumiye , Director, Investment Promotion & Marketing Directorate, Ethiopian Investment Commission
11:45am – 11:55am	Question & answers	
11:55am – 12:00pm	Closing remarks	

Moderation by Dushyant Thakor, Deputy Executive Director, WAIPA

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