



MIDTERM
REVIEW
OF THE ISTANBUL
PROGRAMME
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TAKING TECHNOLOGY TO THE LAST MILE

- WHAT:** Side event organized by the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) and the Government of Turkey in the margins of the Midterm Review of the Istanbul Programme of Action
- WHEN:** 28 May 2016 – 8:15 - 9:45 a.m.
Light breakfast will be served
- WHERE:** Okeanos Restaurant, Hotel Titanic Belek, Antalya
(located across the pool)

While technology can have significant acceleration effects in the achievement of the objectives of the Istanbul Programme of Action and those of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, new and already-existing technologies which have the power to improve lives and livelihoods are not always reaching the LDCs, and especially the “last mile”. This is where resources are scarcest and the development challenges for underserved populations the greatest. The right financing and business models are an important part of increasing technology transfer to and within LDCs. Deploying resources – such as seed capital and technical assistance – to help businesses prepare investment-ready projects, can be key to making technology available where it is most needed, especially during the ‘incubation stage’ when new models are tested and companies face financing constraints.

The side event has three main objectives:

- Share lessons about how innovative finance models can support the dissemination and diffusion of different kinds of technology to accelerate inclusive and sustainable development in LDCs.
- Discuss ways to scale up these and others such models in order to make them more widely available to LDCs.
- Increase knowledge of innovative finance solutions currently being tested and applied for getting technology to the last mile.

Speakers:

Ms. Judith Karl, Executive Secretary, UNCDF

Ms. Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Minister of State, Belgium

Dr. Orkun Hasekioğlu, Vice President of TUBITAK

Prof. Bitange Ndemo, Senior Adviser of the Better Than Cash Alliance, Kenya

Dr. Hoon Chang, Head of Planning and Management Group, Korean Environment Institute

Mr. Ali Rıza Ersoy, Deputy General Manager and Executive Board Member of Siemens

Mr. Yves Guicquéro, Head of Development Agenda and International Partners Division

Mr. Christiaan Rebergen, Vice-Minister for International Cooperation, The Netherlands

Moderator: **Ms. Sonia Bashir Kabir**, Managing Director, Microsoft Bangladesh

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