

SAVE THE DATE

PARTNERS' CONFERENCE: Development Assistance for Cotton Production, Processing and Trade in Least-Developed Countries (LDCs)

30th November 2021 - 10h00 to 13h00 GMT+1

Cotton production, value addition and trade are key to the economic development, rural livelihoods, and food security of millions of people around the world, and particularly in Africa. When the COVID-19 pandemic broke out in 2020, export revenues decreased on average by 34% in a reference group of ten LDCs, corresponding to a net income loss of over 500 million USD, while both input and maritime freight costs increased in the first year of the pandemic and remained inflated in 2021. Constraints on container availability and other service interruptions further undermined competitiveness in the LDCs studied, six of which are landlocked.

The focus of the conference will be on cotton's positive contribution to reducing poverty, ensuring food security, addressing climate change and the creation of jobs in value addition, especially for women and youth in many cotton-producing LDCs. Through funding to improve cotton production, processing of both the fibre and by-products, and trade, the cotton value chain has an important role to play in addressing overarching challenges of most LDCs.



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REGISTRATION

This online event requires prior registration.
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SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE:

- Keynote address by **Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**, WTO Director-General
- Moderated by **Jean-Marie Paugam**, WTO Deputy Director-General
- Interventions by Ministers from reference Least-Developed Countries, Heads of National and International Development Cooperation Partners and Private Sector representatives