

## **THE REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF ARTICLE 21.2 (ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR LDCS)**

- As we have discussed throughout the last two days, the United States has engaged a wide range of agencies, including the U.S. Agency for International Development, to consider ways to utilize the TFA to develop and deliver targeted assistance to support implementation of the agreement. This includes the least developed countries.
- As we discussed under an earlier agenda item, we have developed a number of assistance programs which provide assistance to LDCs.
- Those include the Trade Africa program and our Trade and Investment Hubs in the region, as well as robust bilateral programs. Our support for Trademark East Africa, Borderless Alliance, and the World Bank/IFC TFSP also contributes to global efforts to provide assistance to LDCs to build the capacity necessary to implement and benefit from the TFA.
- We have similar initiatives elsewhere that benefit LDCs.
- All of our assistance initiatives are carried out consistent with TFA Article 21:3 which embodies the principles we articulated in our earlier intervention drawn from the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and subsequently restated in Busan with the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness.
- We are strong believers in using existing in-country and regional coordination structures and many of our projects clearly bear this out.
- And consistent with that Article, the United States encourages developing country Members to provide capacity building to other developing least developed country Members.