

World Export Development Forum 2023

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Landlocked Developing Country Business Talks: Inauguration



H.E. Ms. Battsetseg Batmunkh, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mongolia

H.E. Battsetseg Batmunkh, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia joined the foreign service as the Deputy Foreign Minister in 2016 and appointed as the Foreign Minister in 2021. Her significant experience in public and private service, educational background, and commitment makes her a respected figure in international relations and trade. She demonstrates strategic leadership and diplomatic skills, promoting Mongolia's global engagement and representing the nation's interests with integrity and expertise. H.E. Ms. Batmunkh holds a BA in International Relations from the National University of Mongolia, a Bachelor of Business Administration from the Institute of Finance and Economics of Mongolia, and an MBA from the Maastricht School of Management of the Netherlands.



H.E. Ms. Rabab Fatima, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, United Nations (UN-OHRLS)

As the High Representative, Ms. Rabab Fatima has the mandate to mobilize international support for the most vulnerable member states of the United Nations. In this role, Her Excellency Rabab Fatima leads preparations for the Third United Nations Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries, scheduled for 2024. She brings to the position more than thirty years of experience in national and international civil service. Prior to her appointment, she was the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations. During her tenure she served as the President of the Executive Board of UNICEF and UN-Women, and the Vice-President of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Executive Board; and Chaired the Peacebuilding Commission.



H.E. Mr. Bountheung Douangsavanh, Vice Minister of Industry and Commerce, Lao PDR

Since October 2021, H.E. Mr. Bountheung Douangsavanh has been a Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce. Prior to this, he was Director General (DG) of Department of SME Promotion, DDG of Department of Foreign Trade Policy, and Counsellor on Economic and Commercial Affairs at the Permanent Mission of the Lao PDR to UN Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland. In 2020, he served as the Chair of the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME). H.E. Mr. Bountheung has extensively contributed to the development and formulation of Lao trade policy, industrial policy and SME strategy, in particular Lao PDR's accession to WTO and MSME access to finance.



Mr. Tapan Mishra, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Mongolia

As United Nations Resident Coordinator (UN RC) for Mongolia, Mr. Tapan Mishra is the highest-ranking representative of the United Nations Development System in Mongolia. He was appointed to this role by the UN Secretary-General in 2019. Prior to his post in Mongolia, Mr. Mishra served as UN RC in DPR of Korea from 2015 to 2019. Prior to his appointment as Resident Coordinator, he served as Senior Advisor at the Business Solutions Exchange, supporting various offices including the Human Development Report Office, and the Bureau of Policy and Programme Support. He joined the United Nations in 2003 as the UNDP Learning Advisor and Deputy Chief of the Learning Resources Centre (LRC) before becoming the Director and Chief of LRC from 2007 to 2013.



Ms. Pamela Coke-Hamilton, Executive Director, International Trade Centre

Since her appointment as Executive Director of the International Trade Centre in 2020, Pamela Coke-Hamilton has led the agency to meet the economic and trade challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent global supply chain disruptions. Ms. Coke-Hamilton has a breadth of experience and expertise in trade-related capacity-building and sustainable development and a deep understanding of the challenges faced by vulnerable economies. She also established the Women Empowered through Export platform to address the disadvantages facing women-owned firms. She began her career in Jamaica's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, and served as Director of Trade, Tourism and Competitiveness of the Organization of American States and Executive Director of the Caribbean Export Development Agency.



Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Ulziisaikhan Ganbold, Director, Department of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mongolia

Ulziisaikhan Ganbold is an accomplished international relations and trade professional. A trained lawyer with degrees in International Relations and International and Business Law, Mr. Ganbold joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia in 2010. He began his service at the Department of International Law and Treaty, where he played a significant role including Mongolia-Japan EPA negotiations. In 2016 Mr. Ganbold joined the Department of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation, first as a counselor and later as the Deputy Director before being appointed Director General. With his understanding of the trade related challenges of landlocked developing countries, he actively worked towards enhancing international trade and fostering economic cooperation during the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent economic and trade challenges.