



Amman-Al Quds Model United Nations

نسخة الأمم المتحدة لعمان والقدس

ECOSOC TOPIC 2

Further Economic Developmental Projects in line with the Accra Accords of UNCTAD

Around the world, billions of people still strive for the basic standards of living that others take for granted. This agenda confronts a pressing global question: how can the international community implement development projects that truly uplift disadvantaged nations and communities, in line with the vision set forth by the UNCTAD Accra Accords? The Accra Accord, adopted in Ghana's capital in 2008, articulated a bold commitment to spread the gains of globalization to those "left behind." It underscored that economic growth must touch all regions and peoples. Today, the core problem remains that many countries - particularly in Africa, Asia, and the least developed world - have yet to see sufficient progress from countless past pledges. We introduce this complex issue by clearly identifying its scope: it is a global drive to translate high-level development commitments into tangible projects that foster jobs, infrastructure, education, and sustainable growth on the ground. From rural electrification initiatives to small-enterprise loans for women, these projects span continents and sectors. The urgency of implementation is paramount because where development stagnates, poverty, instability, and injustice often persist. This agenda matters because it speaks to the credibility of international promises and the hope of economic dignity for millions.

Under the surface, the challenges fueling this agenda's complexity come into focus. Achieving meaningful development outcomes is not a one-sided or straightforward endeavor - it's multifaceted and fraught with hurdles. We examine the causes behind uneven progress: chronic underfunding of aid commitments, burdensome debt that diverts resources away from investment, and policy gaps that leave promising plans unrealized. The consequences of these shortfalls are stark. When developmental projects falter, communities continue to lack clean water or reliable roads; unemployed youth see few prospects; inequality deepens both within and between nations. This agenda acknowledges how broad trends exacerbate the problem. Global economic shifts - from volatile commodity prices to climate change - can undermine local development gains unless projects are resilient and forward-looking. Political and geopolitical forces also play a role: shifting donor priorities, trade barriers, or conflict can derail even well-designed development efforts. By situating our discussion in this wider context, we reveal that accelerating development is not simply a matter of goodwill, but of navigating a web of economic realities, ensuring accountability, and adapting to new challenges like technological change or health crises.

Finally, the agenda brief ties directly into "Empowering the Excluded," the overarching theme of this conference. At its heart, developmental projects are about inclusion - bringing the marginalized into the fold of progress. We reflect on how this issue raises fundamental questions of justice and power imbalance. Why, in a world of plenty, do least developed countries (LDCs) still account for only a tiny fraction of global trade and income? How can international accords, like the Accra Agreement, be actualized to amplify the voices and opportunities of those historically sidelined - whether it's subsistence farmers accessing markets, or young entrepreneurs in a remote village obtaining financing? The connection to the theme is profound: empowering the excluded means turning lofty promises into real opportunities for those who have been silenced by poverty and underdevelopment. Through this agenda, delegates must grapple with ethical and practical dimensions of global development, ensuring that our collective economic strategies do not merely enrich the already prosperous but serve to uplift the world's poorest and most vulnerable. In doing so, we imbue the Model UN debate with a moral urgency and a clear purpose aligned with the noble aim of leaving no one behind.