# Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024

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# The Vienna Programme of Action (VPoA)



- 6 priority areas:
- 1. Fundamental Transit Policy
- 2. Infrastructure Development & Maintenance
- 3. International trade & trade facilitation
- 4. Regional Integration & Cooperation
- **5. Structural Economic Transformation**
- 6. Means of Implementation



### Priorities linked to transit

#### **Priority 1: Transit Policy Issues**

- Free, faster movement of goods along corridors, border points and ports.
- Harmonize, simplify, standardize rules, regulations and documents

#### Priority area 2 - Infrastructure development and maintenance

#### **Priority 3b: Trade Facilitation**

- Significantly simplify and streamline border crossing procedures
- Improve transit facilities and their efficiency
- Implement TF initiatives including WTO TFA

#### **Priority 4: Regional Integration and Cooperation**

- Deepen regional integration and cooperation
- Promote sharing of best practices



### **UN-OHRLLS Support – VPoA & TFA**

- Advocacy efforts to promote ratification, international support and partnerships
- Mobilization and Coordination of UN system support towards LLDCs. EG. Roadmap for Accelerated Implementation of VPoA
- Specific project e.g. Capacity building project to promote transport connectivity
- Monitoring and reporting
- Facilitate knowledge and experience sharing –
   National Focal Points





# Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3)

Kigali, Rwanda June 2024







#### Parallel Thematic Roundtables

South-South and Triangular Cooperation event

**UN Secretary** General's event with the UN system

#### THIRD UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

18-22 June 2024 Kigali, Rwanda

#### Inter-Agency Consultative Group Meetings 2 IACG Meetings in

2023

2 IACG Meetings in

2024

#### Pre-Conference Thematic Events

Risk Reduction Hub Event: Scaling up resilience and reducing disaster risk in LLDCs

Friday, 19 May 2023, 1:15pm - 2:45pm Organizers: Botswana Chair of Group of LLDCs. UN-OHRLLS and UNDRR

World Export Development Forum

26-29 June 2023, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia Organizer: Mongolia, ITC, UN-OHRLLS

LLDCs National Focal Point Meeting 26-29 June 2023, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia Organizer: UN-OHRLLS

Other Pre-Conference Events TBC

#### Informal Consultations

2023 - 2024

#### Sessions of the Intergovernmental

PREPARATORY PROCESS

5 - 8 February 2024 and 29 April to 1 May 2024 New York

**Preparatory Committee** 

Joint PGA and ECOSOC Thematic Event on LLDCs

Second half of 2023

#### Regional Review Meetings:

Africa (ECA): 29 - 30 May 2023 (Botswana) Latin America (ECLAC): 27 - 28 July 2023 (Paraguay) Asia and Europe (ECE and ESCAP): 23 - 24 August, 2023 (Bangkok)

Advocacy/ Media Events Initiatives

2023 - 2024

South-South Track Event

2023 - 2024

Private Sector Track Event

2023 - 2024

#### National Preparations

2023

## Collective responsibility for LLDC3 Outcome

- Ambitious and impactful outcome
- Concrete Deliverables
- Effective solutions
- Transit at the heart of LLDC development
- Recommendations of dedicated transit session are relevant for LLDC conference



### Thank You





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Landlocked Developing Countries

Small Island Developing States

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