

The report is being prepared in response to the request by the General Assembly, in its resolution 76/217 to the Secretary-General to submit at its seventy-seventh session a report on the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024. The report will provide comprehensive information, analysis and statistical data on recent progress and challenges in the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action (VPOA) and of the Political Declaration of the High-level Midterm Review. The report will also review the performance of the LLDCs on the Sustainable Development Goals and recent socioeconomic development and the progress made in implementing the Roadmap for Accelerated Implementation of the VPOA. Furthermore, it will highlight COVID-19 recovery efforts in LLDCs and identify areas that require further action and support. The report will provide important input to the intergovernmental processes including of the Second Committee of the General Assembly.

The report will be prepared based on information provided by entities in the United Nations system and other international organisations. The report will also be based on recent studies and analysis of current data and proceedings of recent meetings. The report will also provide a comprehensive statistical annex.

This section will briefly introduce the report, highlighting the legislative mandate for the report and its scope.

FAO's work is guided by its Strategic Framework (2022-2031), which seeks to support the 2030 Agenda through the transformation to MORE efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agri-food systems for better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life, leaving no one behind.

The four betters represent an organising principle for how FAO intends to contribute directly to SDG 1 (No poverty), SDG 2 (Zero hunger), and SDG 10 (Reduced inequalities) as well as to supporting achievement of the broader SDG agenda, which is crucial for attaining FAO's overall vision. The betters reflect the interconnected economic, social and environmental dimensions of agri-food systems. As such, they also encourage a strategic and systems-oriented approach within all of FAO's interventions.

With a view to achieve the 2030 Agenda, all actors at all levels must be engaged. Today's challenges require multi-stakeholder partnerships, including with the private sector, to ensure effective implementation of global agendas.

