



High-level Africa Regional Review of the Vienna Programme of Action for the Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024

29-30 May 2023

Phakalane Golf Estate Hotel and Convention Centre, Gaborone, Botswana

Annotated Programme

DAY 1 (29 May)	
8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-09:10	Election of the bureau

Chaired by:

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



	<p>Developing States (UN-OHRLLS), Secretary General of the Third UN Conference on LLDCs Mr. Antonio M.A. Pedro, Acting Executive Secretary of United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) – Recorded Message Mr. Li Junhua, Under-Secretary General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations – Recorded Message</p>
09:45 – 10:00 10:00-10:20	Coffee Break



08:30-09:45

PANEL DISCUSSION 3: Achieving seamless and sustainable connectivity through transport and ICT infrastructure

The session will discuss and share experiences on progress made, challenges, opportunities and best practices in improving connectivity for the LLDCs, including both the hard transport infrastructure and soft infrastructure. This will also provide recommendations to build capacity and partnerships to enhance transport and ICT connectivity of the LLDCs. Discussions will include scaling up mobilization of financing, including development of a pipeline of bankable projects and enhancing the





	<p><i>mobilization, development of adequate financial infrastructure or risk reduction instruments, including South-South cooperation. It will also look at how to increase debt sustainability, especially after the deteriorations due to COVID-19.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Zia Choudhury, UN Resident Coordinator for Botswana</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Ayumi Yuasa, Deputy Director of the OECD Development Centre, OECD • Mr. Liang Wang, Country Representative for Botswana, World Bank Group <p>Interactive discussion on the possible elements for the new decade (Delegations and participants to inscribe)</p> <p>Guiding Questions:</p> <p><i>What are the achievements on means of implementation to the LLDCs, the challenges, and the key actions and recommendations that can be included in the new decade? How can the UN development system better support the LLDCs on means of implementation in the new decade? How can the private sector be leveraged to contribute to means of implementation</i></p> <p><i>What are the international and regional initiatives to support the LLDCs to increase debt sustainability and sustainable recovery?</i></p> <p><i>How can monitoring and follow-up of the VPoA be further improved and integrated with the SDGs and other development processes.</i></p>
14:45-15:00	COFFEE BREAK
15:00 – 15:30	<p>Consideration and adoption of the Outcome <i>In this session the outcome document will be adopted.</i></p> <p>Chair: Ms. Malebogo Morakaladi, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Botswana</p> <p>Introduction of the Outcome by Chair of the Regional Review Meeting.</p> <p>Adoption of the Outcome</p>



15:30-16:00	<p>Closing Session</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Malebogo Morakaladi, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Botswana</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Mr. Francis Ikome, Chief, Regional Integration Section, Regional Integration and Trade Division, UN-ECA</p> <p>Ms. Rabab Fatima, Under-Secretary General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS), Secretary General of the Third UN Conference on LLDCs</p> <p>Honourable Mabuse Pule, Acting Minister of Trade, Botswana</p>
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