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A discussion on the impacts of external shocks on
Landlocked Developing Countries

When: Tuesday, 27 May 2014; Where: NLB CR 6

Time: 1000-1300 Hours

YOU are welcome to an economic discussion on the impacts of external shock on 32 landlocked developing countries (LLDCs). This event is organized in the framework of the comprehensive ten-year review of the Almaty Programme of Action (ApoA) scheduled to take place 3-5 November 2014 in Vienna, Austria.

IDENTIFIED among the world's most vulnerable economies, LLDCs' lack of territorial access to the sea is a source of serious impediments to their development aspirations. Landlockedness coincides with a host of other factors such as relatively small, commodity-dependent economies, remoteness and isolation from major economies, and high poverty-incidences. ApoA, the first UN development framework to address the overarching transit transport bottlenecks has been instrumental in fostering rapid economic growth, accelerated expansion in global trade as well as the flow of financial resources to the LLDCs.

GROWTH and human development outcomes in the LLDCs are seriously undermined by external shocks with roots in transit countries and trading partners. While featured speakers from the World Bank, UNCTAD, UN-DESA and UN-OHRLLS will show sectoral as well as system-wide effects of external shocks, emphasis will be placed on identifying suitable response options for dealing with this growing challenge.

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<p>Tuesday 27 May 2014 1000-1300 Hours NLB 6</p>	<p>Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya USG and High Representative, UN-OHRLLS "Report on the vulnerability of the LLDCs to external shocks"</p>
	<p>Mr. Pierre Encontre Officer-in-Charge, Trade and Poverty Branch, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD "Trade-specific shocks and the LLDCs"</p>
	<p>Mr. John Wilson Lead Economist, Development Economics Research Group, The World Bank "Support measures for countries facing external shocks"</p>
	<p>Mr. Matthias Bruckner Committee for Development Policy Secretariat, Development Policy and Analysis Division, UN-DESA "Thoughts on designing an external shock vulnerability index for LLDCs"</p>
	<p>H.E. Dr. Mwaba P. Kasese-Bota, Chair of the LLDC Group Zambian Ambassador & Permanent Representative to the UN "Keeping in mind external shocks in the Post-APoA, and Post-2015 discussions"</p>
	<p>Question and Answer</p>