

Facilitating Trade

For Fragile and Landlocked States

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Objective

- ▶ identify FTA tools to address development concerns specific to LLDCs

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- ▶ What trade tools are available for LLDCS
 - ▶ GSP
 - ▶ Special and Differential Treatment
- ▶ Why don't these work
 - ▶ May not be appropriate
 - ▶ Are the deficiencies they seek to address those facing LLDCs?
 - ▶ What attenuates the utility of these existing instruments

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- ▶ LLDC as a common identity
 - ▶ Almaty Plan of Action
 - ▶ WTO Landlocked Developing Countries Group
- ▶ Trade agreements as a common instrument
 - ▶ What elements are suited to development needs of LLDCs

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- ▶ FTA template
 - ▶ Adapt existing tools
 - ▶ What does an LLDC-friendly SPS text look like?
 - ▶ New ideas
 - ▶ Could a Bali TFA-style tiered compliance structure address issues?

- ▶ Domestic support network
 - ▶ Public-private dialogues
 - ▶ Identify parties that can support negotiations