



Preparing for the Vienna conference on the Land-locked Developing Countries: Experiences and lessons learned in the areas of trade facilitation and transport

13 June 2014, 1.15-2.30 pm

UN Conference Building, CR 3

*Light lunch will be served from 12:30pm
(1st floor in front of the elevators)*

This event is intended to illustrate the challenges that Land-locked Developing Countries face in the area of trade facilitation, transport and transit on the basis of the experience of some African countries. The potential of regional integration processes will also be discussed. The presentations of panellists and the ensuing discussion are expected to provide useful inputs to the preparatory process for the LLDCs conference in November in Vienna.

Draft agenda

Introduction by Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg, Chief, Office of the High Representative for LDCs, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, UN Secretariat

Introduction by H.E. Mwaba Kasese-Bota, Ambassador of Zambia to the UN and Chair of the LLDCs Group

Moderator: Mr. Americo Zampetti, Head of the Economic Section, EU Delegation to the UN

The case of Zimbabwe: Mr. Thulani Chitopo, Principal Economist, Ministry of Industry and Commerce

The case of Zambia: Ms. Irene B. M. Tembo, Chief Planner, Ministry of Transport, Works, Supply and Communications

The case of Swaziland: Mr. Khauhelo Mawana, Director - Customs Legislative, Swaziland Revenue Authority

Discussant on trade facilitation: Mr. Stefano Inama, Chief, Technical Assistance and Enhanced Integrated Framework Section, UNCTAD

Discussant on transport: Ms. Virginia Tanase, Senior Transport Specialist, Transport, Water, Information and Communication department, The World Bank Group