



The Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

3-5 November 2014, Vienna, Austria

At the LLDC Conference, participants from governments of LLDCs, transit developing countries and donor countries, UN and other international organizations and the private sector will come together to shape the new development agenda for the landlocked developing countries for the next decade.

Conference Objectives:

- Comprehensively and critically assess the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action (APoA), with the view to identify effective international and domestic policies in the light of the outcome of the comprehensive appraisal, as well as new and emerging challenges and opportunities and the means to address them, and develop a new common action-oriented strategic framework for the next decade.
- Reaffirm the global commitment to addressing the special needs of the landlocked developing countries, in particular those related to infrastructure development, transit and trade facilitation, policy framework, in order to reduce prohibitive transit costs and enable those countries to fully participate in the global trade.
- Mobilize additional international support measures in favour of the landlocked developing countries, and in this regard, formulate and adopt a renewed partnership between the landlocked developing countries, transit developing countries and their development partners.
- Develop a more efficient monitoring and evaluation mechanism for the successful implementation of the new programme of action by an effective functioning of existing arrangements at national, sub-regional, regional and global levels.

The International Road Transport Union (IRU) has the honour to invite you to take part in two events in the framework of the 2nd UN Conference on LLDCs:

4 November 2014 – Thematic panel “Transit Transport, Infrastructure and ICT”

5 November 2014 – Side event “Global Partnership for Sustainable Transport”

Please note that in order to take part in the 2nd UN Conference on LLDCs, the participants have to go through the process of accreditation and registration. Full information on accreditation and registration can be found using the following [link](#).



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Thematic panel “Transit Transport, Infrastructure and ICT”

organised by the IRU and the ITU in the framework
of the Business and Investment Forum of 2nd UN Conference on LLDCs
on 4 November 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Transit transport is a core concern of LLDCs. Due to the lack of territorial access to the sea; LLDCs bear high transport costs that act as a restrictive barrier to trade. Development and maintenance of transit transport infrastructure and transit-related information communication technology (ICT) is crucial for LLDCs to reduce high trading costs and become fully integrated into the global market. This session will focus on how the private sector could play a key role through public-private partnerships in developing transit transport, infrastructure and ICT.

IRU and ITU are looking forward to welcoming you to this event!

Please register for the Business and Investment Forum and confirm your participation in IRU-ITU Thematic Session using the following registration [link](#).



“Global Partnership for Sustainable Transport” **Side Event on 5 November 2014 from 8:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.**

The purpose of this side event is to present the concept of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Transport (GPST), a high level platform under the United Nations auspices for the promotion of sustainable development of all modes of transport in the interests of global inclusive socio-economic development, facilitation of international trade and regional integration. Developing countries around the world, especially LDCs and LLDCs, continue to face major challenges and connectivity gaps. Lack of direct access to the sea, low efficiency of logistics and supply chains, remoteness and high transit costs continue to impose serious constraints on their development. Global Partnership will help LLDCs to address these issues in the framework of its global agenda.

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We look forward to seeing you in Vienna in November!