



2ND UN CONFERENCE
ON LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
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Governments, business leaders and civil society to address major challenges of Landlocked Developing Countries at historic UN global gathering in Vienna

WHAT

The Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

Hampered by geography, the world's 32 Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) are counting on the international community at a UN conference in November to work with them to agree on an ambitious action plan.

World leaders, United Nations representatives, key private sector players, and civil society representatives attending the meeting in Vienna will outline the challenges facing the LLDCs and seek to collaborate on a roadmap for the group of countries for the next decade.

WHEN AND WHERE

The conference will be held **from 3 to 5 November 2014 in Vienna, Austria**, at the [Vienna International Centre](#) (VIC, Wagramer Strasse 5, 1400 Vienna, Austria).

WHO

Heads of Government and State, **UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon** and **Conference Secretary-General and High Representative Gyan Chandra Acharya** will be joined by business CEOs, parliamentarians, non-governmental organizations, academics, senior UN officials and representatives of many other non-state actors.

Key Media Information

Accreditation: Media accreditation is strictly reserved for members of the media: print, photo, radio, television, film, news agencies and online media who represent a bona fide media organization (full guidelines are available at www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/request.shtml).



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Journalists with permanent accreditation to the VIC need no further credentials.

Accreditation will be granted upon presenting of the following documents:

- a. Letter of assignment on official letterhead of a media organization signed by the publisher or editor-in-chief.
- b. Scanned image of a valid press card (national or international).
- c. Scanned image of passport/national ID card

Documents should be sent to: press@unvienna.org. Applicants will be informed about their accreditation status and how to pick up their access cards.

Double accreditation. No double accreditation is allowed (e.g. as press and delegate, or as press and non-governmental organization).

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Visa Requirements, Travel and Hotel Accommodation:

Visas: A visa for entry into Austria may be required. Media are requested to apply for their visa as early as possible.

Invitation letters for visa purposes will not be issued.

[More information on Visa requirements](#)

Media representatives who wish to cover the Conference should arrange for their travel and hotel bookings themselves.

[Further information on accommodation in Vienna](#)

Press conferences: Press conferences will be organized by the Office of the Spokesperson for the conference, including briefings by the spokesperson or others. A schedule of press briefings will be posted in advance online (www.lldc2conference.org) and a media alert will be sent out by e-mail with updates as needed.

Press working area: The Press Room on the ground floor of the M-building of the Vienna International Centre will be available as a press working area and is equipped with free wireless



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internet.

Multimedia: The UN Department of Public Information will provide comprehensive webcast, and internet coverage of the official plenary statements, round-tables and press conferences.

Webcasting: All plenary statements, high-level interactive roundtables, press conferences will be webcast. The United Nations webcast services will provide live and on-demand coverage of the plenary, high-level interactive debates and press conferences. The coverage will be available on the UN Web TV website at: <http://webtv.un.org> in English and the original language of the speaker.

Social Media: The event will be covered on OHRRLLS social media in the lead up to the conference, during the event and after. Updates will be placed on Facebook (www.facebook.com/UNOHRRLLS) and Twitter (twitter.com/UNOHRRLLS) under the **hashtag #LLDC2**. Updates will include images from the LLDC photo call (unohrrls.org/bordersphotocall/) news items, general interest pieces on LLDCs and links to partners and organizations of interest. Live updates will be placed on Twitter during the conference.

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Further information on the Conference

The work of the conference includes identifying how the LLDCs can work together with



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development partners to improve their infrastructure, as well as their share of international trade. Other topics will include ways to strengthen regional integration, the need for development assistance and robust partnerships to overcome new and emerging challenges such as climate change.

The conference will provide a crucial opportunity for the LLDCs and the international community to draw much-needed attention to the often overlooked obstacles these countries face.

The meeting carries extra weight given the international community's focus on defining the Post-2015 development agenda.

Key Events

The [Conference Programme](#) is available online.

Plenary meetings: The conference will consist of an opening ceremony and a total of five plenary meetings to be held from Monday, 3 November to Wednesday, 5 November, 2014. The conference will also include four high-level interactive thematic roundtables on:

- Achieving Structural Transformation of Landlocked Developing Countries' Economies (3 November, afternoon)
- Regional integration and transit cooperation - Perspectives for the Landlocked Developing Countries (4 November, morning)
- Priorities for the Landlocked Developing Countries in the Post-2015 Development Framework (4 November, afternoon)
- Harnessing international trade and investment for the Landlocked Developing Countries' development and facilitating transit transport (5 November, morning)

Private Sector Forum, 4 November

The Business and Investment Forum is organized as an integral part of the conference. The event will bring together business leaders, government officials from LLDCs and transit countries, as well as development partners and senior officials from major international organizations, to exchange views on the challenges and opportunities faced by LLDCs and to discuss possible partnerships and strategies in regards to the role of the private sector in the overall sustainable development of LLDCs.



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The discussions should be considered in the context of the emerging post-2015 development agenda where the private sector is expected to play a key role in successfully implementing anticipated sustainable development goals (SDGs).

The event aims to leverage the inspiration and insights from attendees in order to continue strengthening the contribution of business and investors to implementing a new Programme of Action for LLDCs.

Side events: A latest [programme of side events](#) is available online.

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