Priority 1 – Fundamental Transit Issues

• Progress in ratifying the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.

• Progress on ratification of the WCO Revised Kyoto Convention.

• Other international conventions eg. TIR or Harmonization – no progress

• WCO Transit Guidelines – launched in 2017

• There are still challenges – funding and technical capacity to fully implement the agreements
Specific objectives of the VPoA

- Progress has been made on:
- Reducing travel time along the corridors;
- Reducing cargo dwell times at seaports
- Reducing time spent at the land borders.

Challenges –
- Data not readily available to monitor the indicators
- Some corridors and ports have not achieved the specific objectives
Suggested recommendations

- LLDCs and transit countries are encouraged to ratify and effectively implement relevant international & regional agreements on transit.
- International organizations are encouraged to scale up technical assistance.
- LLDCs and transit countries are encouraged to use available tools to promote transit such as the WCO Transit Guidelines.
- LLDCs and transit countries should make more efforts to meet the VPoA specific objectives of reducing travel time along the corridors; reducing cargo dwell times at seaports and reduce time spent at the land borders.
Thank You

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