Connectivity and Transport Infrastructure Development

Infrastructure is key to facilitation of trade and therefore a crucial factor for promoting FDI flows to LLDCs. On infrastructure, we are paying particular attention to infrastructure development that would create room for investment such as road infrastructure for ease of transportation of goods to markets, ICT infrastructure for promotion of trade both in goods and services, and the energy infrastructure to close the supply gap.

On transport infrastructure, we are promoting a multi modular transport system that would allow our businesses to use various modes of transportation of exports to overseas markets. These include development of good road network in the country which would allow us to easily transport good in the country and also connect to the Mtwara Development Corridor in the north eastern part of the country and the Nacala Development Corridor on the South Eastern part of the country, Beira Corridor and North South Corridor to facilitate energy connectivity and trade in goods and services. We are working with partners on development of projects an these corridors.

The rail link and the air transport facilities are also being given particular attention. Chileka and Kamuzu International airports in the Commercial City of Blantyre and the Capital City Lilongwe, respectively, are being rehabilitated. The government is also constructing an international airport in the Northern City of Mzuzu to ensure that the country’s air transport network is geared to facilitate transportation from all parts of the country. Malawi is also promoting water transport facilities. At the current level of transport cost, over 40 percent of the value of the exports, is very prohibitive. We believe use of the water and rail transport systems and other efficient networks would allow us to register significant progress in trade and the resultant remunerative income to producers would motivate our businesses to produce more and increase productive sector contribution to the economy.