Background Report for the Africa regional review meeting on the implementation of the VPoA

Overview of Report

- Part 1: Improving Transport Connectivity for LLDCs in Africa Region
  - Priority 2 – infrastructure development,

- Part 2: Review of Progress made in Priority
  - Priority 1 – Fundamental Transit Issues
  - Priority 3 – International Trade and Trade Facilitation,
  - Priority 4 Regional Integration and
  - Priority 6 Means of Implementation
Reports Based on

- National Reports
- Substantive work by UN and other Regional and International Organizations
- Existing data bases from international organizations
- Data from national sources
- Pre-conference events

For Each Priority Area

- Progress that has been achieved.
- Case study experiences
- Opportunities, best practices and lessons learnt
- Challenges faced or outstanding
- Suggested Recommendations
Priority 1 – Fundamental Transit Issues

• Over the review period there has been progress in ratification of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.
• Agreement on the establishment of the African Continental Free Trade Area
• Initiatives - 30-day visa on arrival for all citizens of African countries.
• Progress on specific objectives of the VPoA

Priority 2 – Infrastructure development

• Significant progress and notable achievements have been made to close missing links, expand transport, energy, ICT infrastructure.
• There are still challenges – infrastructure funding gap
• Collaboration and partnerships are key: between LLDCs and transit countries; between public and private sector; and with the UN system, multilateral and regional financial institutions.
Priority 6 Means of Implementation

- Efforts have been made on domestic resource mobilisation, LLDCs need to strengthen their efforts in mobilizing domestic resources. Domestic resources are not enough,
- Development partners encouraged to increase ODA to LLDCs
- LLDCs should adopt policies and measures to attract more FDI and more diversified FDI
- Explore and strengthen South-South Cooperation and triangular cooperation
- UN system, international organizations and multilateral and regional development banks have a role to play

Thank You

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