

## Integrating LLDCs into the Multilateral Trading System

**Tuesday, 5 August 2025**

**13:15–14:45 PM**

**Awaza Conference Centre, 3–07.09**

This High-Level special event focuses on advancing the objectives of the Awaza Programme of Action, with particular emphasis on strengthening multilateral trading system to better support the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) to address the unique challenges these countries face in global trade. The event will be held as part of the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3) in Awaza, Turkmenistan, from August 5-8, 2025. The event will bring together representatives from LLDCs, WTO members, trade experts, and development organizations to identify available tools, identify needs and gaps and explore potential multilateral trade solutions tailored specifically to the context of LLDCs.

### Speakers

#### Opening remarks

- **Ms. Rabab Fatima**, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS), and Secretary-General of the Third United Nations conference on Landlocked Developing Countries
- **Ms. Rebeca Grynspan**, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

#### Moderator

- **Ms. Gertruida Maria Hartzenberg**, Executive Director, Trade Law Centre for Southern Africa

#### Keynote speaker

- **H.E. Mr. Uchral Nyam-Osor**, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Development of Mongolia

#### Panelists

- **Hon. Mr. Manqoba Bheki Khumalo**, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade of Eswatini
- **Mr. Sepp Schellhorn**, State Secretary of the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Austria
- **Mr. Escipion Joaquin Oliveira Gomez**, Director of Country Programmes, International Trade Centre



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