



# Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

Awaza, Turkmenistan, 5-8 August 2025

## High-Level Special Event

### Infrastructure Investment and Financing Facility for LLDCs

Wednesday 6 August 2025, 13:15-14:45  
Awaza Conference Centre, Building 3-07.09

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#### Programme

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**Moderator:**

H.E. Mr. Taonga Mushayavanhu, *Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe to the United Nations*

**1:15 – 1:36 PM (7 minutes each) – Opening Remarks**

- Ms. Rabab Fatima, *Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS), and Secretary-General of the Third United Nations conference on Landlocked Developing Countries*
- H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa, *Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations, and President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council*
- Mr. Claver Gatete, Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Africa

**1:36 – 1:46 PM (5 minutes each) – Keynote Address**

- Mr. Frank Tayali  
*Minister of Transport and Logistics of Zambia*
- Mr. Jin Lique  
*President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)*

**1:46 – 1:56 PM (10 minutes total / 5 minutes each) - Panel Discussion:  
Presentations on Experiences and Best Practices in Infrastructure Investment  
and Financing Facilities (IIF)**

- Speaker: Dr. Aleksandr Prodan (1:46-1:51)  
*Senior Transport Economist of the World Bank*
- Speaker: Mr. Mike Salawou (1:51-1:56 PM)  
*Director Infrastructure and Urban Development, African Development Bank*

**1:56 – 2:38 PM (42 minutes) – Interactive Discussion**

**2:38 – 2:45 PM (7 minutes) – Closing Remarks**

*By the moderator. Key takeaways and looking ahead beyond LLDC3.*