



Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

Awaza, Turkmenistan, 5-8 August 2025

High-Level Special Event

Integrating LLDCs into the Multilateral Trading System

Tuesday, 5 August 2025, 1:15 – 2:45 PM
Awaza Conference Centre, Building 3-07.09

RUN OF SHOW

Moderator: Ms. Trudi Hartzenberg, Executive Director, Trade Law Centre for Southern Africa (Tralac)

Note: The moderator will open the event, briefly introduce the purpose, and then invite Ms. Fatima to deliver welcoming remarks, followed by Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary General of UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

For the Moderator:

- Maintain strict time management throughout the session.
- Introduce each speaker with one or two lines contextualizing their background and relevance.
- Ensure all speakers stay within their allocated time to preserve space for discussion.
- During the interactive segment, encourage panelists to briefly reflect on each other's remarks and involve the floor where time allows.

1:15 – 1:29 (7 minutes each)

Opening Remarks

Speakers: Ms. Rabab Fatima, Under-Secretary General and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS (UN-OHRLLS)

Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary General, UNCTAD

1:29 – 1:36 (7 minutes)

Keynote Address

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

Note: The moderator will introduce the keynote speaker.

For the Keynote Speaker:

- Focus on strategic priorities, political commitment, and country perspectives on the topic, if/as relevant.
- Deep dive into the topic, identify strategic priorities and emphasize the need for political commitment and the urgency of partnerships.

1:36 – 1:56 (20 minutes total / 5 minutes each)

Panel Discussion: How can we meet the APoA target of “doubling” LLDC exports

Note: The moderator will introduce each speaker with 1–2 sentences of context before their presentation using the provided Biographies. Each speaker will have a maximum of 5 minutes.

1. 1:36 – 1:41

Speaker: Hon. Mr. Manqoba Bheki Khumalo, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade of Eswatini

- What specific trade challenges do LLDCs face as a result of being landlocked? (e.g. transit, transport infrastructure, logistics services, standards compliance, undiversified exports)
- What are the key commitments in the APoA that can help resolve some of these challenges? (e.g. transit corridors, customs interoperability, LLDC-specific capacity building, transit guarantees etc.)

2. 1:41 – 1:46

Speaker: H.E. Mr. Sepp Schellhorn, State Secretary of the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Austria

- As a developed landlocked country, what has helped Austria overcome some of the barriers of being landlocked? (e.g. integration, logistics services competition, customs efficiency)
- As a valued “friend of the LLDCs” how can partner countries support LLDCs to better use trade as a tool for sustainable development?

3. 1:46 – 1:51

Speaker: Mr. Escipion Joaquin Oliveira Gomez, Director Country Programmes, International Trade Centre (ITC)

- SMEs make up a critical share of most LLDCs’ economies, what are some of the key actions that partners can do globally to support their trade? (on the ground, regionally, multilateral-level)
- What strategies can address some of the LLDC-specific challenges as they engage in trade?

For the Panelists:

- Structure presentations around: key challenges, national/agency experience, and specific recommendations for the topic
- Refer to the guiding questions and respond directly to the topic.

- Stick closely to the 5-minute limit.

1:56 – 2:38 (42 minutes)

Interactive Discussion and Audience Q&A

Note: The moderator will facilitate a short interactive exchange among the speakers and participants, drawing out cross-cutting messages and inviting brief follow-ups. Audience members, including designated Youth speakers, may be invited to pose 2–3 short questions, depending on available time.

Youth Speakers from the floor

- Mr. Bokim BENI NIHOZE. Youth Entrepreneur with trade focus, BURUNDI
- Mr. Thitphasavanh SAYAVONG. Youth Advocate from LAO PDR

Guiding questions for the Youth speakers from the Floor:

- How can youth networks in LLDCs shape trade policies to be more inclusive and sustainable, particularly by aligning development assistance and capacity-building efforts with youth priorities in sectors like agriculture, services, and technology?
- What targeted strategies and collaborations can empower young people in LLDCs to become more competitive in the global trading system, ensuring that trade-related support is responsive to their needs and harnesses their innovative potential?

2:38 – 2:45 (7 minutes)

Closing Remarks

Note: The moderator will provide a concise summary of key messages and outcomes, thank participants, and highlight next steps and ongoing commitments beyond LLDC3.

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