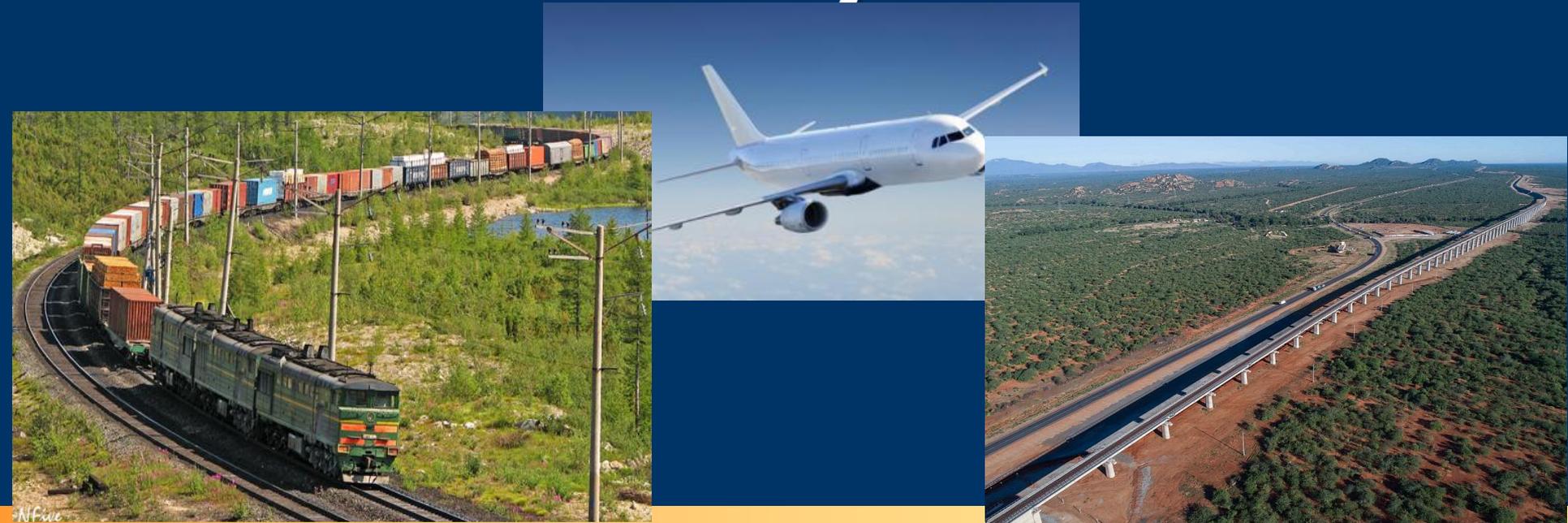


# Importance of Transport Connectivity to LLDCs



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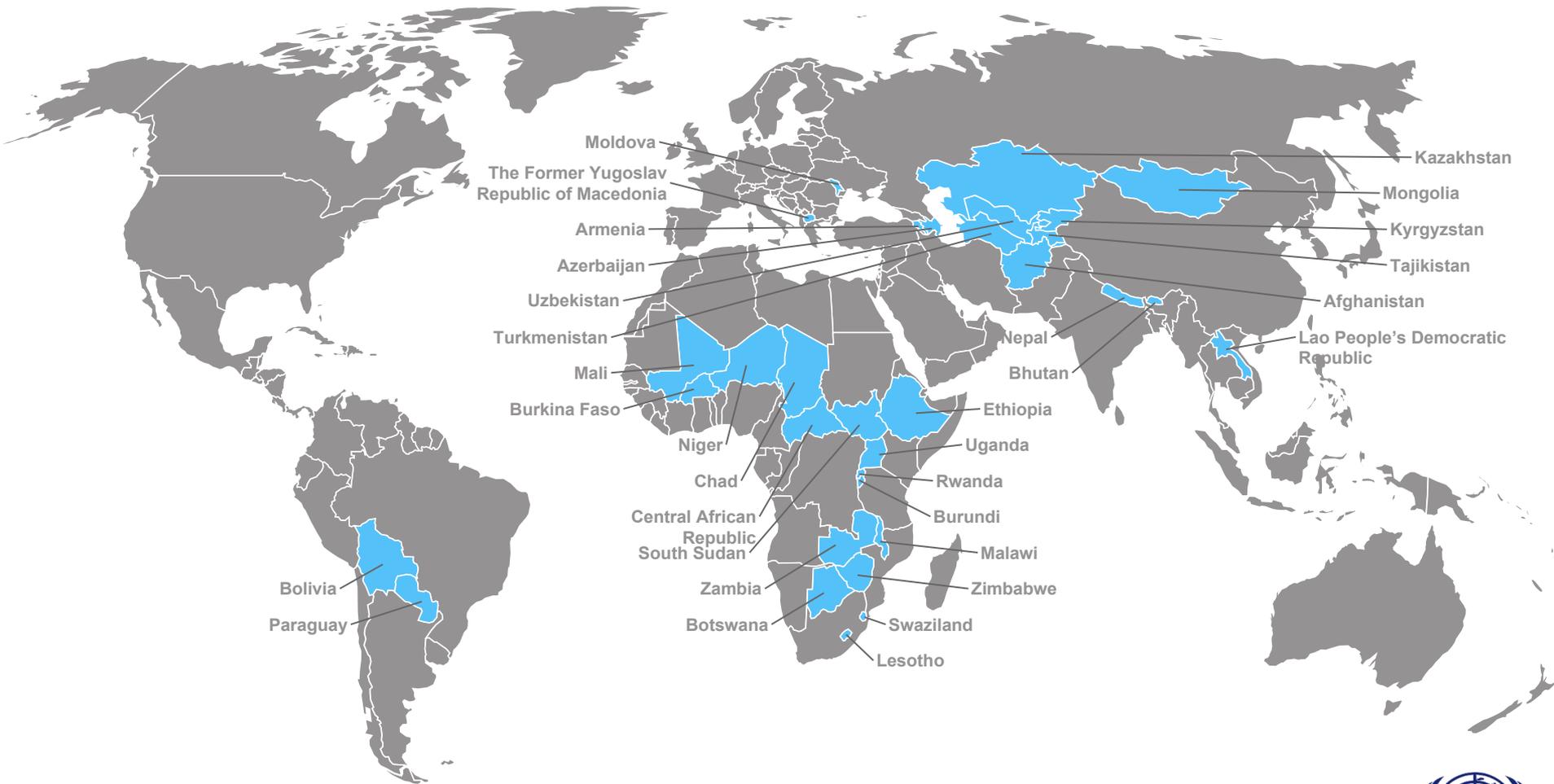
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# 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- **Trade** is an important means to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- **Recognize** that the LLDCs like the other vulnerable countries, LDCs and SIDS deserve special attention and provision of trade-related capacity-building including for the promotion of regional economic integration and interconnectivity.
- **SDG 9 and SDG 11** particularly emphasize the role of transport connectivity.
- However **Trade costs** for LLDCs are too high improving transport connectivity is crucial.



# Landlocked Developing Countries



# Improving transport connectivity requires addressing physical and soft



## Hardware

Improved Physical connectivity-  
Infrastructure network



## Software

Improved trade facilitation,  
regulatory framework, logistics,  
service delivery



# Vienna Programme of Action for LLDCs (VPoA)



- 1. Fundamental Transit Policy**
- 2. Infrastructure Development & Maintenance**
- 3. International trade & trade facilitation**
- 4. Regional Integration & Cooperation**
- 5. Structural Economic Transformation**
- 6. Means of Implementation**



# VPOA Midterm Review

- Held in Dec 2019 to assess the progress made.
- Progress has been made but there were still major challenges.
- Political declaration adopted has important areas for action:
  - Ratification and effective implementation of legal instruments
  - Bankable transport projects
  - Resilient transit transport infrastructure
  - Corridor development
  - Scale up trade facilitation
  - Enhanced regional integration and cooperation
- COVID-19 affected both soft and hard infrastructure related issues to transport connectivity



# Way Forward

- Capacity building
- Developing bankable transport infrastructure projects
- Resource mobilization
- Corridor approach important
- Increased cooperation between LLDCs & transit countries.
- Data collection critical



**Thank You**