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Towards accelerated implementation of the VPoA and building coherence with the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development: The role of National Focal Points

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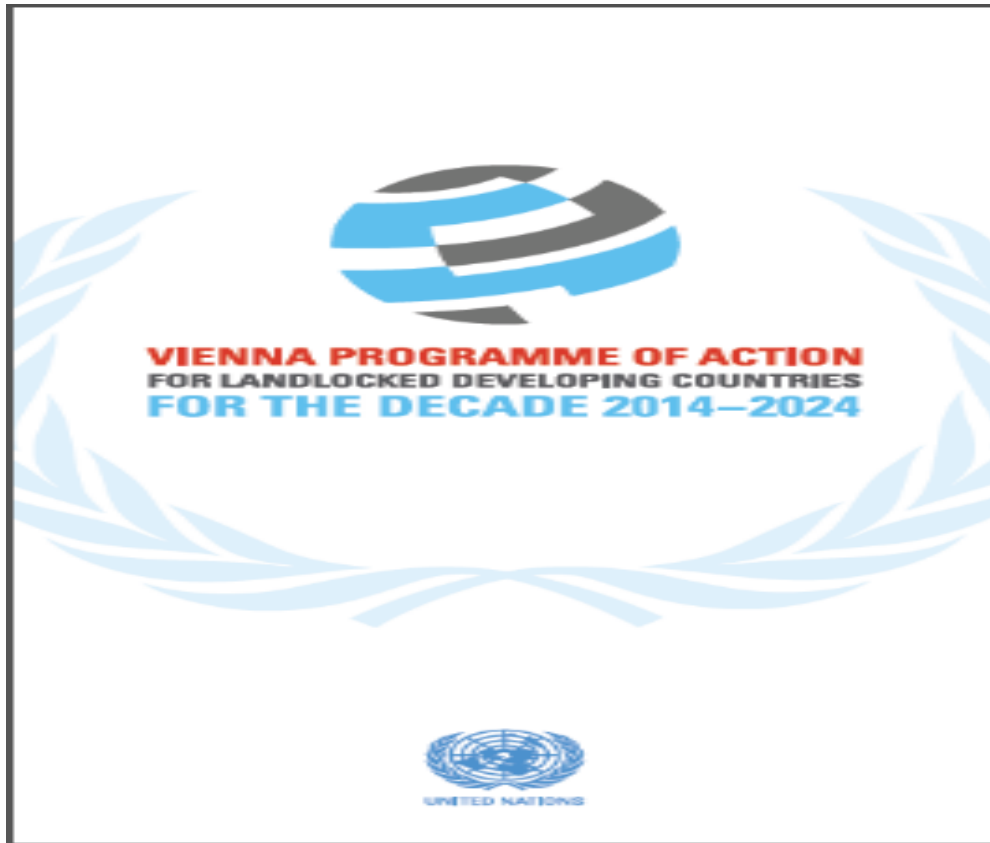
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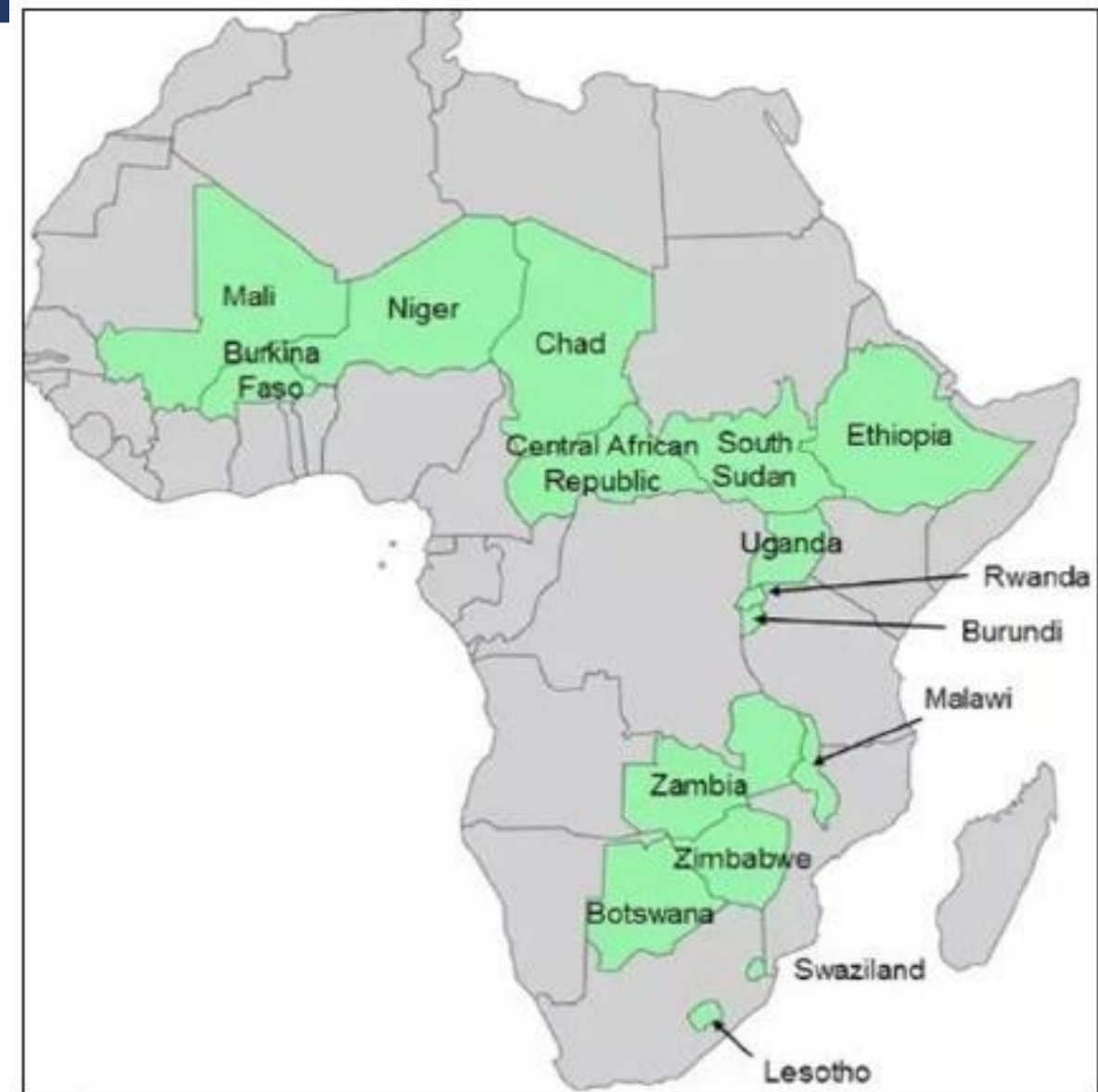
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Conclusions

VIENNA PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR LLDCs



- Of the world's 32 landlocked countries, 16 are in Africa, and 13 of these are also LDCs



Roll out of ECA's Macroeconomic Modelling

- ECA is assisting member States, including LLDCs in forecasting and macroeconomic analysis/modelling, as well as in the design, implementation and monitoring of development plans and strategies to promote inclusive growth, sustainable development and structural transformation.
- Africa LLDCs that have benefited from these exercises include; Burundi, Ethiopia, Zambia and Niger along with Rwanda (COVID Impact).

MACROECONOMIC MODELLING FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING



Infrastructure Development and maintenance: PIDA PAP II

- **Total 73 Projects**
 - **25 transport**
 - **19 Energy**
 - **17 Trans-boundary water resource**
 - **12 ICT**
- **Connect all the 16 LLDCs in Africa to regional and global markets**



African Continental High-Speed Rail Network

It is part of **AGENDA 2063**

ECA is supporting AU in the development of the continental railway masterplan

The masterplan will connect 16 landlocked countries to major seaports and neighboring countries

Create East-West / North-South land-bridges and interconnect African capitals, including those of LLDCs



Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM)



- 34 Countries signed the Solemn Commitment to SAATM (including Ethiopia and Rwanda, LLDCs)
- SAATM will increase aviation's role as an economic driver, supporting social and political integration, as well as boosting trade and tourism.
- ECA in collaboration with AUC and AfCAC developed key performance Indicators for YD and SAATM

Regional Cooperation and Integration: the AfCFTA



- ↑ Africa's overall GDP by 0.5 per cent (or \$55 billion), exports by 5.1 per cent (about \$110 billion), imports by 4.7 per cent (around \$110 billion), output by 0.3 per cent (nearly \$55 billion) and welfare by 0.4 per cent (close to \$3 billion) by 2045 as compared with a situation without AfCFTA
- ECA is facilitating the development of AfCFTA implementation strategies in African countries, including in landlocked countries, 12 of which have benefited to date
- Impact Assessment Studies for individual countries

AfCFTA implementation strategies work at the inception phase	AfCFTA implementation strategies work at the drafting / consultations phase	AfCFTA implementation strategies validated	Implementation ongoing or to start soon
<p>Countries: Benin, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini*, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Libya, Cabo Verde, Sao Tome & Principe, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan*,</p> <p>RECs: ECCAS, UMA</p>	<p>Countries: Algeria, Botswana*, Comoros, Mozambique, Nigeria and Rwanda*</p> <p>RECs: EAC, ECOWAS, IGAD</p>	<p>Countries: Burkina Faso*, Burundi*, Cameroon, Chad*, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, DRC, Guinea, Kenya, Malawi*, Mauritania, Mauritius, Namibia, Niger*, , Senegal, Sierra Leone, The Gambia, Togo, Tunisia, Zambia*, Zimbabwe*</p>	<p>Countries: Burkina Faso*, Cameroon, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, DRC, Gabon, Guinea, Kenya, Mauritania, Niger*, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, The Gambia, Togo, Zambia*</p>

ECA-led AfCFTA-anchored Pharmaceutical Initiative: A business blueprint/proof of concept

The Pilot Initiative (with Ethiopia included) proposes localized production, centralised pooled procurement & harmonized regulatory standards and quality framework for select maternal and child care (offers opportunities for emergence of value chains and industrialisation)

Results

Pooled procurement

- **43% savings** on a budget of **\$1.3 billion** for maternal and child health
- **7% improvement** on average in availability, access and affordability

Localized production

- **5-15% efficiency gains**
- **21-76% improved accessibility** of family planning products
- **10% increase** in local **production**
- **5% increase** in doing **business indicator**

Harmonized regulatory standards and quality framework

- **Upto 15% reduction in pricing** through the engagement of the private sector
- **15% efficiency gains in health care** provision through digitization and data management



AfCFTA
■ Pilot Country
■ Other

The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.
Final boundary between the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan has not yet been determined.

Concluding thoughts: Some concrete steps going forward

1 Leveraging the AfCFTA

Effective implementation of the Agreement and complementary efforts to address infrastructure gaps, and removal of NTBs will unlock trade and production potential of the African LLDCs.

2 Role of VPoA National focal Points Networks

Spearhead effective implementation of the VPoA at national level and fostering coherence in the implementation of National Development Plans, the VPoA, Agenda 2063 and SDGs

3 Scale Up Facilitating Trade

Strengthened cooperation between LLDCs and transit partners at regional and continental-levels would ensure that merchandise trading continues smoothly and safely, especially for essential goods. Corridor Approach critical

4 Enhanced Resource Mobilization and mobilize Pvt Sector

Prioritize domestic resource mobilization and strengthen private sector contribution by enhancing the doing business environment



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