



Briefing for the LLDCs National Focal Points on the work of ESCAP

Inaugural Meeting of the LLDCs National Focal Point Network

Session 5: Global and regional efforts to support LLDCs and facilitate the implementation of the VPoA

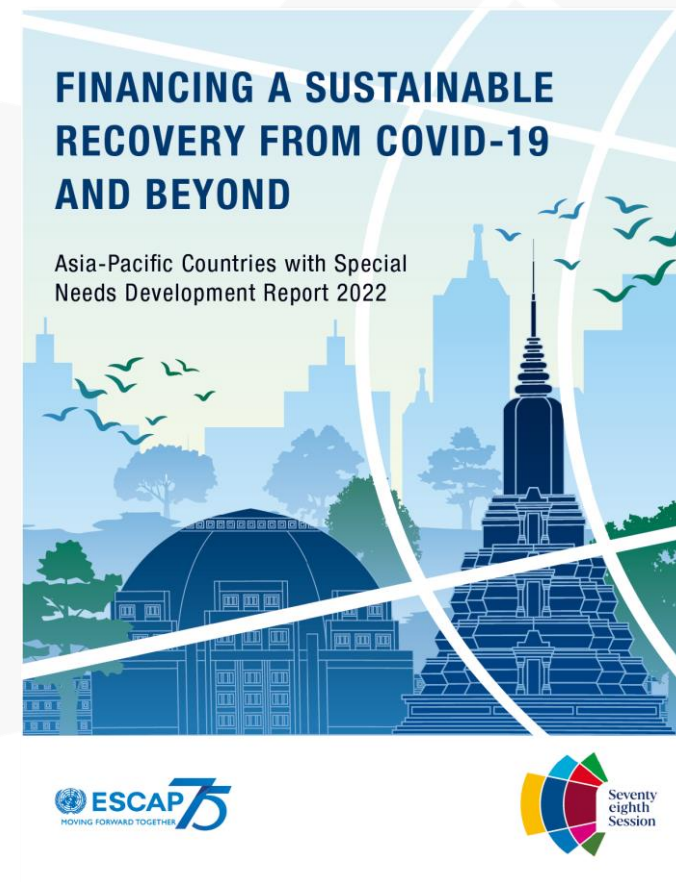
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United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies

- Annual Commission session and Special Body on LDCs, LLDCs and PICs
- Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development
- Follow-up and reviews of the implementation of the global programmes of action for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS
 - *Euro-Asian Regional Midterm Review of the implementation of VPoA*, Bangkok, Thailand, February 2019
 - Regional Final Review of the implementation of VPoA in 2023-2024



Priority areas of support

1. Transport and connectivity

- Working Groups on Asian Highways, Trans-Asian Railways Networks, Dry Ports
- Regional Action programme on Sustainable Transport Development (2022-2026)
- Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway (APIS) Action Plan 2022-2026

2. Trade facilitation

- Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific; Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement
- Trade Intelligence and Negotiation Advisors (TINA); Regional Integration and Value Chain Analyzer

3. Regional cooperation

- Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA)

