



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2 December 2019

Excellency,

Further to my letter, dated 29 October 2019, concerning the High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly devoted to the comprehensive midterm review of the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action (VPoA) for Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) for the decade 2014-2024 to take place on 5 and 6 December 2019, I have the pleasure to enclose herewith, an updated agenda for the meeting. Kindly note the adoption of the draft Political Declaration will take place during the opening segment.

The list of speakers for the plenary meeting on 5 December is open. Delegations may register through the e-speakers platform on agenda item 21(b) of the plenary. Entities and organizations with observer status to the General Assembly are welcome to inscribe by contacting the General Assembly Affairs Branch, Mr. Carlos Galindo (galindo@un.org).

In accordance with resolution 74/243, stressing the importance of the effective participation of all relevant stakeholders, the second day of the midterm review will include interactive panels. No list of speakers will be established for the panels. Delegations, observers and other stakeholders may indicate their interest in taking the floor in the interactive panels from their seats.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

Programme of the Comprehensive High-level Midterm review on the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for LLDCs for the Decade 2014–2024

	DAY 1 (5 December 2019) General Assembly Hall
10:00 – 10:30	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President of the General Assembly • H.E. António Guterres, Secretary-General <p align="center"><i>Adoption of the draft Political Declaration (A/74/L.7)</i></p>
10:30 –13:00	Plenary Meeting
15:00 –18:00	Continuation of the Plenary Meeting
	DAY 2 (6 December 2019) Trusteeship Council Chamber
10:00 –11:00	High-level panel on challenges and opportunities for the VPoA and its interlinkages with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President of the General Assembly • H.E. Mona Juul, President of ECOSOC • H.E. José Antonio Dos Santos, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs for Paraguay, Chair of the LLDC Group • Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, High Representative for the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS • Dr. Jeffrey Sachs, Director, UN Sustainable Solutions Center and Center for Sustainable Development, Columbia University
11:00 – 13:00	Interactive Panel on promoting trade, trade facilitation and structural economic transformation in Landlocked Developing Countries Moderator: Under-Secretary-General Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator, UNDP • Mr. Yonov Frederick Agah, Deputy Director General, WTO • Ms. Laura Londén, Deputy Executive Director, UNFPA

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary-General, World Customs Organization • Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD
<p>15:00 – 17:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Interactive Panel on regional integration and infrastructure connectivity</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Ashish Shah, Director for Country Programmes, International Trade Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Valentine Rugwabiza, Permanent Representative of Rwanda • Ms. Bience Gawanas, Special Adviser on Africa • Mr. Umberto de Pretto, Secretary General, International Road Transport Union • Mr. Ricardo J. Sánchez, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, ECLAC
<p>17:00-17:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, High Representative for the LDC, LLDC and SIDS • H.E. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President of the General Assembly