



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY



THE PRESIDENT OF THE
ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL COUNCIL

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Excellency,

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 77/246, we have the honour to inform you that we will convene a thematic event on Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), in order to provide substantive input to the Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, to be held in June 2024 in Rwanda. The event will take place on **Thursday, 7 December 2023, at 3:00 p.m., in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, UN Headquarters, New York.**

Due to their geographic remoteness and lack of direct access to major global markets, the LLDCs face significant constraints to meaningfully benefit from globalization. As was demonstrated during the COVID-19 pandemic, these countries are vulnerable in times of global crises where timely movement of goods and services is urgent.

We therefore need to address the peculiar situation of the LLDCs, in a collective way, to accelerate their socio-economic growth and progress towards the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. We look forward to the continued engagement of all delegations on this important issue.

For any additional information, your Office may contact Mr. Jun Jiang, Adviser on Sustainable Development in the Office of the President of the General Assembly by e-mail: jun.jiang1@un.org, and Ms. Camila Ortiz from the Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations, by e-mail: cortizm@minrel.gob.cl. The Concept Note and Programme will be shared in due course.

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

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President of the General Assembly

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