



Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

Media Advisory

Global leaders set to spearhead transformative solutions for economic growth and connectivity for the world's Landlocked Developing Countries

Online Media Accreditation OPEN until 17 July 2025

New York, 3 July 2025 – Heads of Government and State together with leaders from civil society, private sector, youth and other partners will gather in Awaza, Turkmenistan, for the [Third UN Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries \(LLDC3\)](#) to reshape the trajectory of development for the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs). Taking place from **5 to 8 August 2025**, the Conference is an opportunity to explore meaningful partnerships to unlock the potential of these countries.

Contending with high trade costs, limited transport infrastructure, and cumbersome border and customs regulations – LLDCs have a two-sided predicament: they're landlocked, yet they're also still developing. They are confronted with intricate development challenges, emanating from their lack of direct access to the sea, geographical remoteness, and lack of integration with world trade and global value chains. As a result, the poverty levels in the LLDCs remain significantly higher than the world average and half of LLDCs are also Least Developed Countries.

Cut off from the global marketplace and without the means to develop adequate transport and logistics infrastructure, landlocked developing countries face significant challenges in achieving the sustainable development goals.

The four-day Conference offers a chance to explore solutions and forge partnerships, addressing challenges and unlocking the full potential of LLDCs for a more equitable and prosperous future.

In addition to six plenary sessions, the official Conference programme will feature [five High-Level Thematic Roundtables](#) that will address critical areas for the development of LLDCs:

- Structural Transformation, Diversification, and Science Technology & Innovation as Drivers of Prosperity in LLDCs (Tuesday, 5 August 2025, 3-6 PM)
- Seizing the Transformative Potential of Trade, Trade Facilitation, and Regional Integration for LLDCs (Wednesday, 6 August 2025, 10 am-1 pm)
- Enhancing Adaptive Capacity, Strengthening Resilience, and Addressing Vulnerability to Climate Change and Disasters in LLDCs (Wednesday, 6 August 2025, 3-6 pm)
- Building Sustainable Infrastructure, Strengthening Connectivity, and Promoting Unfettered Transit Systems for LLDCs (Thursday, 7 August 2025, 10 am- 1 pm)

- Provision and Mobilization of Resources and Strengthened Global Partnerships for Sustainable Development in LLDCs (Thursday, 7 August 2025, 3-6 pm)

The programme will also be accompanied by several events, including [Women Leader's Forum](#) (7 August 2025), and six special meetings focusing on the following stakeholders:

- [Civil Society Forum](#), (4-5 August 2025)
- [Private Sector Forum](#), (5-6 August 2025)
- [Youth Forum](#), (4-5-7 August 2025)
- [Parliamentary Forum](#), (4 August 2025)
- [Ministerial on South-South Cooperation](#), (6 August 2025)
- [Connectivity Track](#), (5-8 August 2025)

LLDC3 will culminate in the adoption of a new ten-year programme of action agreement that will come at a critical time to transform the livelihoods of over half a billion people living in LLDCs globally.

Media Accreditation:

Media Accreditation for the Conference is open until **17 July 2025**. Media representatives, including journalists, photographers, and videographers who are not part of official delegations, must apply for accreditation through the UN Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit (MALU) via the [online form](#).

For more information, please visit the UN Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit's [website](#) or contact them at malu@un.org +1-212-963-6934.

Key links:

- **Website:** <https://www.un.org/en/landlocked>
- **Programme:** <https://www.un.org/en/landlocked/programme>
- **Follow live** (Official Programme): [UN WebTV](#)

Social Media:

Follow LLDC3 and related issues using hashtags: **#LLDC3**, **#LockedOut**, **#ProgressThroughPartnerships**

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