

# Implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014 -2024

## Report of the Secretary-General

### I. Introduction

In its resolution 74/233, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to its 75th session a progress report on the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action (VPoA) for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024.

This report provides comprehensive information and analysis on recent progress in the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action covering all six priority areas for action and the performance of the LLDCs on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and recent socio-economic development.

II. Covid-19 pandemic has caused a marked increase in the demand for and use of internet access, as populations globally turned to the internet for their day to day social and economic activities.

The UN-GLS joint report on “Economic impact of land and in the least developed countries (LDCs) landlocked developing countries (LLDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS)” which confirmed the positive economic impact in the most vulnerable countries remains relevant.

LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS constitute 9 of the worlds most vulnerable nations 8 of them being LLDCs) The report notes that some of these countries lag significantly behind in terms of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) As part of the ongoing global efforts to help countries implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, it is necessary to pay particular attention to these three groups of countries.

More than ever since the impact of Covid-19, road and connectivity, or, more broadly, access to fast Internet, are an absolute necessity if countries are to participate effectively in the global economy. As an enabling technology, road and supports existing and new applications in many different sectors,

including education, government, financial services, health, disaster management and e-commerce. Yet  
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that applied approach follows international standards and practices, including ITU Child Online Protection Guidelines.

**Follow-up and review including activities of the United Nations system and other international organizations relating to implementation of the priorities of the VPoA**

The ITU regional initiatives in Asia and the Pacific are formulated to assist the implementation of various international and regional development frameworks, such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

**Challenges**

One of the main challenges of LLDCs is linked to ICT connectivity. In this regard, thallent8 0 Td(to)Tj(d)

