

And the ensuing economic slowdown has curtailed the ability of governments to finance long-term infrastructure projects.

We must work together to get transport back on track.

The Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries provides the roadmap.

The Programme calls for efficient and cost-effective access to and from the sea ó based on freedom of transit.

Going forward, we need to intensify our efforts and scale up solutions.

We must strengthen partnerships to close the infrastructure financing gap ó including investment in sustainable, resilient transport systems.

We must make sure that those in smaller communities are not left out.

And we must harness all sources of finance, including climate finance.

You can count on the full commitment of the United Nations.

We also stand ready to make the 2024 Third Conference of Landlocked Developing Countries a success.

Let us work to fully utilize innovation and technology to overcome the challenges of geography.

Let us join forces to advance sustainable transport and bring true connectivity to landlocked developing countries.

Thank you.
