Overview

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Affordability remains a major barrier to universal connectivity in LLDCs. Prices are typically higher than global medians, varying across countries and types of service (fixed or mobile broadband). For example, in 2023, the price of an entry-level mobile-broadband basket as a percentage of monthly gross national income (GNI) per capita ranged from 0.6 percent in Azerbaijan to 32.7 percent in Chad. The median price in African LLDCs was 4.8 percent of GNI per capita, compared to 1.1 percent in Asian LLDCs, which is below the world median of 1.3 percent.

The imperative for robust connectivity and digital innovation has been emphasized in all three regional review meetings leading up to LLDC3. The connectivity track of the conference will focus on four key areas in LLDCs:

Connecting people everywhere

Empowering communities

Building digital ecosystems

Incentivizing investments.

Achieving the goals of the New Program of Action for LLDCs will require universal, affordable, and meaningful access to connectivity, supported by the necessary investments and partnerships.

The connectivity track of LLDC3 will convene high-level representatives from the private sector, government, civil society and academia seeking to expand LLDCs' participation in the digital economy by enhancing digital infrastructure connectivity, strengthening digital skills development, and accessing technological innovations.

Participants will have the opportunity to hear from and interact with world leaders on concrete programs and solutions for advancing the development of LLDCs through connectivity and technology. This track will also serve as the   , providing participants with the opportunity to interact with the   (P2C) community. It will offer a deeper understanding of key commitments that support the vision of universal and meaningful connectivity and sustainable digital transformation in LLDCs.

The Connectivity Track will also give participants an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding on   , the ITU – UNICEF global initiative connecting all schools to the internet

The LLDC3 Connectivity Track is scheduled for   at the
Royal Aria in Gaborone, Botswana, during the third United Nations
Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3).

The LLDC3 Connectivity Track is co-organized by   and   , and in
collaboration with the P2C Community

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