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

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New York, 18 October 2024 – Heads of Government and State together with leaders from civil
society, private sector, youth and other partners will gather in Gaborone, Botswana, 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 10 to 13
December 2024, 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 ten plenary sessions, the official Conference programme will feature five High-

x Building Sustainable Infrastructure, Strengthening Connectivity, and Promoting
Unfettered Transit Systems for LLDCs (Wednesday, 11 December 2024, 15:00-18:00)
x Enhancing Adaptive Capacity, Strengthening Resilience, and Addressing Vulnerability to
Climate Change and Disasters in LLDCs (Thursday, 12 December 2024, 10:00-13:00)
x Provision and Mobilization of Resources and Strengthened Global Partnerships for
Sustainable Development in LLDCs (Thursday, 12 December 2024, 15:00-18:00)
The programme will also be accompanied by several events, including Women Leader’s Meeting
(11 December 2024), and six special forums focusing on the following stakeholders:
x Civil Society Forum, (9-11 December 2024)
x Private Sector Forum, (10-11 December 2024)
x Youth Forum, (9-10 December 2024)
x Parliamentary Forum, (9 December 2024)
x Ministerial on South-South Cooperation, (December 2024)
x Connectivity Track, (10-13 December 2024)

The four-day Conference 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 20 November 2024. 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.
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