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Mainstreaming the Awaza Programme of Action (APoA) 2024–2034

Overview for National Focal Points (NFPs)

Consultation workshop on implementation of the Awaza Programme of Action for LLDC (2024-2034)

09:30 – 14:00 (Ulaanbaatar time),

4 November 2025, UN House

Structure of the APoA

Five Priority Areas:

- Structural transformation and diversification
- Trade and transit facilitation
- Infrastructure and connectivity
- Climate resilience and sustainable development
- International support and partnerships

Supporting Framework:

- **21 key action areas**
- **78 measurable targets**

Why a Programme of Action for LLDCs?

- LLDCs face overlapping shocks: high trade/transport costs, debt and inflation, climate and disaster risks.
- The Awaza Political Declaration calls for renewed solidarity and accelerated implementation
- Only 1.1% of global merchandise exports, despite 7% of world population
- Trade costs in average 30% higher than coastal countries
- Unique development constraints requiring targeted solutions

Deliverables of the Awaza Programme of Action

Investment in Infrastructure Finance Facility	• Leverage and integrate infrastructure finance facilities to enhance access to finance and facilitate infrastructure projects.
Regional Agricultural Research Center	• Research and resources connecting national/state agencies, universities, agricultural experiment stations and regional and international agricultural organizations
Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Freedom of Transit	• Examine and make recommendations on the application of international laws and agreements on freedom of transit for LLDCs.
Propose Programme of Work at the World Trade Organization	• Systematically examine and consider trade-related measures to improve the integration of LLDCs into the multilateral trading system.
Establishing the LLDCs as a negotiating group at the UNFCCC	• Institutional framework to effectively articulate and address the specific climate challenges they face.

Follow up and monitoring

APOA Implementation Roadmap: Maps and monitors the actions of the UN system and other international organizations in implementing the five priority areas of the APOA to identify complementarities and streamline activities.

Mainstreaming Toolkit and Guidelines: Practical resources developed to help LLDCs and their partners to systematically integrate the APOA into national development plans, sectoral strategies, and institutional frameworks.

APOA Results Framework : Structured approach with suite of targets and indicators for monitoring and measuring progress in the implementation of the APOA aligned with regional reviews, the mid-term review and reports of the Secretary General on implementation.

Toolkit on Mainstreaming the APoA

The Guidelines aim to:

- Provide step-by-step guidance for mainstreaming the APoA
- Strengthen policy coherence and ownership
- Align APoA actions with national and local plans
- Integrate APoA reporting with SDG Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)

Audience:

- Policymakers, planners, UNCTs, and NFPs.

Structure of the Guidelines

Five Guidance Areas:

- Policy and institutional alignment
- Multi-stakeholder awareness and engagement
- Integration into planning and budgeting
- Monitoring, evaluation, and reporting
- Resource mobilization and partnerships

Each area includes:

- Purpose
- Recommendations for LLDCs
- Support measures by UN country teams

Linkages with Global and Regional Agendas

Integrated Approach:

- Awaza Programme of Action (APoA)
- Doha Programme of Action (DPoA)
- Agenda 2030 and the SDGs
- African Union's Agenda 2063
- Pact for the Future (2024 Summit)

Goal:

- Policy coherence, harmonized reporting, and synergistic implementation.

Visual:

- Overlapping circles or framework alignment diagram

Multistakeholder Awareness and Participation

Why it matters:

- Builds ownership, transparency, and inclusivity
- Leverages diverse expertise and resources
- Ensures all voices are heard- incl. women, youth, and marginalized groups

Approach:

- Continuous dialogue and feedback loops
- Private sector ,civil society, youths, South-South Cooperation, parliamentarian engagement
- Community-based participation

Key players and stakeholders for the APoA

International & regional level

- UN General Assembly
- UN-OHRLLS
- UN Regional Commission

National level stakeholders

President/Prime Minister/Head of State	Parliament	Ministry of Finance	National Development Planning Commission	Ministry of Trade and Industry
Ministry of Transport	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Communication	National Statistical Institutions
National Focal Points	Other National-level Ministries, Departments and Agencies	Sub-national Governments	Resident Coordinators/United Nations Country Teams	Vulnerable groups
Private Sector	Academia	NGOs	Media	Local communities

Role of NFPs and UN Country Teams

NFPs' Key Roles:

Lead national coordination for APoA mainstreaming

Facilitate cross-sectoral integration and reporting

Support data collection and monitoring

Share lessons and good practices with peers

UNCT Support:

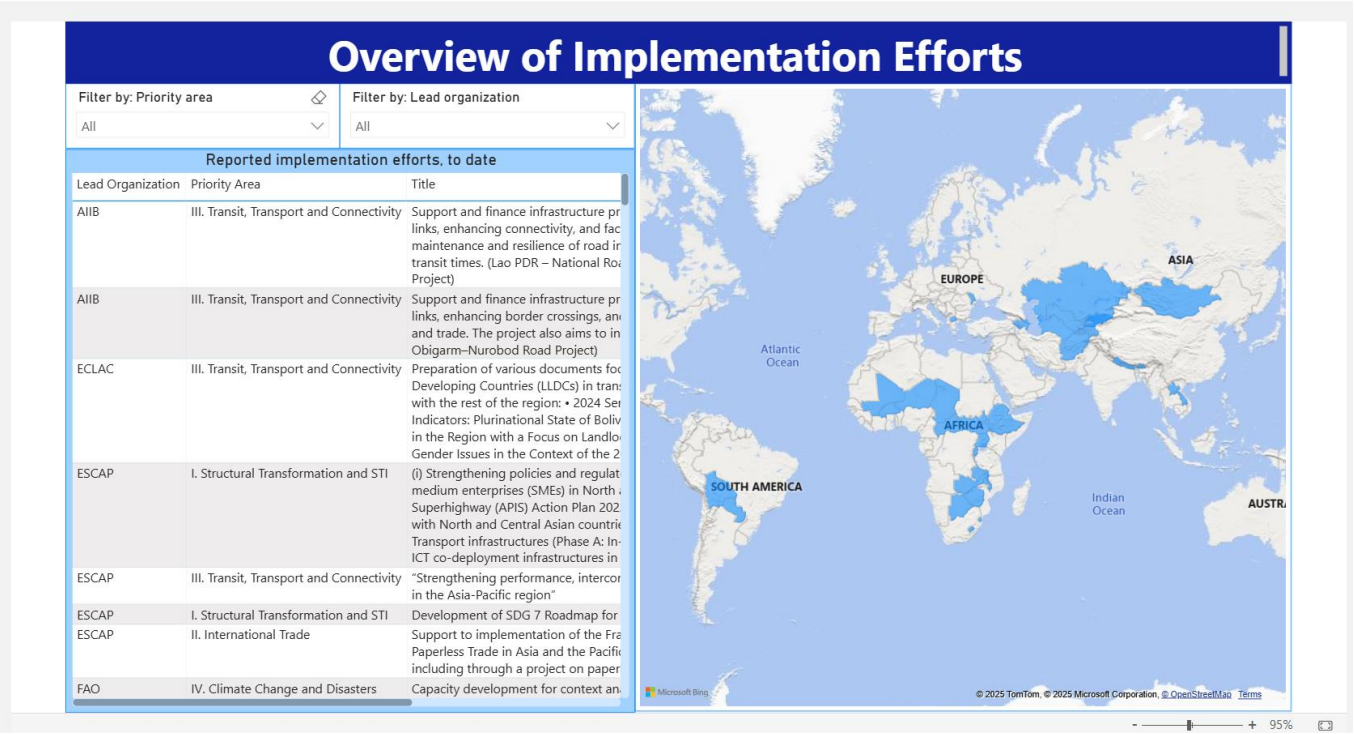
Provide technical assistance

Facilitate stakeholder engagement

Align APoA monitoring with SDG and VNR processes

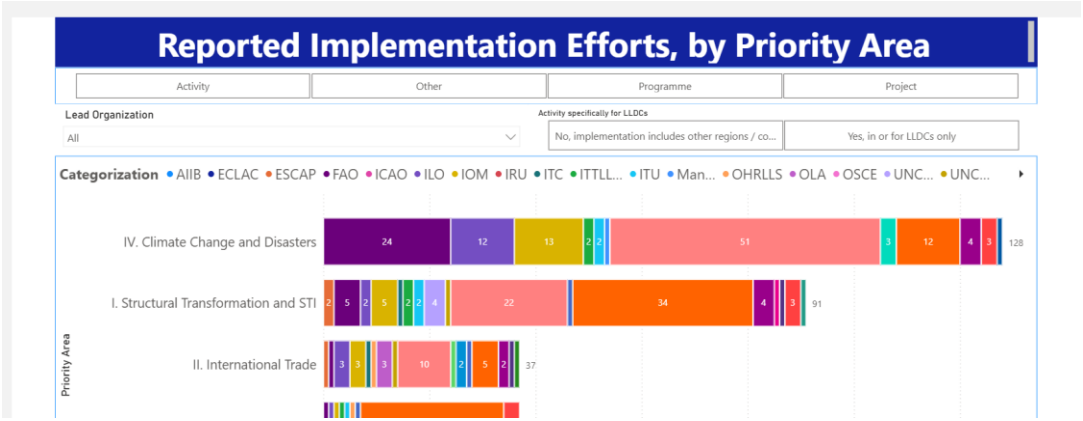
Roadmap and Results Framework of the Programme of Action for LLDCs

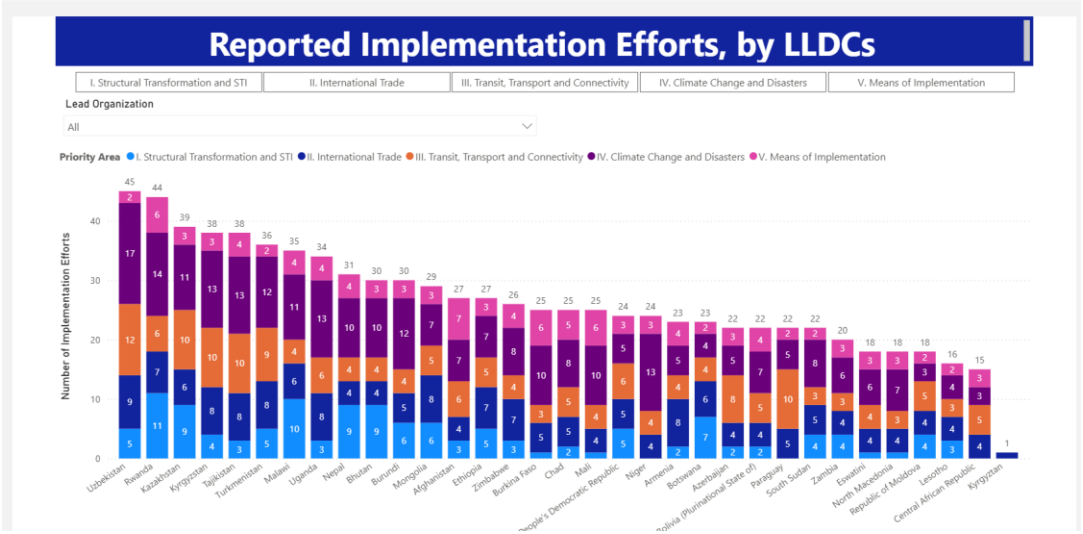
The Roadmap and Results Framework of the APoA maps and monitors the actions of the UN system and other international organizations in implementing the five priority areas alongside a structured approach to monitoring and measuring progress.



Roadmap - Implementation of the APoA

- The APoA is implemented by the UN funds, programmes, and specialized agencies, and other relevant international organizations, in line with their respective competencies and expertise. These entities coordinate through the Inter-Agency Consultative Group (IACG) for LLDCs.
- Oversight of the implementation of the APoA is supported by the Group of LLDCs, Friends of LLDCs, Resident Coordinators Network, and LLDC National Focal Points (NFPs).
- Insights generated inform the annual Secretary-General's Report on the Implementation and Follow-up of the APoA.





Next Steps and Way Forward

- Review the APoA Roadmap and Results Framework
- Use the Guidelines to assess integration gaps
- Establish or strengthen national coordination platforms
- Align with Global and Regional Agendas
- Engage UNCTs for tailored support