

**CONCEPT NOTE**  
**of the Ministerial Transport Conference of Landlocked Developing**  
**Countries**

**Theme: Ashgabat Process: Financing for Better Connectivity**

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**Background**

The 32 landlocked developing countries (LLDCs) with a population of 533 million share common problems due to their geographical location, which affect their economic engagement with the rest of the world. Long distances from the nearest seaports, poorly developed transport and transit systems and cumbersome transit procedures cause the LLDCs to face significant challenges.



international trade and trade facilitation for lowering transaction costs and for the achievement of the SDGs in the LLDCs and stressed the need to accelerate the implementation of the VPoA.

In addition, the first Global

development and maintenance remain a colossal challenge facing LLDCs in their efforts to achieve

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