The Inter-Agency Consultative Group (IACG) on Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) has been in existence since the preparations for the first ever UN Conference on LLDCs that adopted the Almaty Programme of Action¹ in 2003. Both the Almaty Programme of Action (APoA) and the subsequent Vienna Programme of Action for LLDCs for the Decade 2014-2024² (VPoA) called for individual and concerted efforts by the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, relevant international organizations and relevant regional and subregional organizations, towards the implementation of the Programmes of Action.

One of the functions of UN-OHRLLS upon its establishment by the UN General Assembly in 2001 through its resolution 56/227, and as recommended by the Secretary-General in his report A/56/645, was support, as appropriate, the coordinated follow-up of the implementation of the Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation between Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and the Donor Community In line with its mandate to coordinate with UN system entities and other international and regional organizations to ensure effective implementation of the international development frameworks for LLDCs³, UN-OHRLLS has since its inception convened and chaired the meetings of the Inter-Agency Consultative Group (IACG) on LLDCs.

The IAOG has proved to be an effective and efficient tool for well-coordinated and coherent followup to the implementation of the Programmes of Action for LLDCs, as well as with the major agreed intergovernmental documents, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the Paris Agreement

- 1.1. Provide a forum for representatives of its member organizations to exchange information in regard to their work on LLDCs, including critical issues, challenges, gaps, opportunities and best practices in the implementation of the Programme of Action for LLDCs.
- 1.2. Identify areas which require enhanced coordination, complementarity and synergy, in order to curb duplication of activities of member organizations at the global, regional and national levels.
- 1.3. Ensure coherence and maximize synergies and complementarities in the activities of the member organizations in support of LLDCs, through various efforts at the national, regional and global levels, where appropriate, sharing of planned activities and workplans, and developing and implementing Roadmap for Accelerated Implementation of the PoA to be regularly monitored and updated in the context of the IACG, bearing in mind their respective comparative advantages, expertise and mandates.
- 1.4. Strengthen discussion, coordination of activities, as well as cooperation and collaboration among its member organizations, based on their respective comparative advantages, and relevant mandates and expertise, in the implementation of activities and replicating and scaling up of best practices for the benefit of LLDCs, inter alia, including by undertaking, as appropriate, joint inter-agency projects, missions, training and capacity building activities, studies, reports, advocacy activities and other forms of cooperation, including on thematic areas and region-specific issues.
- 1.5. Facilitate coordinated and inclusive preparations of the Secretaryimplementation of the Programme of Action for LLDCs and other relevant documents, in line with the relevant mandates, including by inviting comments and contributions by the IACG membership.
- 1.6. Enhance outreach activities to inform member states, in particular the Group of LLDCs, and other stakeholders about activities conducted by the members of the IACG towards the implementation of the Programme of Action and SDCs in LLDCs.

- 3.3. The IAOG may, on an ad-hoc basis, invite experts, Government officials, representatives of NGOs, private sector and o and contributors to its discussions.
- 3.4. IACG member organizations are responsible for covering their own costs, within their existing resources, in relation to their participation in the IACG meetings.
- 3.5. In line with its mandate, UN-OHRLLS will facilitate the organization and servicing of the IAOG meetings. The relevant information on the work of the IAOG, including records of the proceedings of the IAOG meetings, list of members organizations of the IAOG, and key documents will be posted and regularly updated on UN-OHRLLS public website.