

On August 8, 2025, the final plenary session of the Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries was held, which was attended by high-level officials of LLDCs, international organizations, as well as representatives of the private sector and civil society.

The agenda included a review of the results of the forums, high-level roundtable meetings held within the framework of the international Conference, as well as consideration of the draft Avaza Political Declaration and the announcement of the Avaza Action Programme.

One of the first topics of discussion was the reports on the results of thematic roundtables devoted to such issues as trade facilitation, modernization of transport and energy infrastructure, attracting investment, adaptation to climate change, high technology and innovation.

Particular attention was paid to the results of the forums held within the framework of the Conference, which became an effective platform for dialogue between government agencies, the private sector, youth, parliamentarians and civil society, and created conditions for identifying new opportunities in terms of investment and innovation.

Then the draft Avaza Political Declaration was considered. It notes the importance of an integrated approach to solving the problems faced by LLDCs. In particular, the document defines specific measures to improve transport infrastructure, develop trade, adapt to climate change and strengthen institutional capacity.

Then, in accordance with the agenda of the meeting, the report of the Conference was approved, which sets out the main results and recommendations of the Third UN Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries. As emphasized, the document demonstrates a high level of cooperation and solidarity between the countries and is intended to become an important tool in monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the Avaza Action Programme.

The final part of the meeting was devoted to the closing of the Conference. Representatives of states and international organizations in their speeches expressed gratitude to the Turkmen side for the high level of organization of the event.

In her speech, UN Under-Secretary-General, High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States Rabab Fatima expressed gratitude to the Government and people of Turkmenistan for the hospitality and high level of organization of the Conference and thanked President Serdar

Berdimuhamedov for his personal participation in the opening of the Forum and the conditions created to ensure its success.

The UN Under-Secretary-General also confirmed the readiness of the United Nations to continue cooperation with international and regional organizations, other stakeholders to achieve specific results of the Program and expressed gratitude to all participants of the Forum.

As Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan R. Meredov noted, during the Conference, landlocked developing countries demonstrated that, thanks to political will, multilateral cooperation and shared responsibility, they can overcome geographical barriers and become the driving force of regional and global development.

It was noted that two important documents are intended to become a Roadmap for the coming decade.

The Avaza Action Program for 2024-2034, along with specific measures to modernize the transport and transit system, diversify economies, intensify digital transformation, increase resilience to climate change, and attract investment, provides for the creation of a platform for inclusive and sustainable development in all landlocked developing countries.

The Avaza Political Declaration, as an expression of unity and solidarity, reaffirms the shared commitment to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, the promotion of multilateral partnerships and the full integration of landlocked developing countries into the global economy.

The announcement of the official closure of the Third UN Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries at the final plenary session marked the beginning of a new phase in the implementation of the Avaza Programme of Action at the national and global levels.