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Concept Note & Agenda

Sensitization and Capacity Building Workshop on the IPRT-enabled Alignment/Mapping of the Awaza Programme of Action (APoA) with African LLDCs National Development Plans, and the priorities of Regional and Global Development frameworks – the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063

Fourth session of the Committee on Private Sector Development, Regional Integration, Trade, Infrastructure, Industry and Technology (CPRTIIT-4-4)

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 17 November 2025

A. Introduction

1. The Awaza Programme of Action (APoA) for Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) 2024–2034, the successor to the Vienna Programme of Action (2014–2024), was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly through resolution A/RES/79/23 on 24 December 2024. It was subsequently endorsed at the Third International Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3), held from 5 to 8 August 2025 in Awaza, Turkmenistan. The APoA outlines five key priority areas:

- **Priority Area 1:** Structural transformation and science, technology, and innovation
- **Priority Area 2:** Trade, trade facilitation, and regional integration
- **Priority Area 3:** Transit, transport, and connectivity
- **Priority Area 4:** Enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience, and reducing vulnerability to climate change and disasters.
- **Priority Area 5:** Means of implementation.

2. Africa is host to 16 out of the 32 Landlocked Developing Countries and ECA as one of the UN's Regional Commissions is mandated to support the development and cooperation efforts of this category of countries, including assisting them in their efforts to implement the priorities of the Awaza Programme of Action for LLDCs 2024-2034. In addition to the requirement to report on the implementation of the priorities of APoA, African LLDCs also have responsibility to implement and report on their individual national development strategies/plans, as well as regional and global development frameworks such as Agenda 2063, as well as global frameworks, such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations. This complex and multiple implementation and reporting requirements present serious challenges to African countries, including African LLDCs.

3. In an effort to address these challenges, ECA's Development Planning Section of the Macroeconomic and Finance Division developed and rolled out the Integrated Planning and Reporting Toolkit intended to enhance coherence, as well as assist streamline implementation,



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reporting, monitoring and evaluation requirements for African countries through careful mapping and alignment of various national, regional and global frameworks. ECA's IPRT has already been leveraged to align the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, AU's Agenda 2063 and the Doha Program of Action for LDCs (DPoA), as well the individual national development plans of several African countries. It has been adjudged as a very helpful planning and monitoring tool. It is against this background that the Regional Integration and Trade Division of ECA decided to work towards leveraging the IPRT toolkit to align/map the priorities of the recently adopted Awaza Programme of Action to existing regional and global development frameworks, and subsequently the national development plans of African LLDCs.

4. ECA is, therefore, organizing a sensitization and capacity building workshop on the IPRT-enabled Alignment/Mapping of the Awaza Programme of Action (APoA) with the priorities of regional and global development frameworks, as well as the National Development Plans of African LLDCs on the margins of the fourth session of the Committee on Private Sector Development, Regional Integration, Trade, Infrastructure, Industry and Technology (CPRTIIT-4). The workshop will sensitize African LLDCs on the alignment/mapping exercise and its usefulness for coordinated implementation, monitoring, reporting and evaluation across multiple development frameworks and plans. Overall, the alignment and mapping exercise is intended to enhance cohesion, credibility, and alignment with regional development goals, thereby enhancing the effectiveness of monitoring mechanisms and contributing to sustainable development outcomes across Africa, including in LLDCs. The workshop will also serve to ensure transparency and encourage co-creation and ownership or/and uptake of the mapping and alignment results and the IPRT more broadly.

B. Objectives

5. The sensitization and capacity building workshop will present the mapping and alignment of the APoA with Agenda 2063, the SDGs, and the DPoA to the National Focal Points for the APoA. Participants will be afforded the opportunity to critically examine the mapping and alignment process and to contribute constructive insights for its refinement. Furthermore, the workshop will serve as a platform for ECA to demonstrate how APoA is incorporated into the IPRT, thereby enabling participants (mainly National Focal Persons) to become acquainted with the toolkit's enhanced functionalities and how it can be used to align APoA to their National Development Plans for coordinated implementation.

C. Date and Venue

6. The workshop will take place on 17 November 2025, preceding the fourth session of the Committee on Private Sector Development, Regional Integration, Trade, Infrastructure, Industry and Technology (CPSDRTIIT-4), which is scheduled to take place from 18 to 19 November in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.



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The event will take place at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC-ECA), Conference Room 3.

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Agenda

Time	Activity
14:00 – 14:30 hrs	Registration of participants
14:30 – 14:50 hrs	Opening remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Melaku Desta- Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division (a.i), ECA• Representative of OHRLLS• Representative of AUC (tbc)
14:50 – 15:10 hrs	Background on the IPRT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presented by Oyebanke Abejirin, OIC, Development Planning Section, MFGD, ECA
15:10 – 15:30 hrs	Overview of the mapping and alignment of APoA into IPRT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presented by Francis Ikome, Chief of the Regional Integration Section, RITD, ECA
15:30 – 15:50 hrs	Demonstration of the IPRT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presented by Eyassu Yemshaw, Senior Software Developer, ICTSS, ECA
15:50 – 17:20 hrs	Moderated discussion with participants
17:20 – 17:30 hrs	Closing remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Francis Ikome, Chief of the Regional Integration Section, RITD, ECA• Representative of OHRLLS Group photo