

Driving Partnerships for Progress

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Participation of Non-Governmental Organizations and Other Relevant Stakeholders

Frequently Asked Questions

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1) Who can participate at the 3rd United Nations Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries LLDC3 and its preparatory meetings?

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), in its resolutions 76/217, 77/246, and 77/329, decided to convene the Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3) from 18 to 22 June 2024 in Kigali, Rwanda.

Participation of representatives from non-governmental organizations and other relevant stakeholders at the LLDC3 Conference is guided by resolution A/RES/77/246,

Organizations that fall under the following categories will be able to request registration to attend the Third UN Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries LLDC3 and its preparatory meetings:

- 1. Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC. You can check if your organization has consultative status here.
- Organizations that receive special accreditation by the Preparatory Committee or the General Assembly to attend the Third United Nations Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3) (please refer to Question 2 below for details on applying for accreditation)
- 2) My organization does not have consultative status with ECOSOC can we attend the 3rd UN Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries LLDC3 and its preparatory meetings?

Other relevant stakeholders, including the non-governmental organizations not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, wishing to attend and contribute to the Conference, and whose work is

relevant to the subject of the International Conference, may participate as observers in the International Conference, as well as in the preparatory meetings, in accordance with the provisions contained in <u>part VII of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31</u>, subject to the approval of the Preparatory Committee or the General Assembly.

Interested organizations may apply for **Special Accreditation** to attend the 3rd United Nations Conference Landlocked Developing Countries LLDC3. Please carefully review the following sections of this FAQ before applying for special accreditation.

3) How can I request Special Accreditation for my organization?

The Special Accreditation process will be open from 12 October to 27 November 2023.

Interested organizations should apply using this form: https://indico.un.org/e/LLDC3

4. What information do I need to provide when submitting a request for Special Accreditation?

Accreditation applications can only be submitted on behalf of relevant organizations or entities through this portal: https://indico.un.org/e/LLDC3. Applications by individuals are not accepted.

Important supporting documentation will be required, including:

Please allow enough time to prepare all these documents!

- a. Purpose of Organization and expression of interest (template)
- b. Proof of legal status;
- c. Copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization;
- d. Copy of the annual or other reports of the organization with financial statements, and a list of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions;
- e. Information as to the programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the conference and its preparatory process and the country or countries in which they are carried out. Non-governmental organizations seeking accreditation shall be asked to confirm their interest in the goals and objectives of the conference;
- f. Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international level;
- g. A list of members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality;
- h. A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution.

Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the ECOSOC do not need to apply for special accreditation.

For questions related to the Special Accreditation process, please, email: ngls@un.org with the subject: [Special Accreditation – LLDC3].

5. My organization applied for Special Accreditation. What is the process for Special Accreditation requests to be reviewed?

The secretariat of the Conference will review the relevance of the work of the applicants on the basis of their background and involvement in sustainable development of Landlocked Developing Countries, as outlined in the Vienna Programme of Action (VPoA). Submissions must be in accordance with the

provisions contained in <u>part VII of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31</u>. All submissions will be subject to the approval of the Preparatory Committee or the General Assembly.

Approved organizations will be notified by the Secretariat – **February 2024**.

Once an organization or entity receives special accreditation, it <u>will be able to register representatives</u> to participate at the 3rd UN Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries LLDC3 and/or its preparatory meetings, when registration is open for the Conference and/or its preparatory meetings.

Approval of special accreditation does not automatically guarantee the organization's participation in the Conference or its preparatory meetings.

6. When will I know if my organization was specially accredited to participate at the Third UN Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries LLDC3.

Approved organizations will be notified by the Secretariat – February 2024.

7. What is the difference between accreditation and registration for the Third UN Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries LLDC3 and its preparatory meetings?

Special accreditation is granted to <u>organizations</u> whose work is considered relevant to the 3rd United Nations Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3). Once accredited, organizations would need to <u>request registration of their representatives (individuals)</u> to attend the 3rd United Nations Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3) and/or its preparatory meetings.

<u>All accredited organizations</u>, including non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (Special, General or Roster consultative status) <u>will need to request registration of representatives</u> to attend LLDC3 and its preparatory meetings. Details about registration will be shared in due course on the <u>Conference webpage</u>.

8. If my organization receives Special Accreditation to participate at LLDC3, do I still need to register for the Conference? Can I just show a copy of the confirmation letter to participate at the Conference and its preparatory meetings?

Special accreditation of your organization **DOES NOT** automatically mean registration of individuals to attend the 3rd United Nations Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3) or its preparatory meetings. All organizations will still **need to register** their representatives to be able to participate in the 3rd United Nations Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3) and its preparatory meetings. Information about registration to the preparatory meetings and for the 3rd United Nations Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3) will be published in due time on the Conference's website.

9. I do not belong to any organization. Can I attend the Conference or its preparatory meetings?

Unfortunately, you cannot register to attend the Conference or its preparatory meetings as an individual. Participants must be associated with an accredited organization in order to request registration and attend the Conference.

10. My organization has consultative status with ECOSOC. Do I need to register to attend the Conference?

Yes. All participants will need to register to participate at the 3rd United Nations Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3) and its preparatory meetings.

11. How can I register to participate at the Conference and/or its preparatory meetings?

Information about registration to the preparatory meetings and to the 3rd United Nations Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3) will be published in due time.

Please, check this page for updates here.

12. How many representatives can each organization register to participate at the 3rd UN Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries and its preparatory meetings?

Information about the number of participants each organization will be able to request will be available when registration opens. Please, check this page for updates: <u>Third UN Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries | United Nations</u>

13. Are funds available for stakeholders to participate at the at the 3rd UN Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries and its preparatory meetings?

Registered stakeholders are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs. The United Nations does not charge a fee for participation in the 3rd United Nations Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3) or any of its official events.

14. I represent a city and/or a regional government. Can I participate at the and its preparatory meetings?

Representatives of local and regional governments should register through their Member State delegation. Registration information for all categories of participants will be posted on the website: <u>Third UN Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries | United Nations</u>.

Accredited associations of local and regional governments including those in consultative status with ECOSOC will also be able to register participants.

Are there opportunities for stakeholders to speak during the 3rd United Nations Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3)

Information on engagement opportunities will be published <u>here.</u>

15. Can NGOs and other stakeholders organize side-events at the 3rd United Nations Conference on the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3)?

Yes. Accredited organizations will be able to apply for side-events once the process is open. Information will be published on the Conference website.