



Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**Eightieth session**

Agenda item 3

**Special Body on Least Developed, Landlocked Developing
and Small Island Developing States****Resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Commission
for Asia and the Pacific on 26 April 2024****80/2. Sustainable development in least developed countries, landlocked
developing countries and small island developing States**

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”,

Recalling also its resolution 78/1 of 27 May 2022, entitled “Bangkok Declaration Commemorating the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: a Common Agenda to Advance Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific”,

Recalling further its resolution 79/3 of 19 May 2023, entitled “Supporting the sustainable development of least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States in Asia and the Pacific”, in which it reiterated that each country faced specific challenges in pursuing sustainable development and that the most vulnerable countries, in particular least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, deserved special attention,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 78/1 of 29 September 2023 on the political declaration of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Assembly (Sustainable Development Goals Summit), in which Member States reaffirmed the importance of the regional dimension of sustainable development in addressing regional challenges and scaling up action among countries,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 76/307 of 8 September 2022, entitled “Modalities for the Summit of the Future”,

Noting the progress achieved in the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024¹ and the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA)

¹ General Assembly resolution 69/137, annex II.

Pathway,² and noting the opportunity provided by the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries and the fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States to identify and address the key priority issues, including financial support, of landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, respectively, as well as to forge genuine and durable partnerships that will accelerate the implementation of their respective sustainable development blueprints,

Welcoming the Doha Political Declaration³ and the commitments made towards the timely and full implementation of the Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries⁴ for the decade 2022–2031,

1. *Reaffirms* that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development remains our overarching road map for achieving sustainable development;

2. *Recognizes* the need of least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States in Asia and the Pacific to intensify efforts to follow up on and review the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in order to accelerate its implementation;

3. *Also recognizes* the need to support, in particular, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States in Asia and the Pacific to meet the commitments contained in the political declaration of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly (Sustainable Development Goals Summit) in September 2023;

4. *Notes* the importance of sharing experiences and working in partnership on the implementation of and the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda by strengthening the means of implementation, as appropriate, including capacity-building for voluntary national reviews, such as through the twinning programme of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the provision of methodologies and tools, taking into account national ownership principles;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To strengthen support, subject to the availability of resources, to least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States in Asia and the Pacific in their efforts to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through the provision of analytical products and capacity-building initiatives, in response to the pledges made by Member States at the Sustainable Development Goals Summit;

(b) To increase capacity-building programmes for least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, upon their request, based on need and subject to the availability of resources, to strengthen their ability to develop models and tools for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals;

² General Assembly resolution 69/15, annex.

³ *Report of the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, New York, 17 March 2022, and Doha, 5–9 March 2023 (A/CONF.219/2023/3)*, chap. I, resolution 2.

⁴ General Assembly resolution 76/258, annex.

(c) To strengthen support, subject to the availability of resources, to least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States in Asia and the Pacific in their efforts to follow up on and review the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the national level, including by supporting them to prepare their voluntary national reviews, undertake stocktaking exercises, identify gaps and engage in all relevant forms of cooperation with the United Nations country teams and resident coordinator offices, as appropriate;

(d) To align support to least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States in Asia and the Pacific with the Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, as well as the programmes of action to be finalized at the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, to be held in June 2024, and the fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States, to be held in May 2024;

(e) To strengthen, within existing resources, the sharing of national best practices on the follow-up to and review of implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific, as appropriate;

(f) To report to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its eighty-third session on progress made in implementing the present resolution.

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26 April 2024*
