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Legal framework for transit and LLDCs

More efficient and effective border and customs controls
Simplified and standardized procedures
Recognized transit documents
Faster, safer and more reliable transport
More transparency
Enhanced cooperation
Trade facilitation measures

Lower Transport Costs
Fewer Delays

Enhanced Connectivity and More Trade for LLDCs
Enhanced Competitiveness of LLDCs



International legal instruments on transit transport

- International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (1982)
- Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (“TIR Convention” 1975)
- WCO Revised Kyoto Convention (1999)
- WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (2013)



Status of ratifications

Convention	LLDCs (Dec 2014)	LLDCs (Oct 2019)	Transit developing countries (Dec 2014)	Transit developing countries (Oct 2019)
Harmonization Convention	11	12	3	3
TIR Convention	11	11	5	9
Revised Kyoto Convention	15	19	19	22
WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement	-	25	-	28

Regional, sub-regional and bilateral agreements

Multilateral and (sub-)Regional Agreements

- The Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe- Caucasus- Asia Corridor
- Afghanistan, India and Iran transport and transit corridor agreement
- China, Mongolia and Russia Agreement on road transport and trilateral economic partnership for building an economic corridor
- ECO Transit Transport Framework Agreement
- The Northern Corridor Transit Agreement
- The MOU on the establishment of the Dar es Salaam Corridor
- Agreement on River Transport for the Paraguay-Paraná Waterway

Bilateral Agreements

- Mongolia – China Agreement on railway transit transport
- Mongolia – Russia Agreement on rail freight transit transport
- Nepal – India Transit Agreement; Nepal-China Transit Transport



Scope of transit agreements

- Transport infrastructure development and maintenance
- Harmonization of formalities, procedures and standards
- Simplification and unification of documentation
- Preferential arrangements for different categories of cargo
- Development of shared information systems
- Resources Mobilization



Examples of Corridor Agreements

Corridor Name	Enabling Instrument	Parties to Agreement
Northern Corridor	Multilateral Agreement	Burundi, DRC, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Uganda
Central Corridor	Multilateral Agreement	Burundi, DRC, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda
Dar es Salaam Corridor	Constitution	DRC, Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia
Beira Corridor	Bilateral Agreement	Mozambique, Zimbabwe
Maputo Corridor	Company Registration	Mozambique, Swaziland, South Africa
Walvis Bay Corridor	MOUs	Namibia, Botswana, South Africa Namibia, Zambia, Congo DR
Lagos - Abidjan Corridor	Joint Declaration of 5 States	Nigeria, Benin, Togo, Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire
Abidjan/Ouagadougou/Niamey Corridor	Bilateral Agreements	Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Niger
Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia (TRACECA)	Multilateral Agreement	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Romania, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan
International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC)	Multilateral Agreement	Iran, Russian Federation, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Kyrgyzstan, Oman, Tajikistan, Turkey, Syria and Ukraine.
Trans-Caspian East-West Middle Corridor (Trans-Caspian Corridor)	Multilateral Agreement	Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, China, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey and Turkmenistan
Central Asia/Persian Gulf Transit Transport Corridor	Ashgabat Multilateral Agreement	Kazakhstan, Iran, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Pakistan, India and Oman
The Greater Mekong Corridors	Multilateral Agreement	Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand

Key elements for corridor agreements

- Corridor Institutional Framework and Governance Structure
- Responsibilities of Different Stakeholders
- Coordinated Planning and Development of Transport Infrastructure
- Corridor Budgetary Resources
- Trade and Transport Facilitation Issues
- Transport Logistics Monitoring
- Stakeholder Coordination
- Consultation and Resolution of Bottlenecks
- Capacity Building of stakeholders



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