



Session 3

Enhancing international trade and trade facilitation and accelerating structural economic transformation

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Key issues

- *Greater integration into **regional trade** and value chains as well as close cooperation with transit countries*
- *Promoting structural **economic transformation***
- *Increased **value addition** and economic diversification*
- *Promoting further exchange of views to reduce **poverty and achieve economic growth** and to compensate for the negative externalities of landlockedness.*



Promoting trade

*Improve **trade policy** to enhance economic and structural transformation?*

*Improve **trade facilitation**?*

*Define the **key roles of international and regional trade partners**, including financial institutions?*

*How can the private sector **play an important supportive role in** regional initiatives and cooperation?*