Tajikistan

Proposals for the

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- Tajikistan remains fully committed to implementing the decisions and recommendations of the Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the 2024–2034 term.
- Our focus lies in improving connectivity, particularly in the areas of transport and energy infrastructure, and in expanding sub-regional and regional trade, as these are crucial for achieving our collective development goals.
- However, we must also acknowledge the external pressures that LLDCs continue to face. The fragile global socio-economic landscape, geopolitical tensions, and the increasing impacts of climate change, accelerated melting of glaciers, have hindered our efforts to achieve the PoA targets and the SDGs.
- The new Programme of Action for LLDCs, which is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, should accelerate the achievement of the SDGs by LLDCs.
- It is therefore imperative that we strengthen our partnerships, particularly in financing, to build resilience and ensure sustainable growth.
- Tajikistan has long been a leader in advancing sustainable water management, driven by our abundant freshwater resources. We have actively promoted international water initiatives and championed efforts to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6).
- Despite our commitment, significant financial investments are needed to meet water-related goals. Through our leadership in the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development” 2018-2028, the Dushanbe Water Process, and as a host for the 2028 UN Water Conference, Tajikistan remains dedicated to advocating for increased global financial support to bridge the financing gap and achieve SDG 6 effectively.
- To achieve SDG 6 in the regional level, Tajikistan is sponsoring the draft resolution entitled “Strengthening cooperation on Water and climate

change nexus for Sustainable Development in Asia and Pacific" which will be adopting during this session on 25 April under the agenda 11.

- As a co-facilitator of UNGA resolution "Decade of Action for Cryospheric Sciences, 2025-2034" and host of the International Conference on Glaciers' Preservation in Dushanbe on 29-31 May 2025, Tajikistan looks forward to welcoming you all in Dushanbe this coming May and to continuing close cooperation to jointly addressing issues related to rapid melting of glaciers, as well as other pressing issues by the LLDCs.

- I thank you for attention.