Global Status of Transport Connectivity in LLDCs and Transit Countries

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Transport connectivity in a nutshell

Why facilitating trade?

Share of LLDCs in global merchandise exports

Source: *UNCTADstat*

Source: *WTO (https://data.wto.org/)*

Rail infrastructure

Air transport

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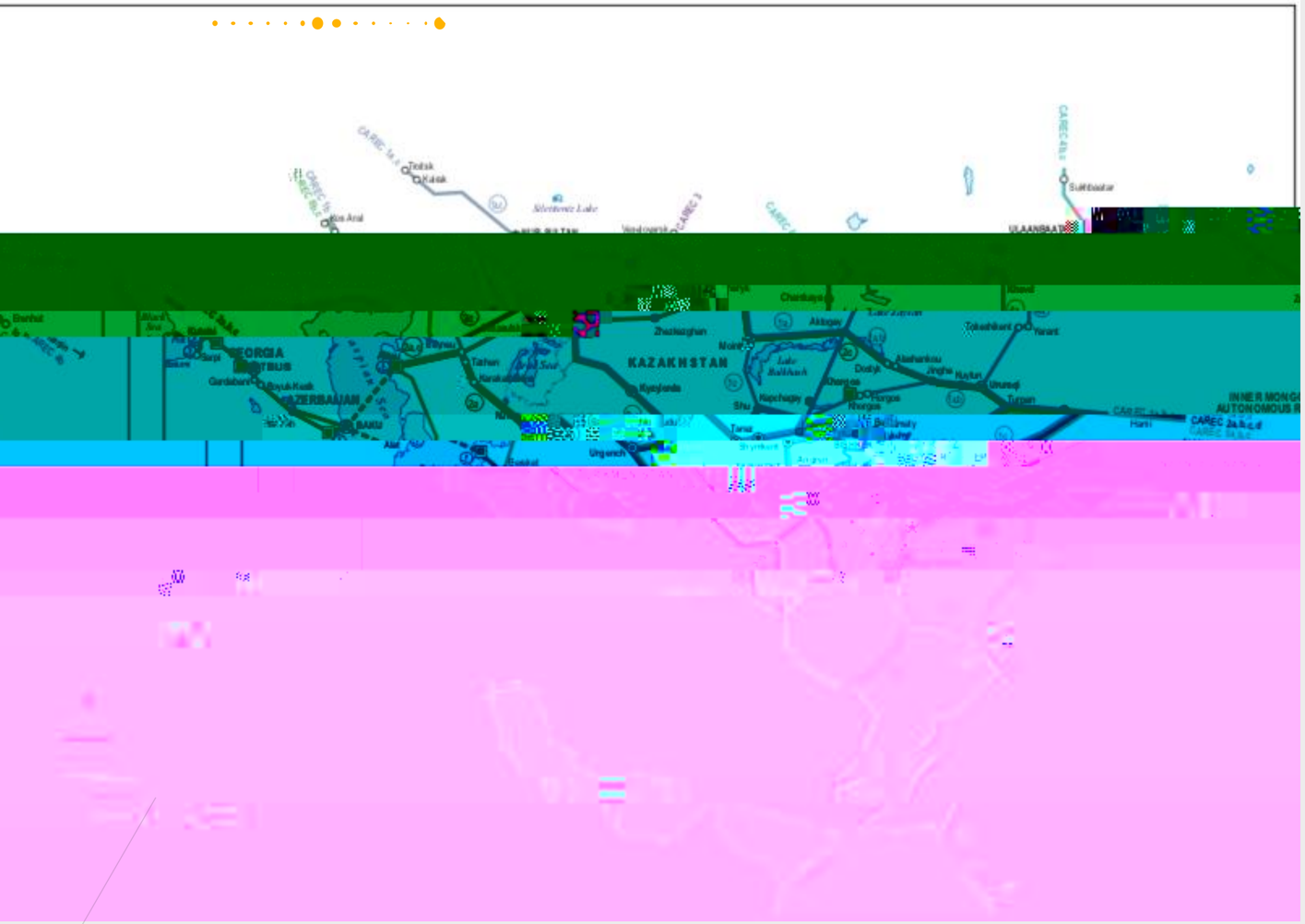
Inland Water Transport (IWT)

Dry port

Transport Corridor Infrastructure Development



Telecommunication infrastructure

Most value-added services do not depend primarily on highways and railways but on fast and efficient internet and telecommunications

Telecommunications infrastructure is essential for border crossing facilitation

Low ICT connectivity hinders the optimization of trade facilitation tools, such as automated single windows, automated system of customs data, and advance cargo information

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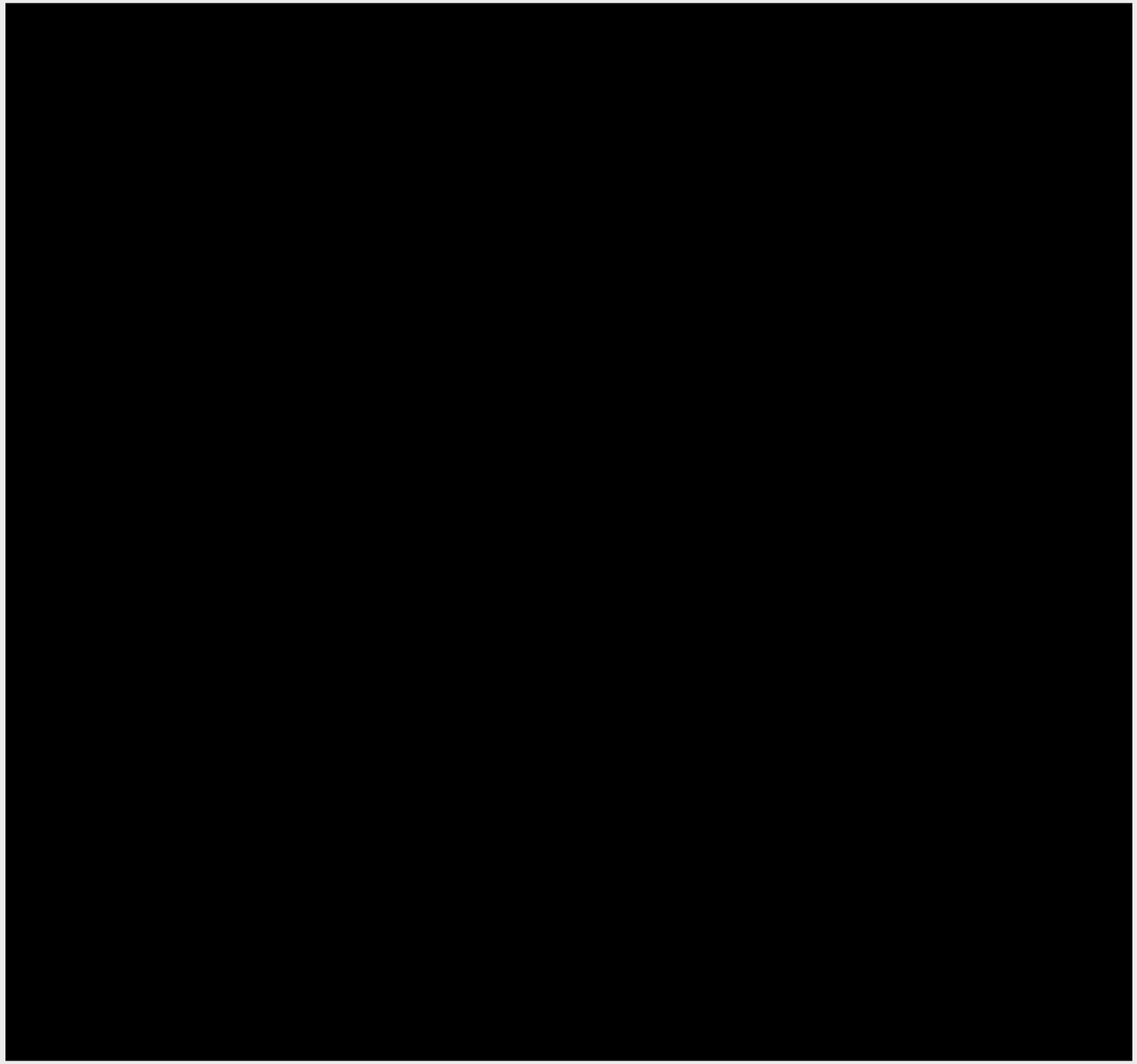
Telecommunication infrastructure



Central Africa Fibre-Optic Backbone Project is ongoing (since 2017) to install terrestrial optical fiber links that interconnect the countries of Central Africa in order to provide high-speed broadband internet access and to eliminate the missing links.

Source: ITU (2020)

Challenges to improve the infrastructure quality