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Transit Countries, Strengthening capacity to design and
implement policies and identify solutions that promote
transport connectivity for the achievement of the SDGs**

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We must build transport systems that are resilient to the impacts of external shocks - whether it be climate change, natural disasters, public health emergencies, or global economic downturns.

V[åæ training will also cover the importance of soft infrastructureq - including how to establish legal and regulatory frameworks that promote efficient transit transport.

Above all, I hope that you will share innovative solutions that are already being successfully applied. Solutions that can be adapted, scaled, or localized to yield concrete results.

One such example is the recently opened Kazungula bridge between Botswana and Zambia, which will ease the traffic of goods between these countries and in the region.

Our hosts might recognize the saying that ‰å^æ ᷣ | words put no porridge in the] [ᷣÈAnd so, it is those practical lessons that we are here to share today.

I should state that åæ training is implemented as part of a project entitled, *Strengthening the capacity of Landlocked Developing Countries under the   and Road   .* I thank all our partners who make this possible.

My Office is implementing this project in partnership with the United Nations Regional Commissions, including the Economic Commission for Africa, Economic Commission for Europe, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, and the Economic Commission for Latin America & the Caribbean. We are

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