

Mainstreaming of the VPoA into national development strategies

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Definition of Mainstreaming

In the context of the VPoA, mainstreaming would mean:

to pursue policies, activities and initiatives that would make VPoA an integral element in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of relevant development policies and programmes at the national as well as at the sectoral levels, for the purpose of addressing the special development needs and challenges of LLDCs and subsequently contributing towards an enhanced rate of sustainable and inclusive growth.

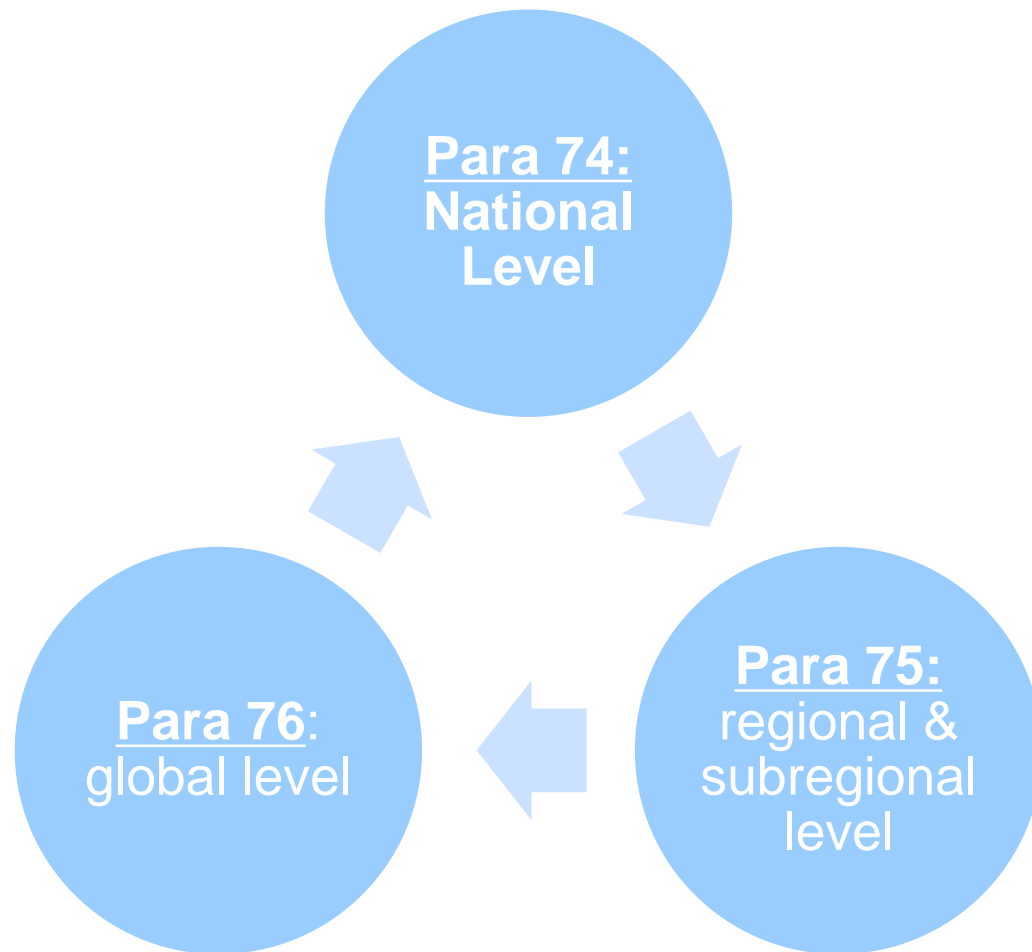


Rationale for mainstreaming

- **To ensure coherent and effective implementation of the Programme**
- **Promote ownership of the implementation processes**
- **Reduces duplication and bring coherence between VPoA and other development agendas (2030 Agenda and AAAA)**
- **Improves coordination in resource mobilization and targeting, including aligning partner support**
- **Creates a platform for cooperation between stakeholders**
- **Use this framework for international, regional and bilateral negotiations and/or drafting of legal instruments**



Mainstreaming and Accountability in the VPoA



Levels of mainstreaming at the national level

Long-term Plan

- Mainstreaming the VPoA at this level would require integrating VPoA priorities in relevant sector visions and development strategies for 10-15 years.

Medium-term Plan

- Should be more concrete. Member States should ensure that the VPoA specific objectives are incorporated in these plans or strategies and that measurable indicators are also defined.

Annual Plan

- Ensure there is adequate technical and financial (both domestic and international) resources allocated towards the implementation of VPoA related actions and programs.



Guiding principles for mainstreaming of VPoA

- 1. The development of any country is the primary responsibility of that country itself**
- 2. Needs to be consultative and participatory process, involving all the development stakeholders**
- 3. Based on renewed and strengthened partnerships**
- 4. Requires financial, technical and capacity-building support from development partners**
- 5. Requires transparency, good governance and efficient institutional arrangements**
- 6. Need to explore synergies with other relevant frameworks, including 2030 Agenda and AAAA**



Steps in the mainstreaming process

1. **Develop a good understanding of the VPoA and the mainstreaming process**
2. **Conduct a mapping exercise to identify and assess current activities and related implementing government departments/entities covering the VPoA priorities**
3. **Establish a national focal point and/or national coordination mechanism for the VPoA**
4. **Formulate and implement initiatives/policies on integrating the VPoA aspects into national and sectoral planning and operations**
5. **Develop national indicators to monitor progress in implementing the VPoA, in coherence with SDG indicators**
6. **Produce annual report to the UN SG report on the implementation of the VPoA (as well as mid-term and ten-year)**
7. **Raise awareness and increase knowledge on the VPoA to support national level implementation**
8. **Use this framework for bilateral, regional and international negotiations**



National coordination mechanisms

- **Given that implementation of the VPoA is multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder, it is critical that LLDCs and transit developing countries establish a formal body to oversee mainstreaming and implementation.**
- **The process may include:**

- Member State may conduct a mapping exercise of ministries and/ or government departments with mandates covering the VPoA priorities and/or plans

- Member State may designate a ministry as a focal point for mainstreaming at the national level

- Identify other relevant stakeholders e.g. private sector, development partners and civil society organisations



Suggested activities for national coordination bodies

- **Assess and monitor national plans on the extent to which aspects of the VPoA are incorporated (if plans are yet to be formulated, ensure that the VPoA priorities are integrated)**
- **Provide a platform for sensitisation, capacity building, advocacy and dialogue on VPoA and its implementation**
- **Stimulate commitment to implement the VPoA**
- **Report to the UN Secretary-General on activities and their outcomes, as deemed necessary by the coordination mechanism**
- **Ensure synergy with implementation of other established legal instruments/mechanisms, particularly the WTO TFA**

