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Capacity building for Graduation Strategies for LDCs

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**OPTIMIZING
SUPPORT MEASURES
FOR LDCs**
ACCESS►UTILIZATION►EFFECTIVENESS



My Presentation

– About the CDP

– Why a project on capacity building for graduation strategies for LDCs

– International Support Measures (ISM)



Committee for Development Policy (CDP)

- Policy advice to Member States
- Identification of LDCs
 - triennial reviews (3 criteria)
 - monitoring development progress of graduated LDCs
- CDP Secretariat (UN DESA)
 - work on procedures related to the category and its support measures



Why project for LDCs?

Information about ISMs not available/scattered

- Improve access to information and utilization
- Build capacity in assessing the use of ISMs



90 ISMs: categories

A. **Official Development Assistance:**

- ⇒ Financial flows and technical assistance
- ⇒ Bilateral and multilateral donors

B. **International trade:**

- ⇒ SDT in WTO obligations
- ⇒ Market Access

C. **Other forms of support:**

- ⇒ Caps in contribution to UN budget, discounts in contributions to PKO
- ⇒ Travel funds

- Since 1981, support by the development partners framed by the Programmes of Action for LDCs



ODA ISMs

- Bilateral assistance
 - Donor countries pledged to reach 0.15-0.20% of GNI as ODA to LDCs (Istanbul PoA)
 - Specific programmes in support of LDCs
- Multilateral assistance
 - Earmarking proportion of budget for LDCs (UNDP, WFP)
 - Selected programmes available for LDCs, e.g.:
 - UNFCCC LDC Fund
 - UNCDF – microfinance for LDCs



SDT in WTO obligations

- LDCs members of the WTO may benefit from special considerations:
 - Increasing trade opportunities for LDCs
 - Safeguarding the interests of LDCs
 - Increased flexibility in rules and disciplines
 - Longer transitional periods
 - Provision of technical assistance



Trade-related ISMs: subcategories

1. Agreement on Agriculture
2. SPS Agreement
3. TBT Agreement
4. TRIMs Agreement
5. Customs Valuation Agreement
6. Import Licensing
7. ASCM
8. Services (GATS, ITU)
9. Legal advice on WTO law (AWCL)
10. Trade Policy Review
11. BoP
12. Intellectual property (TRIPS, WIPO)
13. Trade-related programmes and funds
14. Preferential market access



Other ISMs

- Travel support
 - Financial support for participation in annual sessions of GA and UN organisations.
- Caps in Budget contributions
 - Financial contributions from LDCs to UN regular budget (capped at 0.01% of the UN budget).
 - 90% discount in contributions to peacekeeping operations.



..... improving access to information

- Inventory of 90 ISMs
- Survey results about access (Uganda pilot)
- Data retrieval
- E-learning – case studies, e-learning tools, reports
- Online networking
- Assessing the use and loss of benefits

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A Macro-economic Model Framework for LDCs

An integrated macro-micro modeling framework is under development to capture the economy-wide effects of "with" and "without" support measure situations through scenario analysis. The model framework addresses the following questions:

- What are the real socio-economic benefits from the support measures LDCs are receiving and from a potential increase in access to these measures?
- What are effective and macro-economically feasible compensatory policy responses for countries that graduate?
- Can there be more efficient uses of existing support measures to reduce external vulnerabilities and stimulate economic growth while pursuing development goals?

The project will use a pilot case from which lessons will be drawn in terms of adequacy of the applied methodology and capacities created, as well as policy recommendations for future modelling activities covering more countries.

Latest graduation discussions



Which countries will be graduating next?

Bangladesh and Nepal are on a good track for graduation from LDC status within the next 10 years, a UN official said during LDC IV in Istanbul, on Friday 13 May. Three of the world's poorest countries...

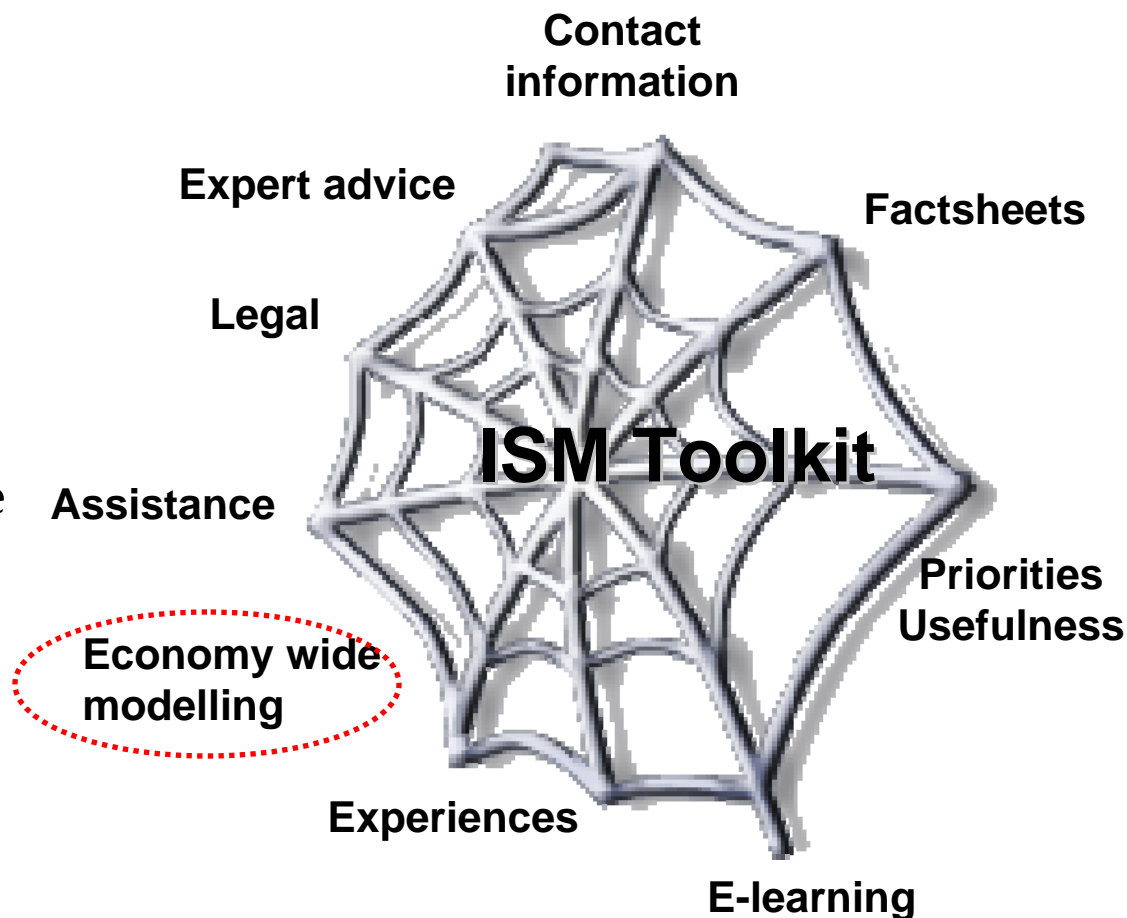
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Uganda pilot in New ISM toolkit

New DESA project activity

- Joining 2 projects
- To integrate ISMs in current modeling framework undertaken by DPAD
- Impact assessments on the likely consequences of graduation on economic growth and development





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ISM 7: SPS- Technical assistance by WTO Secretariat

Summary:

Under Article 9.1, Members agree to facilitate the provision of technical assistance to other Members, especially developing country Members, either bilaterally or through the appropriate international organizations.

Examples of when to use it:

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Articles

[With useful information about this ISM:](#)

Practical tips on how to use this ISM

By Roland Mollerus

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Properties

Category: Trade
Agreement: TBT
Organisation: WTO
Country: Switzerland
Budget: USD 10000,-

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