



Committee for Development Policy

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The Committee for Development Policy (CDP) is mandated to review triennially the list of LDCs and to make recommendations on inclusion into and graduation from the list. LDCs are defined as low-income countries suffering from the most severe structural impediments to sustainable development. Per-capita gross national income (GNI) is used as criteria to identify low-income countries, whereas structural impediments to sustainable development are measured by two composite indices, the human asset index (HAI) and the economic vulnerability index (EVI), consisting various indicators. The CDP regularly reviews the criteria and the procedures for their application and occasionally suggests refinements in response to new developments in terms of research and data availability and reliability. The meeting outcome will serve as input to the CDP plenary session in March 2014. Possible refinements would be applied at the next triennial review, which will take place in 2015.