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Over the past decades, developing countries have had very different progress towards sustainable development. Economic growth rates, structural transformation of economies, social development, including trends in inequality, and natural resource degradation have varied significantly across countries, as do endowments, institutions and policy choices. Heterogeneity has also increased within existing country categories such as least developed countries (LDCs) or the income categories of the Bretton Woods institutions. The meeting will review the effectiveness of an international support system based on country classification frameworks in light of this heterogeneity. It will also address the proliferation of classifications; the problems associated the incentives they generate and the persistence of development challenges. The meeting outcome will serve as input to the CDP plenary session in March 2014.