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Welcome to CDP Updates, an electronic digest keeping you informed about activities carried out by the Committee for Development Policy (CDP) and its Secretariat. Recent news and future activities include the following:

-  **[ECOSOC resolution on the Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighteenth session](#)**
ECOSOC adopted resolution E/ 2016/L.19 on the Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighteenth session, acknowledging the contributions made by the CDP to the various aspects of the programme of work of the Council.
-  **[Statement by Prof. José Antonio Alonso on Total Official Support for Sustainable Development](#)**
CDP member, Prof. José Antonio Alonso presented the Committee's views on the Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD), at the High-Level Panel Discussion co-hosted by OECD and CDP in the margins of the United Nations Development Cooperation Forum, 21 July 2016, New York.
-  **[Statement by Prof. José Antonio Ocampo to High-Level Segment of ECOSOC](#)**
CDP Chair, Prof. Jose Antonio Ocampo introduced the CDP report on its eighteenth session at the High-Level Segment of 2016 ECOSOC session, 19 July 2016, New York. His statement focused on the chapter on expanding productive capacity for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, as a contribution to the 2016 ECOSOC theme -- implementing the post-2015 development agenda: moving from commitment to results.
-  **[Statement by Prof. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr to ECOSOC](#)**
CDP Vice-chair, Prof. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr introduced the CDP report on its eighteenth session at the Coordination and Management Meeting of the 2016 ECOSOC session, 1 June 2016, New York.
-  **[CDP Background Paper #33, Clusters of Least Developed Countries, their evolution between 1993 and 2013, and policies to expand their productive capacity](#)**
Giovanni Andrea Cornia and Antonio Scognamiglio identify different LDC clusters in which underdevelopment is caused by specific economic and social conditions and for which the solution depends not only on traditional support measures, but also on the implementation of differentiated, country-specific policies sensitive to the local context.
-  **[CDP Background Paper #32, Applying the Growth Identification and Facilitation Framework to the Least Developed Countries: The Case of Uganda](#)**
Justin Yifu Lin and Jiajun Xu aim to draw insights from New Structural Economics by applying its practical policy tool – the Growth Identification and Facilitation Framework (GIFF) – to LDCs with a special focus on Uganda. In their analysis the authors argue that developing countries should not focus on what they lack but what they have when formulating their development strategies.
-  **[CDP Background Paper #31, Productive Capacity and Trade in the Solomon Islands](#)**
Trade contributes insufficiently to development in the Solomon Islands, partly because of the dominance of the logging industry but also due to the lack of emphasis on building productive capacities with a view to economic transformation toward higher productivity activities. Daniel Gay argues that targeted soft industrial policies may help address these shortcomings.

About the Committee for Development Policy (CDP)

The CDP is a subsidiary body of the United Nations Economic and Social Council. It provides inputs and independent advice to the Council on emerging cross-sectoral development issues and on international cooperation for development, focusing on medium- and long-term aspects. The CDP is also responsible for the triennial review of the list of least developed countries (LDCs).

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