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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:

Report on the eighteenth session of the Committee for Development Policy. The report on the eighteenth session of the Committee for Development Policy is now available in all languages. In the report, the Committee addressed the following themes: expanding productive capacity for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals; total official support for sustainable development; monitoring the development progress of countries that are graduating and have graduated from the list of LDCs; and a proposal for a graduation diagnostics toolkit for improving the understanding of and preparation for graduation from the LDC category.

Live event spotlights rules and global governance for 2030 Agenda People from across the globe joined the live Facebook chat event on 15 March on the theme of global governance and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The three panellists from the CDP, Professors Alonso, Lee and Ocampo and Lee, exchanged ideas with participants on various issues, including democracy, corruption, climate change, labour, education and financing for development.

Panel discussion on Expanding Productive Capacity for Achieving the Sustainable
Development Goals
Committee members, Professors Elson, Klasen, and Nurse presented the CDP perspectives on how
LDCs and other developing countries can expand their productive capacity for achieving the SDGs
during the panel discussion held on 16 March, New York. The panellists presented concrete policy
recommendations for LDCs, including: growth-oriented macroeconomic and financial policies; new
industrial policies taking into account the particular conditions of LDCs; investments in human
capacities and social protection; and building governance capabilities.

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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