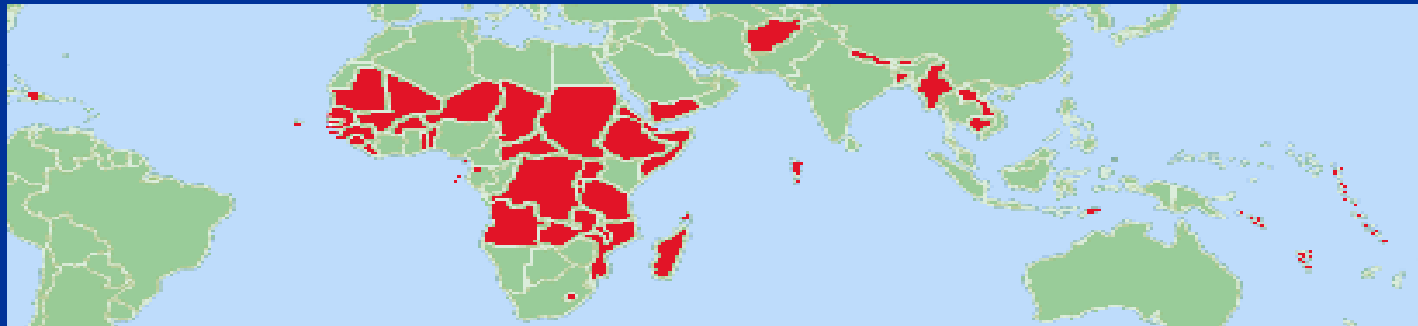




Capacity Building for Graduation Strategies for LDCs

DESA/CDP Development Account Project

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1. Background

Background: CDP and its Secretariat

CDP : Subsidiary body of ECOSOC (resolution 1998/46)

- Policy advice
- Identification of LDCs:
 - triennial reviews
 - monitoring of graduating and graduated LDCs

CDP Secretariat (DESA/DPAD):

- dissemination of CDP work
- substantive support

→ Work on procedures related to the category and its support measures

<http://www.un.org/esa/policy/devplan>

Background: International Support Measures for LDCs

A. Official Development Assistance:

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

B. International trade:

- ⇒ SDT on WTO disciplines
- ⇒ Market Access

C. Other forms of support:

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

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

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**Handbook on the
Least Developed
Country Category:
Inclusion,
Graduation and Special
Support Measures**



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2. The Development Account Project

www.un.org/esa/policy/devplan/ldcproject.html

Capacity-building for graduation strategies for LDCs in Asia and Africa

Main objectives:

1. Improve LDCs' capacity to access information on existing support measures and to make use of such measures.
2. Building capacity in graduating countries in preparing strategies for a smooth transition

Objective 1

Enhancing access to ISMs: information gathering and sharing

Main activity: Surveys

- Development partners: identification of LDC-specific measures and their supply
 1. Bilateral ODA (being implemented)
 2. Trading partners (forthcoming)
 3. Multilateral Organizations (questionnaires sent)
 4. Information request to WTO (completed/supporting document)
- LDCs: awareness of the ISMs and the extent of their utilization:
 5. ODA and other forms of support
 6. Trade-related WTO disciplines and market access (being implemented)

Objective 1

Enhancing access to ISMs: information gathering and sharing

Main outputs:

- **Compilation** existing provisions for LDCs
(data base)
- **Web-based** knowledge-sharing platform
(country fact sheets)

Objective 2. Making use of the ISM and developing smooth transition strategies

Main activities/outputs:

- **Case studies:** analysis of the role of support measures in development progress and how to prepare for a smooth transition.
- **Macro-economic model framework:** assessment the benefits and the likely impact of their phasing out upon graduation
- **Toolkit:** analytical review of eventual change in the support received due to graduation; policy options for the implementation of smooth transition strategies.

Development partners participating in the ODA Survey

- DAC members:

Australia, **Austria**

Belgium, **Canada**

Denmark, Finland

France, Germany

Greece, Ireland

Italy, Japan

Korea, Luxembourg

Netherlands, New Zealand

Norway, **Portugal**

Spain, **Sweden**

Switzerland, UK

USA, **EC**

- Plus:

Czech Republic

Hungary

Iceland

Israel

Poland

Slovak Republic

Thailand

Turkey

China

India

LDCs participating in the trade surveys:

WTO Members (I):

Bangladesh, Gambia, Lesotho, Malawi, Maldives, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Rwanda, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. (13 countries)

WTO members (II):

Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, DRC, Guinea, Madagascar, Mali, Senegal and Togo (9 countries)

Acceding countries (III), to be implemented:

Afghanistan, Bhutan, Comoros, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Lao PDR, Liberia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, **Sudan**, Vanuatu and Yemen (12 countries)

Case studies

Bangladesh: preferential market access

Cape Verde: graduation and smooth strategy

Mali: the enhanced integrated framework

Mozambique: national adaptation plan of action

Nepal: accession to the WTO

Samoa: ISMs and their contribution to graduation

Uganda: using international support measures

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The fact sheets for each of the individual LDCs provide an overview of responses to detailed surveys sent out to LDC governments in 2010 on the use of international support measures. The Surveys provide country specific information about LDC specific ODA received, the use of special WTO provisions for LDCs and LDC specific market access.

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Survey on LDCs and ODA Special Support Measures



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Special Support Measures related to Official
Development Assistance (ODA)**

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