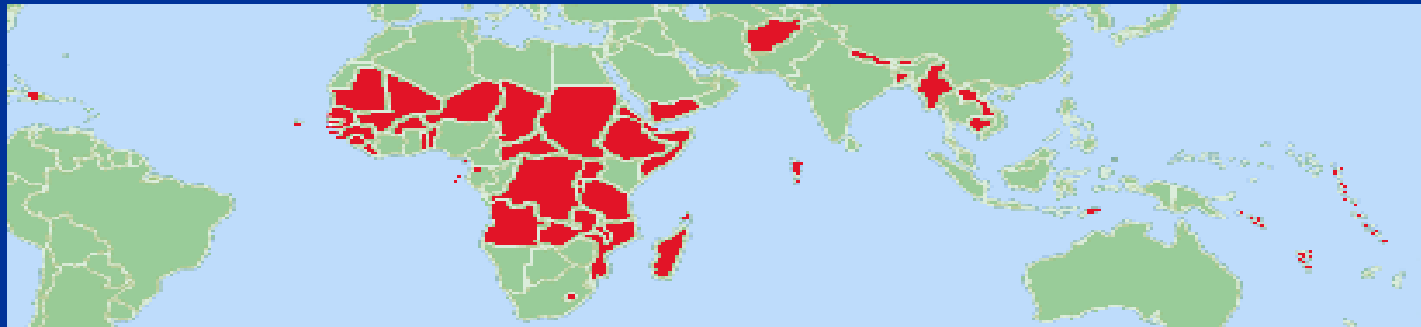




Capacity Building for Graduation Strategies for LDCs DESA/CDP Development Account Project

Briefing to Trading Partner Delegations on
responding to LDC Survey

WTO Secretariat, 11 February 2011



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Overview

1. Background

- Committee for Development Policy (CDP) and its Secretariat
- International Support Measures for LDCs

2. The development account project

- Objectives
- Activities
- Participants
- Trading Partner Survey

Background: CDP and its Secretariat

CDP : Subsidiary body of ECOSOC

- Policy advice
- Identification of LDCs:
 - triennial reviews
 - monitoring development progress of graduated LDCs

CDP Secretariat (DESA):

- dissemination of CDP work
- substantive support

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

www.un.org/en/development/desa/policy/cdp/index.shtml

Background: International Support Measures for LDCs

A. Official Development Assistance:

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

B. International trade:

- ⇒ SDT in 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. May 2011 LDC IV in Istanbul

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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/en/development/desa/policy/cdp/lc_project.shtml

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

Main objectives:

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

Objective 1. Capacity building for smooth transition strategies for graduating countries

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.

Objective 2

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 finalized)
 2. Trading partners (discussed today)
 3. Multilateral Organizations (being finalized)
 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 (being finalized)
 6. Trade-related WTO disciplines and market access (being finalized)

Bilateral 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

Multilateral Development partners participating in the ODA Survey

- ADB
- ECA
- ESCAP
- ESCWA
- FAO
- IAEA
- IFAD
- ILO
- IMF
- IPU
- ITC
- ITU
- UNAIDS
- UNCTAD
- UNEP
- UNFPA
- UN-Habitat
- UNICEF
- UNIDO
- UNWTO
- WMO
- World Bank

LDCs participating in the trade-related survey

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)

Survey addressed to trading partners of LDCs

Purpose

- Obtain detailed information regarding the advantages that are offered to LDCs and actually derived from the various LDC-specific trade-related ISMs
- Focus: Role of trading partners in existing LDC SDTs in WTO agreements and LDC specific preferential market access.

Survey Trading Partners on the International Support Measures related to existing WTO Provisions and Preferential Market Access in favour of LDCs

- Australia
- Brazil
- Canada
- China
- EU
- India
- Japan
- New Zealand
- Rep. Korea
- South Africa
- Turkey
- USA

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Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)
Committee for Development Policy (CDP) Secretariat

Survey addressed to trading partners of LDCs

- “Mirror image” of LDC Survey on utilization of SDTs and preferences
- Structure: 2 Sections
- Context, footnotes and Information Manual

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Survey addressed to trading partners of LDCs

TIMELINE

- EGM February 2010
 - Content and implementation discussed
- Trading partner comments
- Survey revised
- Letter sent to Missions 1 February 2011
 - 10 February name of respondent
 - 10 March completed survey to CDP Secretariat
- Briefing 11 February 2011
- 11 May CDP side event LDC IV Istanbul

Using the results of the trading partners survey

- Information portal fact sheets
- WTO provisions data base

Survey trading partners - Factsheets

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- ~~Trading partners Survey on WTO Special and Differential Treatment (SDT) provisions and Market Access~~

- SDT provisions

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WTO agreements and decisions

All treaty provisions and decisions on SDT
- Multilateral Agreements on Trade in Goods
- Ministerial and Council Decisions

GATT 1994
Understanding Balance of Payments of GATT 1994
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Country groups

- provisions specific for LDCs only
- provisions specific for LDCs AND other groups

Monitoring

Notifications required

- by WTO secretariat
- by WTO Members
- by LDCs

Mandatory provisions

- mandatory for WTO Secretariat
- mandatory for WTO Members
- mandatory for LDCs

All provisions

- Provisions aimed at increasing the trade opportunities of LDC Members
- Provisions under which WTO Members should safeguard the interests of LDC Members
- Provisions related to flexibility of commitments, of actions, and use of policy instruments
- Provisions related to transitional time periods
- Provisions related to technical assistance
- Provisions related to special and differential treatment, non specified

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