Leaving the LDC category

Graduation thresholds for any two of the three graduation criteria (alternatively, income-only criterion) must be met in two consecutive triennial reviews to be considered for graduation

- **Per capita GNI**
  - 2018 graduation threshold: $1,230 or above
  - 2018 income-only threshold: $2,460 or above

- **Economic vulnerability index (EVI)**
  - 2018 graduation threshold: 32 or below

- **Human assets index (HAI)**
  - 2018 graduation threshold: 66 or above

How many of the 47 LDCs met graduation thresholds in 2018?

2 Graduating LDCs
- Graduation schedule:
  - Vanuatu - December 2020
  - Angola - February 2021

7 LDCs met two thresholds or income-only threshold for the second consecutive time
- 5 LDCs recommended for graduation
  - Bhutan (2023)
  - Sao Tome and Principe (2024)
  - Solomon Islands (2024)
- 2 LDCs not recommended - deferred to 2021

3 LDCs met two thresholds for the first time
- Must meet the eligibility criteria again in 2021 to be considered for graduation

14 LDCs met one threshold
- Did not meet eligibility criteria

Which LDCs met the criteria for graduation in 2018 and which thresholds were fulfilled?

**LDCs recommended by CDP, ECOSOC and GA for graduation**
- Bhutan (2023)
- Sao Tome and Principe (2024)
- Solomon Islands (2024)

**LDCs recommended by the CDP, but deferred by ECOSOC to 2021**
- Kiribati
- Tuvalu

**LDCs eligible for graduation, but CDP decision deferred to 2021**
- Nepal
- Timor-Leste

**LDCs meeting graduation criteria for the first time**
- (Considered for graduation if meeting the eligibility criteria again in 2021)
  - Bangladesh
  - Lao PDR
  - Myanmar

**Did you know?**

Only 5 countries have graduated from the LDC category
- Botswana (1994)
- Cabo Verde (2007)
- Samoa (2014)
- Equatorial Guinea (2017)
- Maldives (2011)

Graduating LDCs
- Angola (2021)
- Vanuatu (2020)

Source: Committee for Development Policy, triennial review data: https://www.un.org/development/desa/dpad/least-developed-country-category/lon-data-retrieval.html