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:

- **Prof. Alice Amsden, a dedicated CDP member, passed away**
  It is with great sadness to report the loss of Professor Alice H. Amsden. She was an expert in economic development who served as a CDP member since 2010 and as the Barton L. Weller Professor of Political Economy at MIT. She died on 14 March at her home in Cambridge...

- **The International Development Strategy Beyond 2015**
  CDP members, Frances Stewart and Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, presented to the Economic and Social Council some of the Committee’s proposals on the United Nations International Development Agenda beyond 2015 (4 April 2012)…

- **CDP Briefs the Ad-Hoc Working Group of the General Assembly on Smooth Transition**
  CDP members, Mulu Ketsela and Jose Antonio Alonso, introduced CDP’s main recommendations on how to strengthen smooth transition provisions mechanisms for countries graduating from the list of LDCs at the second substantive meeting of the Ad-Hoc Working Group of the General Assembly (16 March 2012)...

- **The Global Preparatory Meeting for the 2012 AMR**
  Jose Antonio Alonso presented the main conclusions of the CDP deliberations on the theme of productive employment at the Global Preparatory Meeting for the 2012 Annual Ministerial Review (3 April 2012)...

**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).