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:

- **The Fifteenth session of the CDP**
  The CDP will hold its fifteenth meeting at the UN headquarters in New York between 18 and 22 March, 2013. The fifteenth session also marks the first time the new CDP membership, nominated last year by the Secretary-General, meets in plenary session.…

- **CDP briefing: Implementing the UN development agenda in the post-2015 era**
  On 19 March, Committee members (José Antonio Alonso, Giovanni Andrea Cornia, and José Antonio Ocampo) will brief on common elements of alternative transformative strategies to achieve inclusive and sustainable development beyond 2015…

- **CDP side event: Panel discussion on Identifying and addressing the vulnerabilities of SIDS**
  On 20 March, Committee members (Norman Girvan and Patrick Plane) and CDP Secretariat (Matthias Bruckner) will hold a panel discussion on the vulnerabilities and development needs of SIDS and possible policy responses, focusing on how to further the full and effective implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action and the Mauritius Strategy…

- **CDP briefing: Science, technology and innovation for achieving sustainable development**
  On 21 March, Committee members (Keun Lee, Claudia Sheinbaum, and Adil Najam) will discuss the role of national policies and of international cooperation for technological catch up in developing countries by taking into account particular emerging challenges brought about by the evolving international economic environment…

**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).