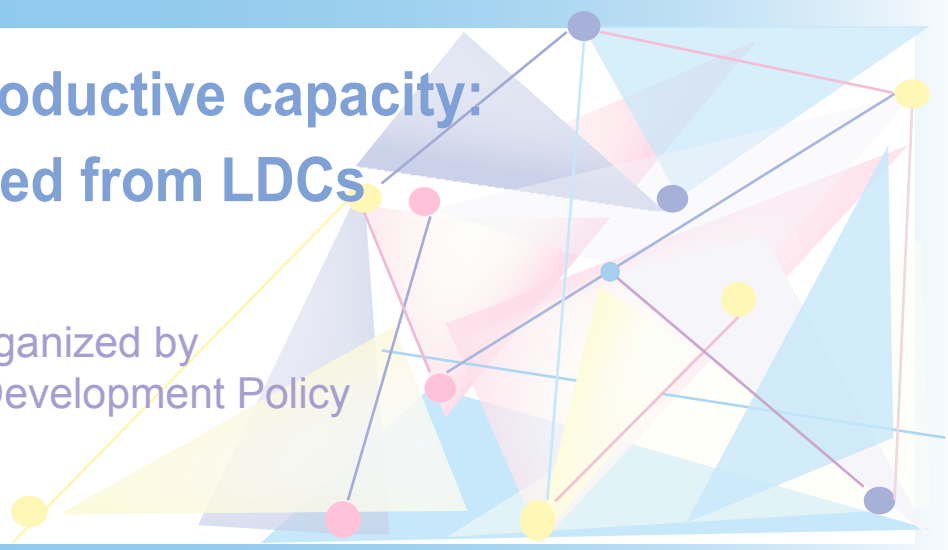




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Developing productive capacity: Lessons learned from LDCs

Panel discussion organized by
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with

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Tea Petrin (CDP member)
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Moderated by

Giovanni Andrea Cornia (CDP member) (tbc)

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Concept Note

Least developed countries (LDCs) face massive constraints to poverty eradication and sustainable development. One of the biggest is a lack of productive capacity, which hampers the task of economic transformation. At the same time, a number of former and current LDCs have been able to graduate from the category or to make at least significant progress towards graduation. Most previous analyses have assumed that graduation follows a similar pattern, but the CDP has for the first time identified at least three pathways, each with different implications for productive capacities and sustainable development. Whereas resource endowments and country size are important, policies are most critical.

Committee members Professors Hassan, Nurse, Petrin, and Tsikata will present the results of a detailed review of the experiences made by fourteen countries, covering the five policy areas identified by the CDP in 2016 as critical for expanding productive capacities for sustainable development: good development governance; inclusive social policies; supportive macroeconomic and financial policies; tailored industrial and sectoral policies; and strengthened international support measures. They will highlight which factors and policies have been successful in moving countries towards graduation and sustainable development and how countries can sustain their development gains.



Panellists

Prof. Rashid Hassan has been a member of the CDP since 2016. He is Professor and Director of the Centre for Environmental Economics and Policy in Africa at the University of Pretoria. His main areas of research include agricultural economics, natural resources and climate change. He has been member of many national and international boards and science councils.

Prof. Keith Nurse has been the rapporteur of the CDP since 2016. He is Senior Fellow, Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, the University of West Indies (UWI) and World Trade Organization Chair at the UWI. His main research is on trade and globalization. He has worked extensively as a consultant to Governments and international as well as regional agencies.

Prof. Tea Petrin has been CDP member since 2013. She is Professor Emeritus at the University of Ljubljana. Her main areas of research include industrial policy and small business and entrepreneurship. In addition to her academic career, she has been Minister of Economy of Slovenia as well as advisor to a multitude of international and European organizations.

Prof. Dzodzi Tsikata has been CDP member since 2013. She is Associate Professor at the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research, University of Ghana. Her main research areas include gender and development, gender equity policies, land tenure reforms and informal labour relations. She is President of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa and member of various regional and global research networks.

Moderator

Prof. Giovanni Andrea Cornia has been a member of the CDP since 2010. He is Professor of Development Economics at the University of Florence as well as President of the Italian Development Economists Association. His main areas of research include macro-economics, poverty and inequality. Previously, he has been Director of the World Institute for Development Economics Research of the United Nations University and the Chief Economist of the United Nations Children's Fund.

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