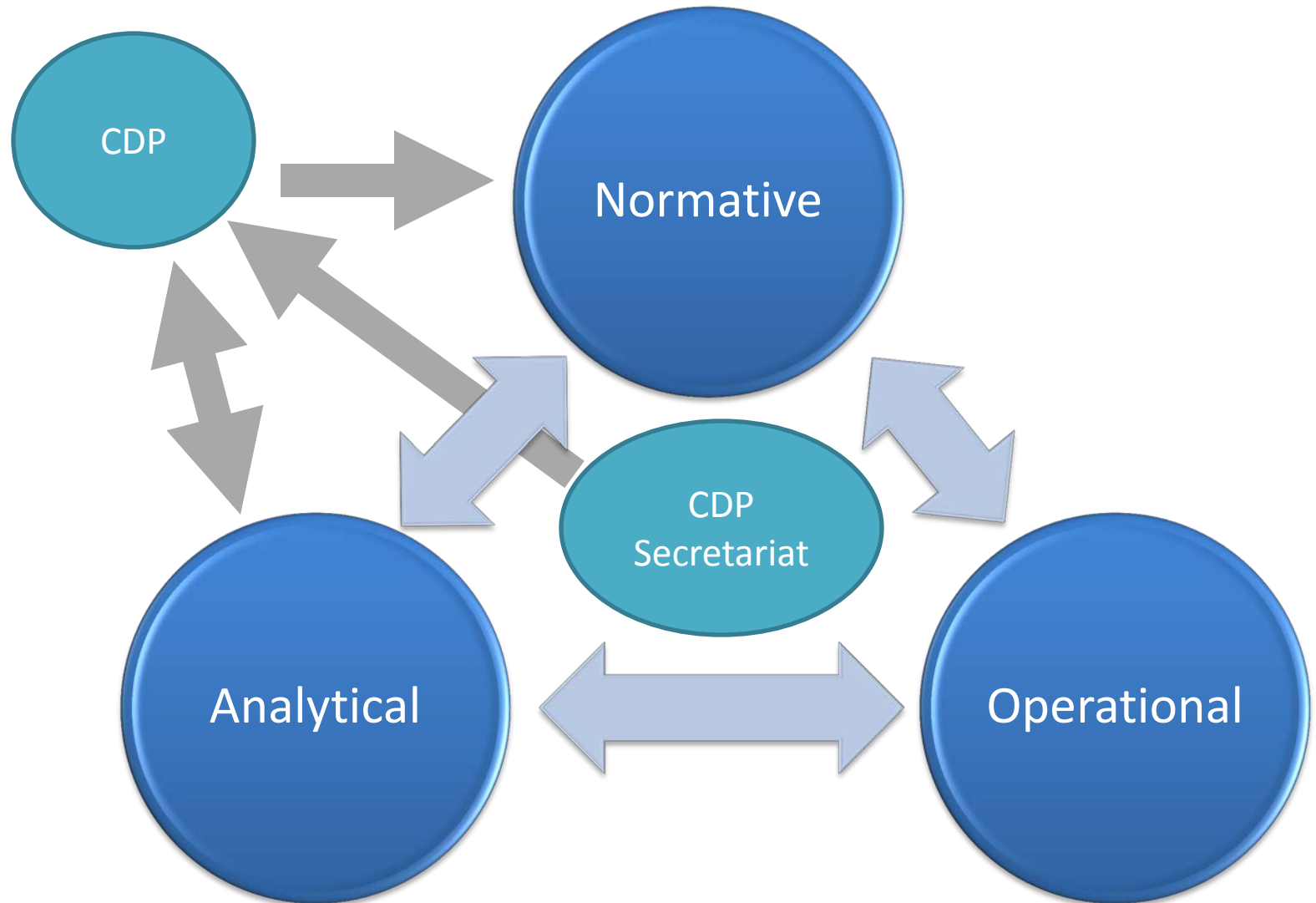
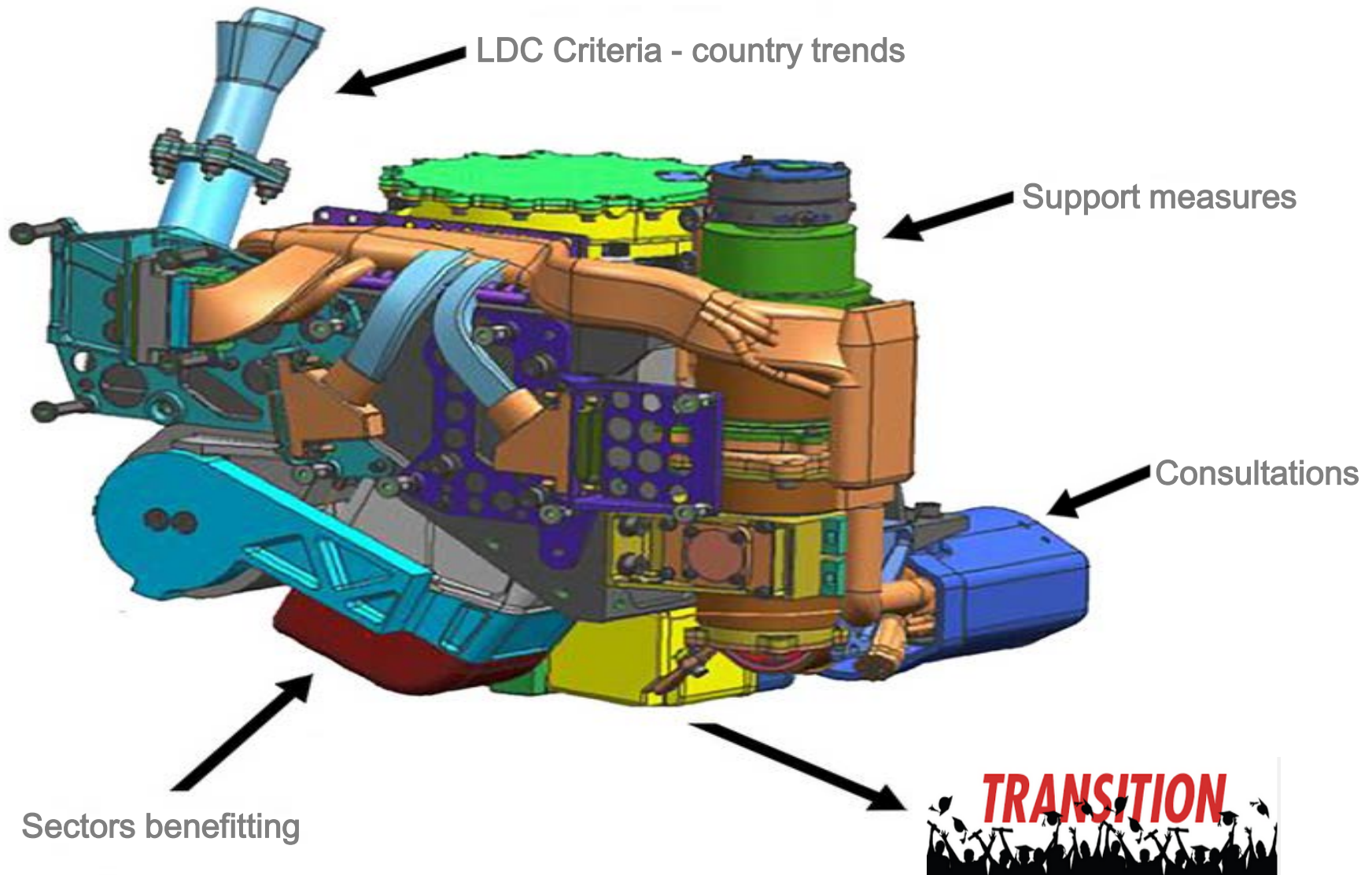


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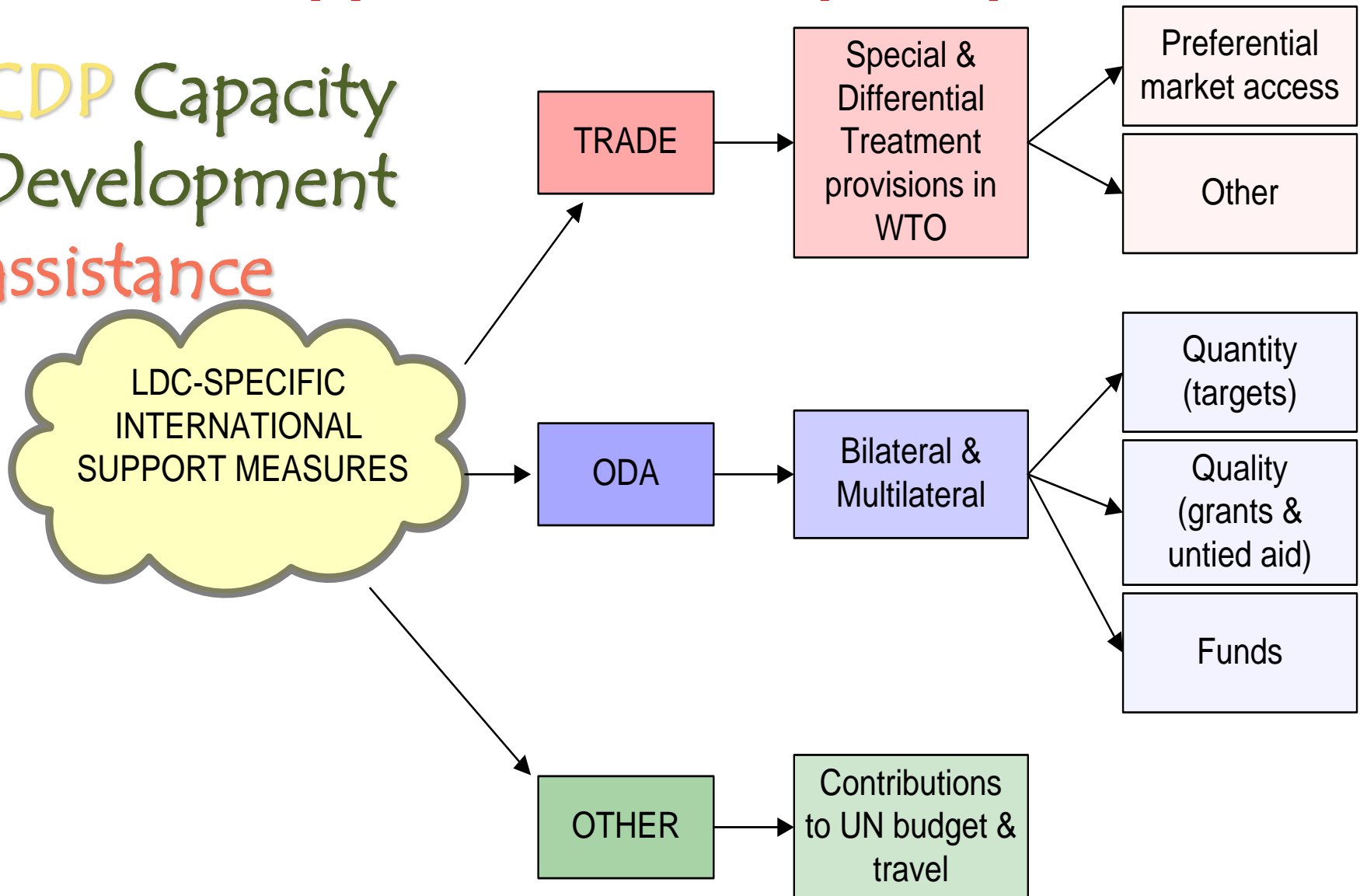
GRADUATION DIAGNOSTICS TOOLKIT

assisting LDCs in better understanding
implications of leaving LDC category



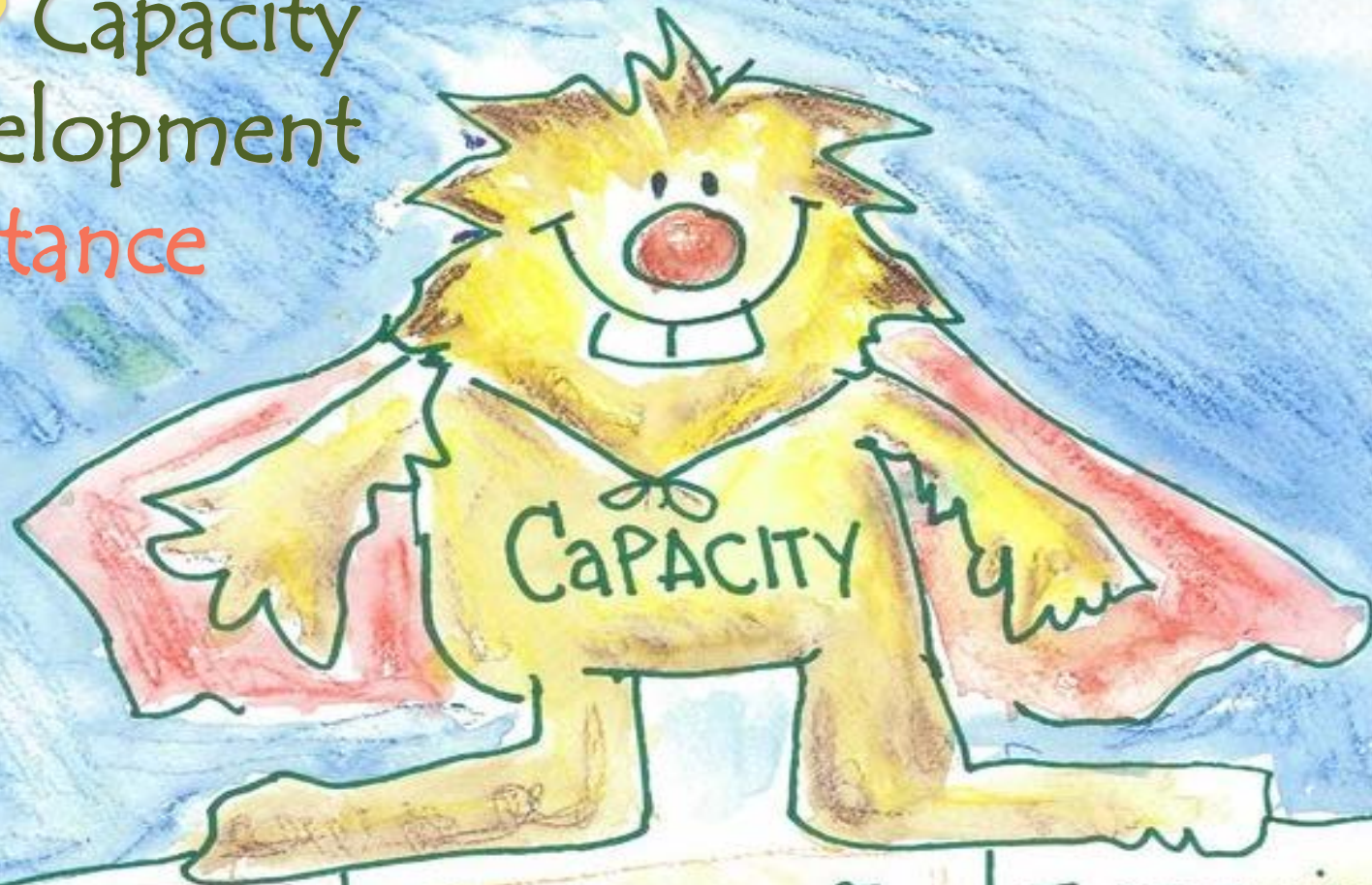
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Improving Access to Support Measures

This Portal gives users access to information about specific international support measures (ISMs) adopted by the international development community for countries included in the LDC category. ISMs are meant to assist LDCs in confronting their special development challenges and in achieving progress towards graduation from the category. The measures can be grouped into 3 broad areas of assistance:

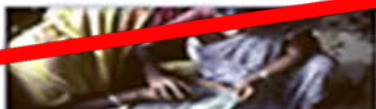


Trade

International support measures from development partners related to international trade.

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Deadline for STDF funding applications




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Support measures related to the volume and quality of Official Development Assistance.

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General Support

Other support measures such as dedicated travel funds and caps on contributions to the UN.

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Latest stories

LDCs and trade in services
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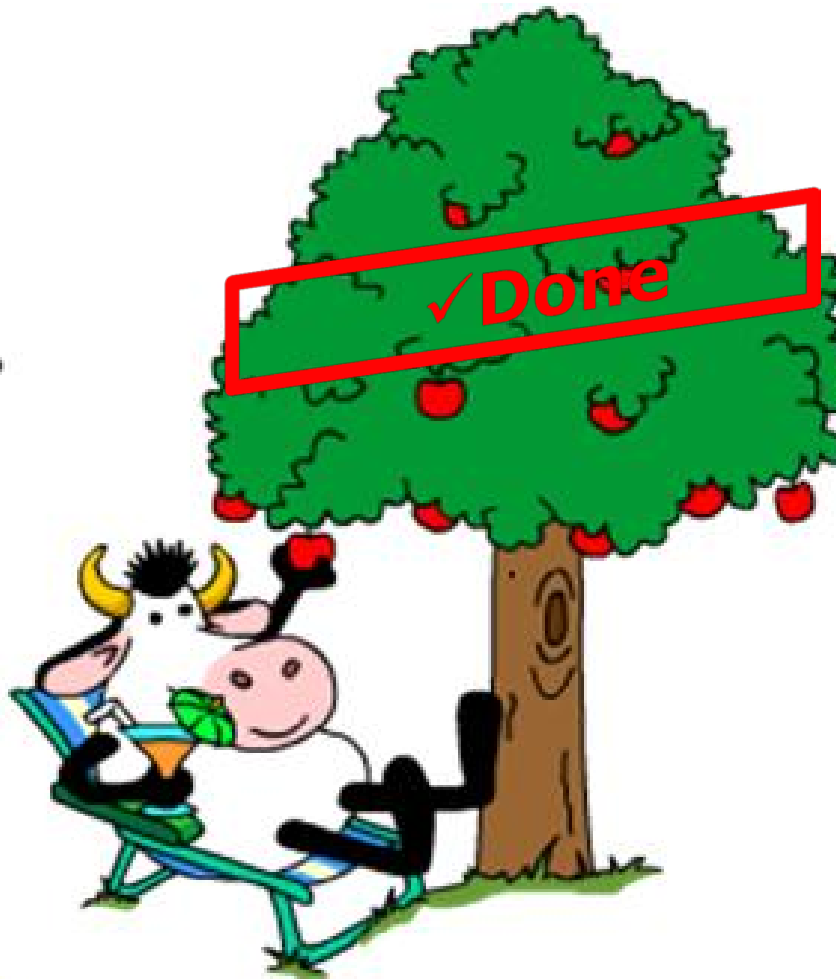
Smoothing the Transition
On 7 December 2012, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted a resolution on smooth...

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Latest news

Deadline for STDF funding applications
The next deadline for STDF funding applications for project preparation grants...

Success of ISMs also requires access....



Ideal situation: ISMs ➡ Development
progress ➡ leads to Graduation. **But**



**.... No more
need for
special support**

Uncertainty about outcome of graduation

Graduation = loss of support from partners ?

- **Delays** in graduation process
 - Cape Verde
 - Maldives
 - Samoa
 - Vanuatu
 - Equatorial Guinea
 - Angola
 - Tuvalu
 - And more to come

Answers: Smooth transition – Intergovernmental decisions

- General Assembly Resolution: guidelines on smooth transition (2004)
 - Importance of smooth transition measures for graduated countries
 - Avoid reversals in the graduated countries' development progress due to the abrupt disruption of support
- Istanbul programme of action for LDCs (2011)
 - Call for improvements in graduation process and consistency in assisting LDCs in their smooth transition strategy
- New General Assembly Resolution A/RES/67/221 on smooth transition (2012)

Uncertainty ➡



- No mandatory provisions for smooth transition
- No common understanding what smooth transition means
- No understanding of LDC-specific support
 - What sectors benefit?
 - Will support be phased-out?



Graduation diagnostics toolkit

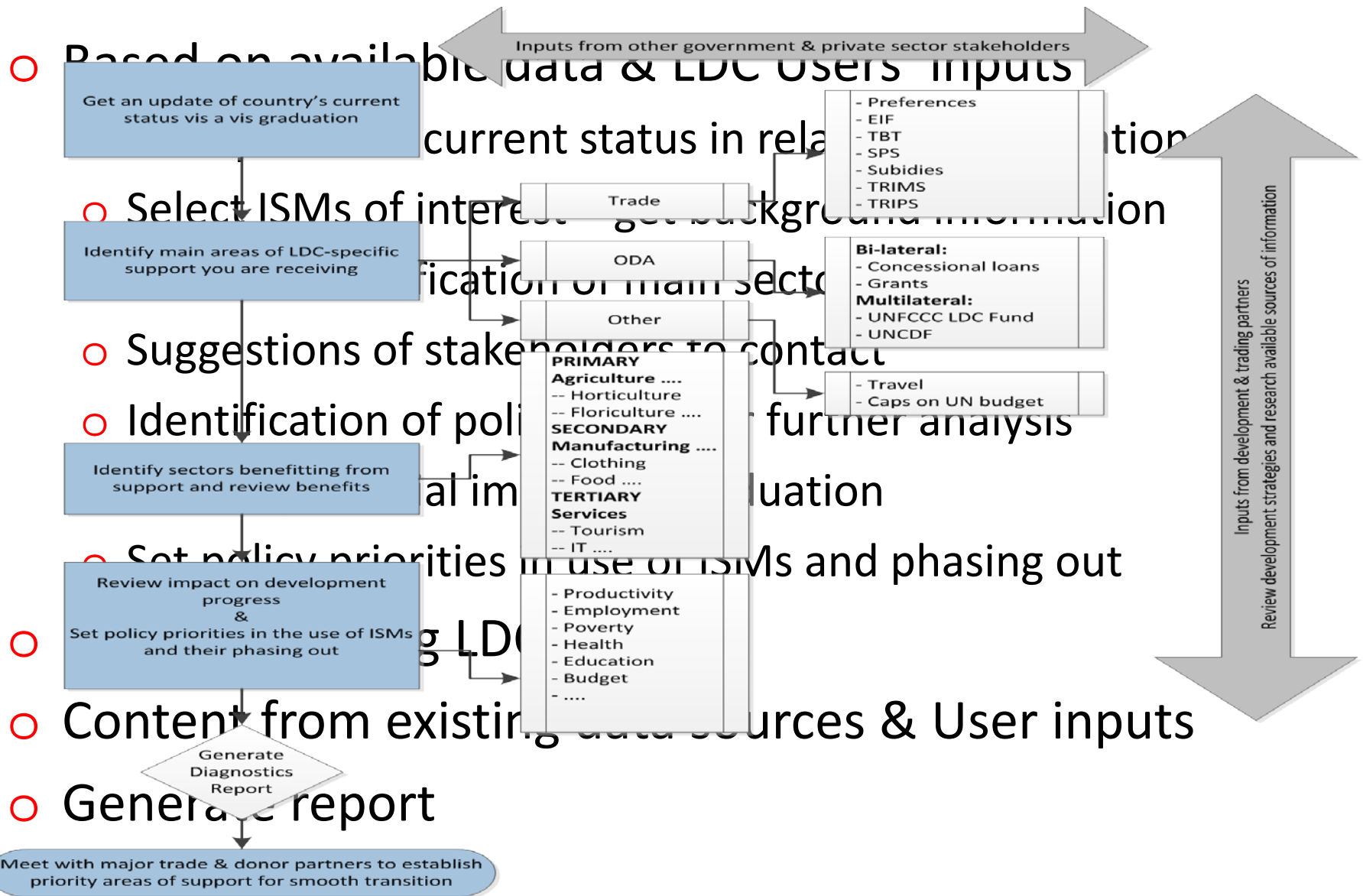
○ Goals

- Assist in better understanding LDC-specific support
- Better prepare for graduation

○ Objectives

- Access to graduation data
- Map out type of LDC specific support received
- Identify relevant sectors and impact of ISMs
- Assess impact on development progress
- Promote collaboration between stakeholders
- Identify policy priorities
- Establish roadmap to graduation
- Integrate smooth transition strategy in development strategies

Toolkit Features



Who benefit?

- LDCs **not yet identified** for graduation
 - Interest in understanding possible implications of graduation
- LDCs **identified** for graduation for **first time**
 - Improve understanding of level of LDC support and better input to DESA impact assessment
- LDCs **identified** for **second time**
 - Improve understanding of implications of graduation ➡
 - Avoiding delays in graduation process
- LDCs **preparing smooth transition** strategy
 - Assist in collecting and assessing information on LDC-specific support likely to be phased out ➡
 - Input to transition strategy

Next steps



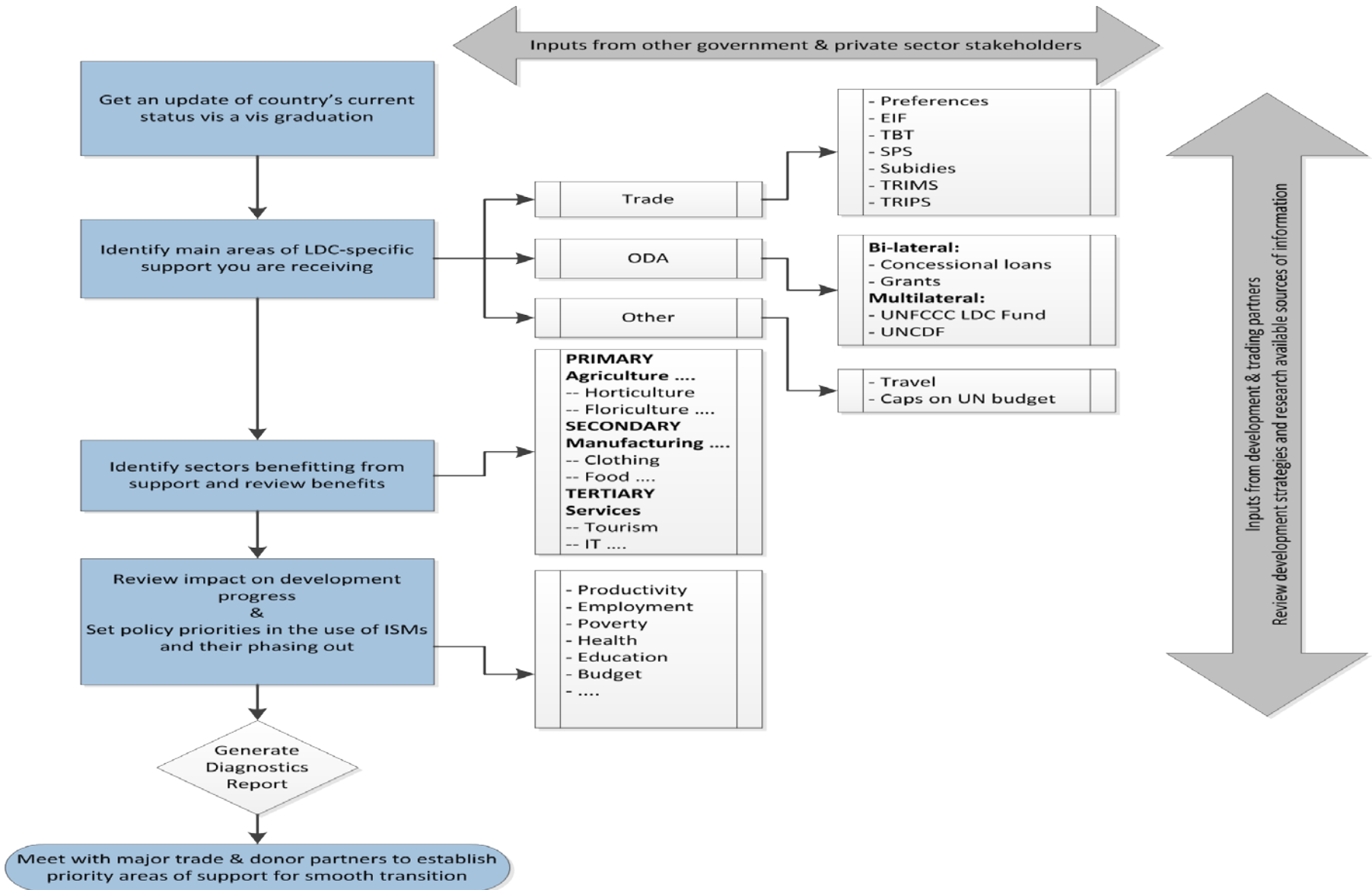
- Feedback from CDP Members
- Revised proposal in CDP report
- Concept presented in Turkey
- Building of toolkit by CDP's capacity development assistance

- First impressions
- What are key elements for the toolkit?
- What would you change/add?
- How to achieve linkages between public-private sector to mitigate sectoral impact?
- How to set priorities?
- What format? Electronic, paper, etc

Toolkit Features

- Based on available data & LDC Users' inputs
 - Get update on current status in relation to graduation
 - Select ISMs of interest – get background information
 - Assist in identification of main sectors
 - Suggestions of stakeholders to contact
 - Identification of policy areas for further analysis
 - Review potential impact of graduation
 - Set policy priorities in use of ISMs and phasing out
- Build on existing LDC Portal
- Content from existing data sources & User inputs
- Generate report

Toolkit Features



We want your
FEEDBACK!



“Graduation diagnostics toolkit for smooth transition from the LDC category”

The Committee reviewed the experience of countries that are graduating and have graduated from the Least Developed Country category, and underscores the need for improving the capacity of LDCs to address the implications of graduation in a systematic way. In this regard, the CDP brings to the attention of ECOSOC that it is developing a graduation diagnostics toolkit to facilitate the preparation of the design and implementation of a roadmap for countries progressing towards graduation.