



United Nations  
**CDP**  
Committee for  
Development Policy

## **CDP briefing on LDC graduation and support measures**

**17 January 2017, 1:15-2:30pm, United Nations Headquarter, Conference Room 11  
CDP Secretariat / UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)**

The Committee for Development Policy (CDP) of The United Nations is among other things responsible for reviewing the status of least developed countries (LDCs) and for monitoring their progress after graduation from the category. The CDP Secretariat of UN DESA presents a new initiative of the LDC graduation platform, and the updated LDC support measures portal.

### [LDC graduation platform](#)

As part of its capacity-building activities the CDP Secretariat is implementing a multi-year project in Bhutan, Nepal and Uganda, to assist with mitigating the impact of graduation from the LDC category. The project aims to support the pilot countries in identifying key productive activities where ISMs and national policies could have the greatest impact in supporting smooth transition out of the LDC category and a prosperous economic future beyond graduation. CDP will work with national stakeholders including government and private sector associations to develop national policies and recommendations that the pilot countries may adapt to smooth LDC graduation, should it occur.

The project has diagnosed promising export industries with high employment potential that will help the pilot countries graduate and remain above the graduation threshold. These studies have been completed in Uganda, Bhutan and Nepal using the growth identification and facilitation (GIFF) approach developed by former World Bank Chief Economist Justin Lin and Celestin Monga of UNIDO. Policy proposals will be developed on the basis of these reports, aimed at building future areas of latent comparative advantage.

Using these pilot countries, the CDP secretariat is building a web platform which will help countries understand graduation and develop beyond the graduation stage. The platform will determine the various steps necessary in order to graduate smoothly, including the phasing out of international support measures, and to incorporate the strategy into its development planning. This platform will be explained and presented during the briefing.

In accordance with CDP's General Assembly mandate, CDP in 2017 will conduct impact assessments aimed at helping potential graduates determine the likely effects of LDC graduation. This impact assessment will include both a static and a dynamic component, assessing the impact of the loss of international support on existing sectors, as well as the likely impact, if any, on any new and emerging sectors, particularly those identified by the GIFF studies already conducted.

### [LDC support measures portal](#)

In accordance with the General Assembly resolution 67/221, the CDP Secretariat has continued to update and improve the comprehensive online tool for understanding of available least developed country-specific international support measures, their characteristics and modalities. The redesigned LDC Support Measures Portal ([www.un.org/ldcportal](http://www.un.org/ldcportal)) presents improved stability and functionality. The updated features of the new website include:

- stability of the web platform
- easy to navigate
- optimized information and consolidated menu items
- improved graphs and multimedia contents
- improved search function
- related articles using tags
- easy to export to social media
- mobile friendly

For more information: [Namsuk Kim, kimnamsuk@un.org](mailto:kimnamsuk@un.org)