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Thanking you for your support, CDP Updates wishes you a peaceful and happy 2014. We look forward to your continued interest in our work in the New Year.

Alternative Development Strategies for the Post-2015 Era

The outcome of a research programme by CDP members on the necessary definition of an alternative international development strategy for more equitable and sustainable progress for all is available for sale. The analysis is based on a critical evaluation of past experience, taking into consideration the challenges brought about by the multiple and inter-related economic, food and environmental crises, as well as the damaging effects of inequality.

 <u>General Assembly resolution (A/68/L.20) on Graduation of Equatorial Guinea</u> and Vanuatu from the LDC category

The General Assembly takes note of the decision of the ECOSOC to endorse the recommendation of the CDP that Equatorial Guinea and Vanuatu be graduated from the category of least developed countries. Both countries are provided, on an exceptional basis, with an additional preparatory period before the start of the three-year preparatory period leading to graduation...

Workshop on Graduation Strategies for the LDCs in the Asian and Pacific region

The CDP Secretariat, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and Social Affairs and the Royal Government of Cambodia jointly convened a Training Workshop on Graduation Strategies for the Asian and Pacific region from 4 to 6 December 2013 in Siem Reap, Cambodia. The training workshop reviewed the progress made by Asia-Pacific LDCs towards the graduation thresholds and discussed policy options for graduation and smooth transition from the LDC category.

## 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 mediumand long-term aspects. The CDP is also responsible for the triennial review of the list of least developed countries (LDCs).