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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:

- [Mr. Norman Girvan, a dedicated CDP member, passes away](#)  
It is with great sadness that we report the loss of Professor Norman Girvan. He was an expert in economic development who served as a CDP member since 2010, and was Professor Emeritus at the University of the West Indies. CDP work benefitted a great deal from Mr. Girvan's expertise and insights. He will be deeply missed.
  
- [The Sixteenth session of the CDP](#)  
The CDP held its sixteenth plenary meeting at the UN headquarters in New York between 24 and 28 March 2014. The CDP discussed the following issues: global governance and global rules for development in the post-2015 era (input to the [2014 Annual Ministerial Review](#)); refining the criteria for the identification of LDCs; the role of country groupings for development; monitoring reports on countries graduating and graduated from the LDC category; comments on the draft of the report by the Secretary General on the theme of the 2014 AMR; and the CDP work programme for 2014 - 2015.
  
- [CDP side event: panel discussion on global governance for sustainable development in the post-2015 era](#)  
On 26 March, CDP organized a panel discussion as a side event to the 16th plenary session of the Committee. The chair of the Committee, Prof. Jose Antonio Ocampo, Vice-chair Prof. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, and CDP member Prof. Diane Elson presented the CDP views on the current deficiencies and shortcomings in the global cooperation for development, as well as key principles for much needed reforms. The panel's presentation was followed by a lively discussion among about 100 participants.  
[Presentation by Prof. Diane Elson](#)

### 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).

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