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Sustainable Graduation Support Facility (SGSF)

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UN Inter-Agency Task Force on LDC Graduation

- **Established** in late 2017
- **Aim:** To generate awareness and political support for graduating LDCs and to improve understanding of the challenges faced by graduating countries post-graduation
- **Chair:** OHRLLS Director
- **Works** to continuously provide better coordinated UN system-wide support to graduating countries, in close cooperation with the Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams as a true One UN.
- **Works** collaboratively with non-UN agencies and other relevant financial institutions to shine the light on the particular needs of graduating LDCs in order to lessen the burden on government capacities.

SUSTAINABLE GRADUATION SUPPORT FACILITY (SGSF)

1. Why A Facility? - The Rationale

- To address the concerns of graduating and graduated countries relating to graduation and assist them in **preparing for graduation and smooth transition, including policy response to post-Covid-19 recovery.**

2. What is the Key Purpose?

- To serve as a **country-led global platform that offers dedicated and integrated capacity building support in the form of technical and policy advisory services to graduating and graduated countries.**
- **Operational modality** – managed by the IATF through key UN and non-UN partners
- **Strategic Oversight** – and guidance by a **steering committee**

3. What does the Facility Offer?

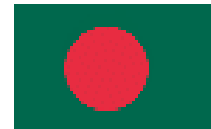
- **Six main service offering lines (SOL)** – delivered via a country-led global platform.

SGSF Six Service Offering Lines (SOL)



Vanuatu: SGSF Pilot


















- Scaling up – from five to six services are being provided



Bangladesh: SGSF Support

- Needs all six services and one is currently being provided (SOL3)

SGSF Survey: Country Responses for 17 Graduating & Graduated LDCs

Country		SGSF Service Offering Line (SOL)																
		SOL1			SOL2				SOL3		SOL4			SOL5		SOL6		
Graduated		a.	b.	c.	a.	b.	c.	d.	a.	b.	a.	b.	c.	a.		a.	b.	c.
1. Vanuatu		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Graduating																		
2. Angola																		
3. Bhutan			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓		✓	✓	✓
4. Sao Tome and Principe									✓			✓						
5. Solomon Islands		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Recommended by the CDP for Graduation																		
6. Bangladesh		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
7. Kiribati																		
8. Lao PDR			✓					✓	✓			✓		✓				✓
9. Nepal		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
10. Tuvalu																		
Meets the Graduation Criteria and Under the CDP Review																		
11. Cambodia		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
12. Comoros		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
13. Djibouti																		
14. Myanmar																		
15. Senegal		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
16. Timor-Leste									✓									
17. Zambia		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓

4. Which Countries Can benefit from SGSF and How?

Eligibility is tied to meeting the graduation criteria:

- Graduating and recently graduated countries
- Countries recommended for graduation by the CDP but yet to be endorsed by ECOSOC
- Countries meeting the graduation criteria and under the CDP review
- Countries who meet the graduation criteria in 2024 or 2027

5. Who Are the Key Partners?

- UN DESA, UN OHRLLS, UN Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams, Regional Commissions, IATF members, and non-UN entities
- Graduating and graduated countries, development partners and potential South-South partners

SGSF INTEGRATED

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Graduating
Countries

1. POLICY AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY

Existing Expertise

Example: DESA; OHRLLS; ESCAP; UNCTAD; UNCT;
OECD-DAC; OECD Development Centre; EIF; ILO; ITC;
UNIDO; WTO; South-South partners

Potential Partners: UNDP; ADB; ASEAN; PIFS

2. FINANCIAL

DESA and OHRLLS – seed funding

Example: STS preparations

Potential: Development partners for graduating and
graduated countries and new partners

3. INVESTMENT & LOANS

International, regional and/or national institutions
that offer investment or credit facilities to the
countries. Potential: ADB, AFREXIMB, IMF, UNCDF;
WBG

4. PRIVATE SECTOR

Technology, science, innovation, social
entrepreneurship, business and leadership

Potential: PPP for infrastructure & service delivery.

6. Next Steps

- a. **Undertake country consultations** with all seventeen countries **to jointly design the specific support** to be provided through the facility by December 31, 2021, and **adjust accordingly, the SGSF multi-year programme of work** for the next decade (2022-2031)
- b. **Partnership Outreach** based on country needs and potential partners' expertise, mandate and added value
- c. **Launch the SGSF** at the *LDC5 Round Table 8: Supporting Sustainable and Irreversible Graduation from Least Developed Country Category*, in Doha on January 27, 2022
- d. **Fully operationalise SGSF service offering** to graduating and graduated countries

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