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## **LDC5 ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL REVIEW (APRR)**

Supporting sustainable graduation : Making graduation irreversible and a stepping stone to achieve the  
SDGs

### **SESSION 3**

## **Need for a new narrative**

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# **Need for a new narrative**

- I. Current status of the discourse on support to LDC transition**
- II. The three bubbles of International Support Measures (ISMs)**
- III. Linking Sustainable Graduation Support Facility (SGSF)**



# I. Current status of the discourse

*Prolonging existing benefits in the post-graduation phase*



## *Pre-graduation support measures*

- EU's Everything But Arms (EBA) agreement
- Other DFQF access
- Preferential rules of origin (ROO)
- Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs) – Pharma waiver
- Aid for Trade (A4T)
- Etc.



## *Post-graduation support measures*

- EBA continues for up to three years
- DFQF market access for another 12 years
- Eligibility for the TRIPs exemption period after graduation
- Aid for trade (A4T) extended for additional five years
- Technology Bank facility for additional five years
- Etc.

## II. The three bubbles of the International Support Measures (ISMs) for graduating LDCs



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### *Much discussed*

Market access and other trade related aspects

E.G.

- EBA and GSP+
- DFQF access
- TRIPS – Pharma waiver
- A4T

### *Less discussed*

Other aspects related to trade

E.G.

- LDC Climate Fund
- Fisheries subsidies
- Blended Finance
- South-South Cooperation

### *Not discussed*

ISMs for Structural reforms

E.G.

- Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)
- Green investment
- Cross-border Carbon Tax
- Social Compliance including worker rights
- Sovereign Wealth Fund
- Domestic Resource Mobilisation (DRM)
- Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)
- Regulatory standards
- Institutional reforms
- Economic transformation including diversification

# III. LDCs Linking Sustainable Graduation Support Facility (SGSF)



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SOL1: Loss of existing LDC specific ISMs

SOL6: Strengthening monitoring facility through regulatory and institutional building



SOL2: Access non-LDC-specific support

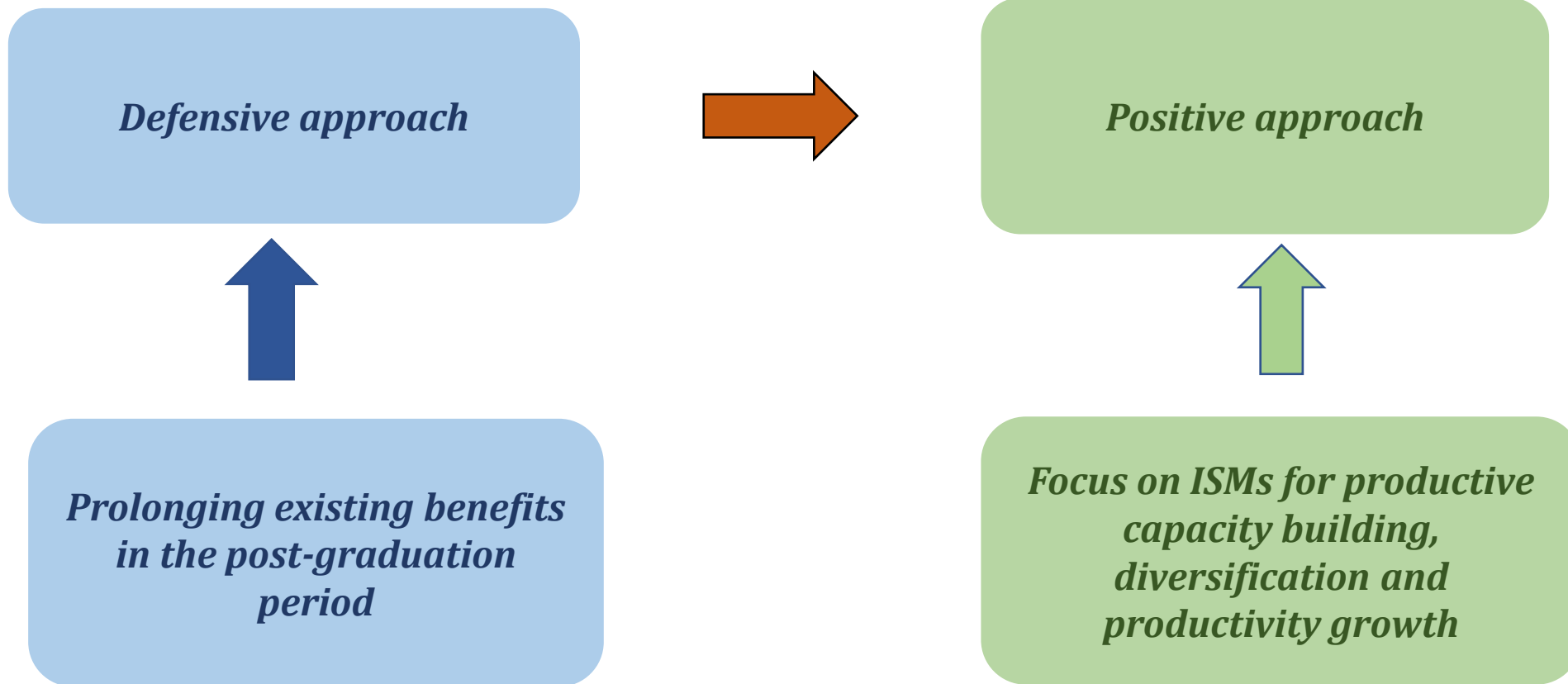
SOL5: Facilitating South-South Cooperation

SOL3: Smooth transition strategy (STS)

SOL4: Financing transition and beyond



# Changing the narrative





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# Thank You

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