



LDC5 5TH UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES



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LDC5 PREPCOM SIDE EVENT:

“Towards Improved Support to Graduating and Graduated Countries”

26 May 2021, 8:00am – 9:45am

INVITATION

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Amid a challenging global environment, this side event will discuss how the international community can provide concrete support to the least developed countries that are on the graduation track as well as to graduated countries.

The new Programme of Action for the LDCs to be adopted at the LDC5 Conference in January 2022 is critically important to build on successes achieved on reaching graduation thresholds, to provide further impetus to LDCs in meeting the 2030 Development Agenda and SDGs, to identify and respond to new and emerging challenges, to leverage opportunities for ensuring resilient recovery from COVID-19 pandemic and preventing any possible slide back. In recent years, the Inter Agency Task Force, led by OHRLLS, has been providing better coordinated UN System support to graduating LDCs. The CDP has piloted a new initiative, the Sustainable Graduation Support Facility, and proposed enhancements to its monitoring system.

As the new decade is expected to see an increased number of LDCs reaching the graduation thresholds amid challenging external conditions, LDC5 should lead to concrete, integrated and innovative global support that will help these countries to achieve risk-informed sustainable graduation with momentum.

OBJECTIVE: This side event will provide key messages to the LDC5 PrepCom related to improved and concrete support to graduating and graduated countries. Participants at the event are expected to elaborate on the following questions:

- What are the key messages regarding improved and concrete support to graduating and graduated countries, including strengthening UN System coordination, especially now to build back better from the COVID-19 pandemic?
- How to enhance the CDP’s proposed contributions on improved support measures, particularly through the Sustainable Graduation Support Facility and an improved monitoring mechanism?

EVENT FORMAT: The event will be chaired by H.E. Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations. It will hold panel discussions by distinguished subject matter experts and lead discussants

followed by interactive dialogues. This will be a virtual event on Zoom platform. Simultaneous interpretation in English, French and Portuguese will be provided.

AGENDA

Moderator:	H.E. Ms. Rabab Fatima
Opening remarks:	Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox, Director, OHRLLS
Panellists:	Mr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Member, CDP Mr. Taffere Tesfachew, Member, CDP
Lead discussants	Representatives of graduating and recently graduated countries as well development partners
Interactive Discussion	All Participants
Closing remarks	H.E. Ms. Rabab Fatima

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