



The Permanent Missions of Bangladesh, Canada, and the Office of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States are pleased to invite you to a

**High-level virtual event on
“Building Resilience for Sustainable and Irreversible Graduation of the LDCs”**

Thursday, 17 June 2021, 1.15 – 2.45 pm (EST)

The Istanbul Programme of Action (IPOA) had set an ambitious target to enable half of the LDCs to meet the graduation criteria by 2020. Since then, 4 countries have graduated, and 16 others are at different stages of graduation. Although this is a significant achievement, the target remains largely unmet. The Fifth UN Conference on LDCs (LDC5) provides an important opportunity to demonstrate international solidarity and partnership to support the graduating and graduated countries by building their resilience capacity through specific package of international support measures.

The high-level virtual event will provide a platform for the representatives from the Member States, the UN agencies, and other stakeholders to share their perspectives on major challenges and vulnerabilities faced by graduating and graduated countries. The primary aim of the event is to identify support measures for graduating and graduated countries to recover from the pandemic and build their resilience with a view to ensuring smooth transition. There will be high-level statements and briefings followed by interactive discussions.

(Agenda and concept note attached)

To join the event, please register [here](#)