



# Global Partnership for Sustainable Graduation

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## High-level Meeting on

### “Forging Ambitious Global Partnerships for Sustainable and Resilient Graduation of Least Developed Countries”

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#### A. TENTATIVE AGENDA

Time	Description
	<b>Day 1: Tuesday, 02 December 2023</b>
09:30 – 10:00 hrs	<b>OPENING PLENARY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome remarks by the Government of Qatar</li><li>• Remarks by USG and High Representative, UN-OHRLLS</li><li>• Remarks by the Minister of Nepal, Chair of LDCs</li></ul>
10:00 – 10:30 hrs	Family Photo, refreshment, and networking
10:30 – 12:30 hrs	<b>Session 1: <i>High-level Ministerial Dialogue on strategic pathways for navigating sustainable graduation amid challenging global development landscape and unlocking new opportunities</i></b> <p>This session will highlight innovative policies and pathways that empower graduating and graduated countries to adapt and thrive within the dynamic global development landscape. It will also facilitate sharing of successful experiences, emerging challenges and opportunities, and strategic foresights for unlocking new partnerships, resources, and technologies. Furthermore, the dialogue will emphasize how tailored, country-driven strategies can address vulnerabilities, foster economic diversification, and catalyze inclusive, sustainable growth beyond graduation.</p>
12:30 – 13:30 hrs	Lunch



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13:30 – 15:00 hrs	<p><b>Session 2: Developing <i>integrated and inclusive smooth transition strategies (STS)</i> aligning with national development plans to drive seamless transition, sustained progress, and achieve SDGs</b></p> <p>This session will focus on developing integrated and inclusive smooth transition strategies aligning with national development plans as well as strategic foresight to ensure a seamless transition from LDC category to sustain long-term development progress toward the SDGs. Participants will share experiences and lessons in preparing and implementing such strategies aimed at protecting development gains amid the phasing-out of LDC-specific support, highlighting pathways for sustainable and irreversible progress, the challenges encountered and concrete recommendations for smooth and sustainable transition.</p>
15:00 – 15:30 hrs	Refreshment and networking break
15:30 – 17:00 hrs	<p><b>Session 3: Mobilizing domestic resources and attracting productive investment, including foreign direct investment, to drive resilient growth and sustained prosperity beyond graduation</b></p> <p>This session will explore how strengthening domestic resource mobilization and catalyzing transformative productive investment, including foreign direct investment, lays the foundation for resilient growth and sustained prosperity beyond graduation. By enhancing fiscal systems, improving investment climate, undertaking necessary reforms, aligning domestic resources and FDI with national development priorities, LDCs can foster innovation, generate decent jobs, and secure long-term economic resilience and competitiveness after graduation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>End of Day 1</b></p>
	<b>Day 2: Wednesday, 3 December 2025</b>
09:00 – 09:15 hrs	<b>RECAP OF DAY 1</b>
09:15 – 10:45 hrs	<p><b>Session 4: Accelerating structural transformation through enhanced productive capacities, value addition, diversification, innovation and digitalization</b></p> <p>This session will explore ways to accelerate structural transformation by enhancing productive capacities, advancing economic</p>



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	diversification, and promoting innovation and digitalization as key drivers of sustained growth and resilience in the post-graduation context. The discussion will also highlight the role of skills development, quality infrastructure, private-sector growth, and regional integration in driving resilient, inclusive, and high-value development trajectories.
10:45 – 11:15 hrs	Refreshment and networking break
11:15 – 13:00 hrs	<p><b><i>Session 5: Fostering resilient graduation by ensuring LDCs' smooth integration into global trade, safeguarding development gains, and supporting transformation beyond preference regimes</i></b></p> <p>This session will focus on strengthening sustainable graduation by supporting graduating and graduated countries to integrate seamlessly into global trade and innovation systems as LDC-specific support measures, including trade preferences and TRIPS flexibilities, are phased out. It will also explore how the LDCs can adapt to evolving trade regimes, and sustain their development gains through preferential market access, supporting robust export competitiveness, and building resilient, diversified, and inclusive trade capacities.</p>
13:00 – 14:00 hrs	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30 hrs	<p><b><i>Session 6: Strengthening resilience to multiple and compounding shocks to enable LDCs withstand disruptions and achieve sustainable, inclusive recovery and robust growth post-graduation</i></b></p> <p>This session will focus on enabling graduating and graduated countries to confront multiple and compounding shocks, including intensifying climate crises, pandemics, conflicts, and other geo-political tensions, by advancing comprehensive, risk-informed strategies, innovative and sustainable financing, and broad-based partnerships. It will also address how LDCs can forge robust resilience and adaptive measures at the heart of their sustainable development journey to achieve inclusive, sustainable recovery and robust growth in the post-graduation era.</p>
15:30 – 16:00 hrs	Refreshment and networking break
	<b>Day 3: Thursday, 4 December 2025</b>



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09:00 – 09:15 hrs	<b>RECAP OF DAY 2</b>
09:15 – 11:15 hrs	<p><b>Thematic Session7: <i>Charting an incentives-based graduation framework to ensure soft landing and achieve resilient, inclusive, and sustainable progress beyond graduation</i></b></p> <p>This session will focus on designing strategic guidelines for an incentives-based graduation framework that catalyzes opportunities for sustained and inclusive development. Building on the principles outlined in paragraph 281 of the Doha Programme of Action and beyond, the discussion will examine practical measures to ensure a smooth and resilient transition through strengthened institutional and human capacities, enhanced domestic resource mobilization, and continued access to concessional finance, trade preferences, and technology. It will also highlight how demand-driven incentives and innovative support mechanisms can encourage LDCs to pursue graduation with confidence, ensuring that the process leads to irreversible progress and long-term prosperity.</p>
11:15 – 11:45 hrs	Refreshment and networking break
11:45 – 12:30 hrs	<p><b>Final Wrap-up: Reports from Session Chairs and Synthesis of Key Takeaways</b></p> <p><b>Format:</b> Brief intervention (5 minutes each) from Chairs/Moderators of key sessions across all 3 days.</p>
12:30 – 13:00 hrs	<p><b>CLOSING SESSION</b></p> <p>Remarks by the Government of Qatar</p> <p>Remarks by USG and High Representative, UN-OHRLLS</p>