

National Focal Point Meeting

Smooth Transition Measures and Graduation Support

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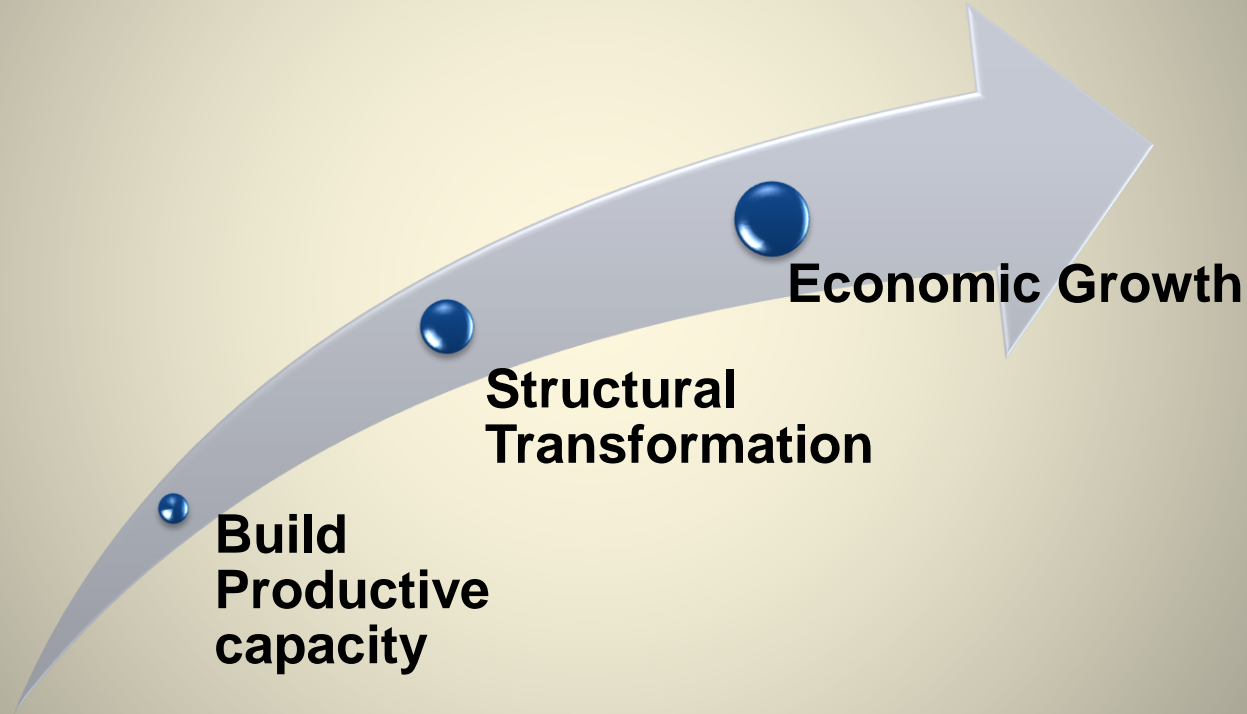
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KEY TO GRADUATION WITH MOMENTUM



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**Build
Productive
capacity**

**Structural
Transformation**

Economic Growth

MOVING TOWARDS GRADUATION

- ❖ Establishment of consultative mechanism
- ❖ Develop smooth transition strategy in cooperation with development partners
- ❖ Graduation transition necessary to avoid disruption of development process

SMOOTH TRANSITION PREPARATIONS

- ❖ LDC specific support
- ❖ Impact assessment and vulnerability profiles
- ❖ Prepare smooth transition strategy early
- ❖ Link strategy with national development plans
- ❖ Collaborate with development partners

EXISTING SMOOTH TRANSITION MEASURES



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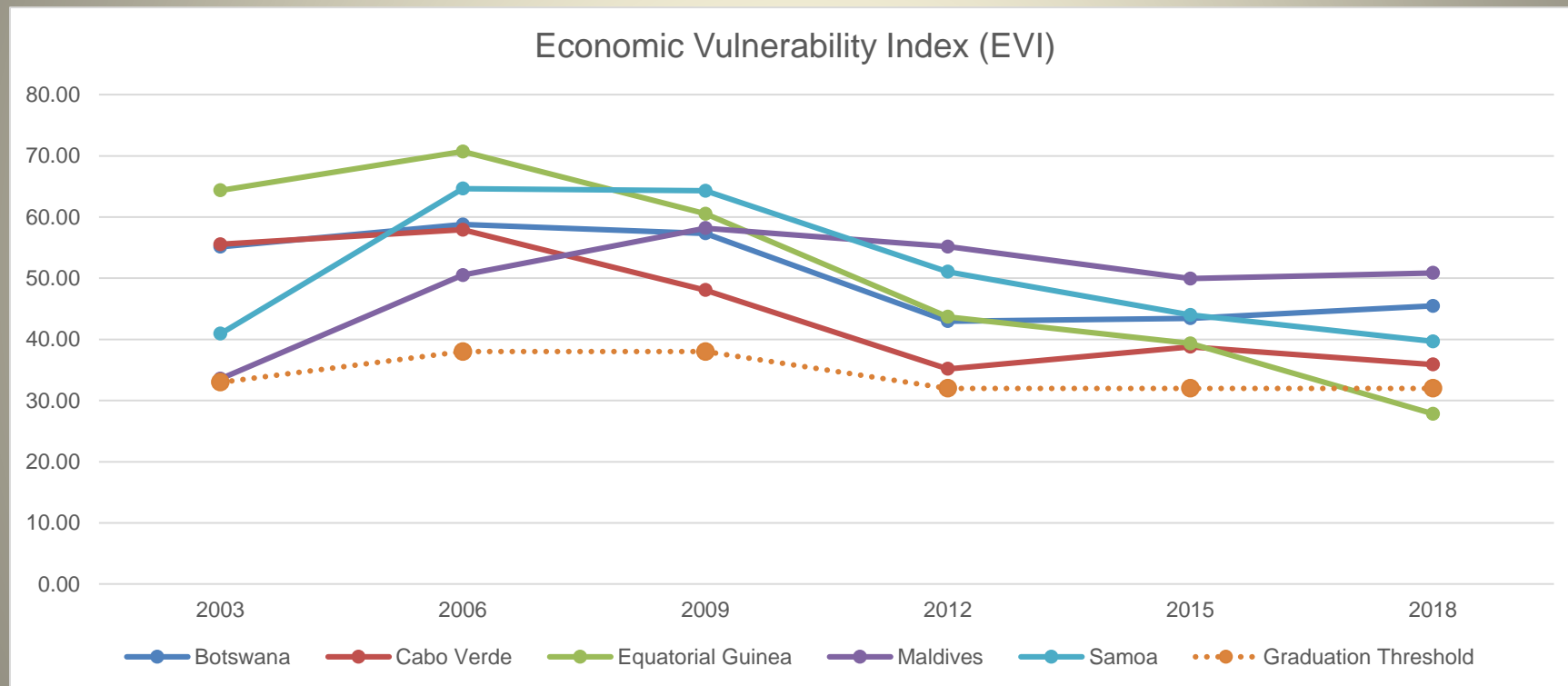
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- WTO benefits end, but can be negotiated with members
- Extended DFQF market access for LDCs, e.g. EU extends EBA for 3 years
- EIF support continues for 5 years after graduation
- UNCDF projects continue for 3-5 years
- Technology Bank will strengthen STI, access extended for 5 years
- UNFCCC is working towards extending support
- Travel support for GA sessions extended for 3 years

POST-GRADUATION GENERAL SUPPORT

DEVELOPMENT & CLIMATE FINANCE	TRADE Related Support
❖ Slow changes to ODA	❖ Continued access to GSP and regional agreements
❖ For most graduating LDCs continued eligibility for World Bank's IDA allocations (small states exception)	
❖ No more access to LDCF, but still access to other climate change finance	

DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS OF GRADUATED COUNTRIES CONTINUED



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- graduated countries continued to have access to external support
- there have been changes in ODA modalities
- FDI increased in some graduated countries
- some graduated countries are rated as being at high risk of debt distress

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR GRADUATION



- address new challenges with respect to access to finance and markets
- in line with the priorities of the graduated country.
- additional and complementary to the smooth transition measures

PROPOSED NEW MEASURES



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- specific capacity building to enhance access to new sources of financing
- centralised information on available sources of concessional finance
- dedicated support for the preparation of bankable projects in priority sectors
- inform other actors like credit rating agencies about graduation

PROPOSED NEW MEASURES (CONT.)



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- debt sustainability of graduated countries needs to be addressed
- capacity building for government officials
- capacity building for exporters to navigate different types of market access

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