Southeast Asia 2024 VNR Clinic

Overview of the Doha Programme of Action for Least Developed Countries and its links to the Sustainable Development Goals

Session 2: Strengthening vertical and horizontal policy coherence through VNRs
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Structure

• Introduction to Doha Programme of Action (DPoA)

• DPoA and VNR: how are they complementary?

• ESCAP’s work on DPoA
The Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2022-2031 (DPoA)

- DPoA, adopted in March 2022, is a new set of visions, strategies and commitments to support the sustainable development of least developed countries (LDCs), following the completion of the preceding Istanbul Programme of Action for LDCs for the Decade 2011-2020 (IPoA)
- 46 LDCs, including 11 in Asia-Pacific
- Structure: 6 key focus areas, 38 key action areas with 116 targets
6 key focus areas of DPoA

1. **Investing in people**: eradicating poverty and building capacity to leave no one behind
2. Leveraging the power of **STI** to fight against multidimensional vulnerabilities and to achieve SDGs
3. Supporting **structural transformation** as a driver of prosperity
4. Enhancing **international trade and regional integration**
5. Addressing **climate change**, recovering from COVID-19, building **resilience** against shocks
6. Mobilizing international solidarity and reinvigorating global partnerships: a march towards **sustainable graduation**

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Mapping DPoA onto the 2030 Agenda

2030 Agenda

Goal 1
- Target 1.1
- Target 1.2
- Target 1.3

Goal 17
- Target 17.1

Total number of Targets = 116

- Orange: Targets with no corresponding SDG targets
- Blue: Targets with matching SDG targets
Observations

• VNRs can serve as a follow-up and review mechanism of DPoA
  ➢ 59% of the DPoA targets mirror or closely resemble SDG targets
  ➢ Aligning DPoA review with VNR could lower administrative and logistical costs

• DPoA enables VNRs to make action plans on issues specific to LDCs

DPoA and VNRs are complementary
ESCAP’s work on DPoA

1. Investing in people
   • Provide technical support to enhance social protection system
   • Develop a risk framework for assessing food system risks
   • Strengthen policy coherence and impact on sustainable agriculture and agro-ecology

2. Leveraging the power of STI
   • Provide research and capacity building to develop innovative strategies for improving rural digital transport and connectivity for socio-economic resilience
   • Support the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway Action Plan 2022-2026

3. Supporting structural transformation
   • Provide capacity building in economic empowerment of women and enhancing employment opportunities for persons with disabilities
   • Provide capacity development on deployment of clean cooking solutions with a focus on electric cooking

4. Enhancing International trade and regional integration
   • Provide training and advisory services on cross-border paperless trade implementation
   • Support LDCs in evidence-based policymaking and trade negotiation
   • Provide secretariat support for participation of LDCs in regional transport infrastructure agreements

5. Climate change, environment, recovery and building resilience
   • Promote affordable and equitable access to vaccines, diagnostics and therapeutics
   • Provide capacity building on disaster and climate resilience
   • Provide training on climate finance mobilization and access for LDCs

6. Mobilizing international solidarity and reinvigorating global partnerships
   • Provide support in preparing for graduation and a smooth transition
   • Assist LDCs in developing FDI promotion strategies, including in the digital economy and digital infrastructure
   • Provide technical support and capacity building for policy and data integration
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