



Support Measures Portal for
Least Developed Countries



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Least Developed Countries = Low-income countries + facing structural handicaps to sustainable development

- ❑ GNI per capita (as a measure of income)
- ❑ Structural impediments to sustained sustainable development:
 - Level of human development measured by the Human Asset Index (HAI),
 - Structural vulnerability to shocks proxied by the Economic Vulnerability Index (EVI)
- Special international support measures needed to help LDCs address problems of under-development



Special International Support Measures for LDCs

Official Development Assistance:

- ⇒ Financial flows and technical assistance
- ⇒ Bilateral and multilateral donors

International trade:

- ⇒ SDT in WTO obligations
- ⇒ Market Access

Other forms of support:

- ⇒ Caps to contribution to UN budget, discounts in contributions PKO
- ⇒ Travel funds
- ⇒ Others

Since 1981, support by the development partners framed by the Programmes of Action for LDCs



- ❑ Limited use of many support measures by few LDCs
- ❑ Surveys by DESA revealed in many cases a lack of knowledge about support measures
- Lack of information is a potential constraint for using support measures
- Information is often widely dispersed
- Capacity constraints in identifying and knowing how to use support measures



Objectives of LDC Portal

- ☐ A consolidated platform with all relevant information related to the international support measures specifically made available for the category
- ☐ Improve LDCs capacity to access information on existing support measures and to make use of such measures
- ☐ Building capacity in graduating countries in preparing strategies for a smooth transition



How we got there capacity building activities

- ❑ Surveys, case studies, policy analysis, macro-economic framework
- ❑ 57 survey participants: LDCs, bilateral donors, multilateral organizations, trading partners
- ❑ Collaborative effort: EIF, ITC, OECD/DAC, OHRLLS, STDF, UNCTAD, UNDP, WTO
- ❑ First launch: IV UN Conference on LDCs in Istanbul, May 2011
- ❑ October 2012 launch: redesigned version to improve accessibility, ease of navigation and allow for greater interaction among users

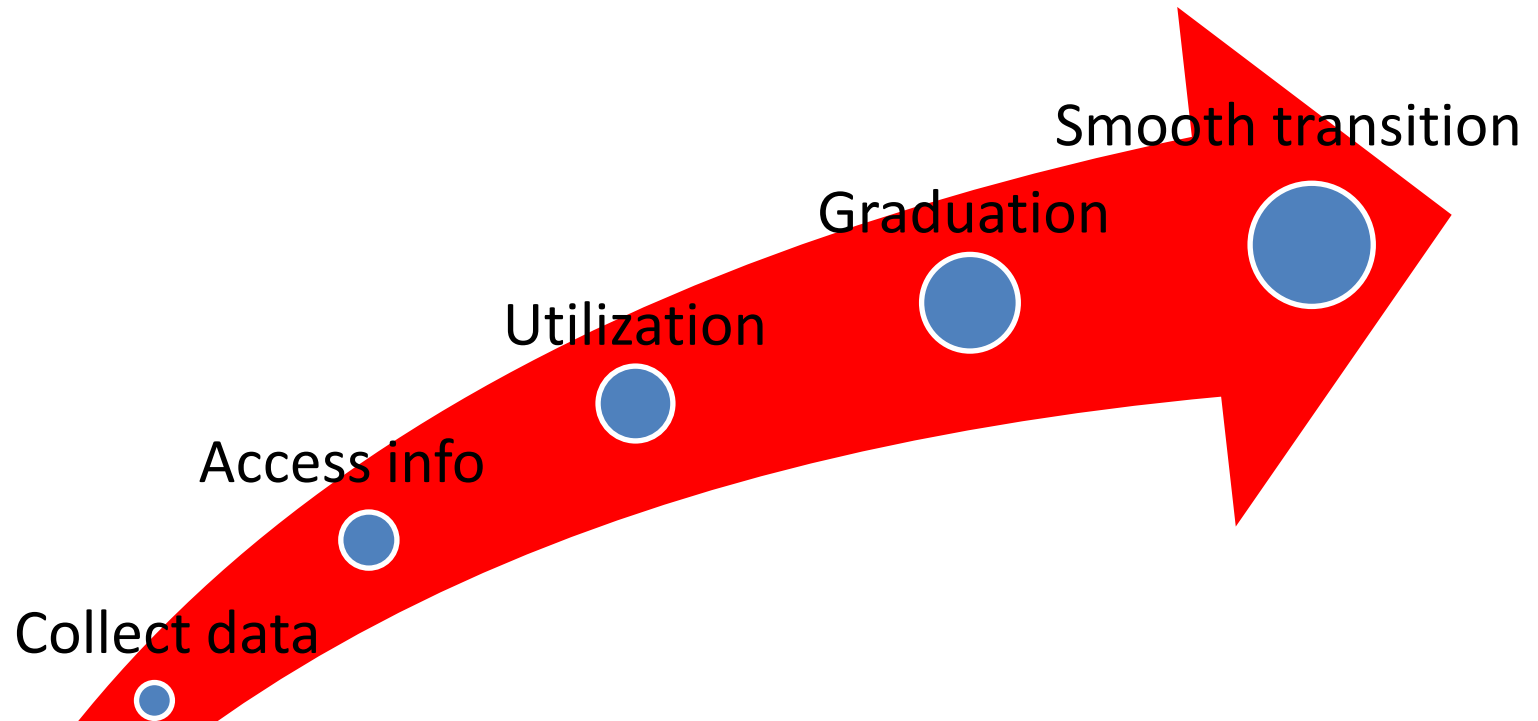


WHAT CAN PORTAL DO TO HELP?

- ☐ Consolidate access of information on availability, utilization and obstacles
- ☐ Increase awareness of measures and conditions
- ☐ Explanation of rules related to access
- ☐ Assist in identifying gaps in access and delivery
- ☐ Support capacity building to access the measures
- ☐ Enhance ownership of the measures
- ☐ Providing tools to become more pro-active, including in preparing for smooth transition

► Enhanced use of the measures

Facilitate the Road Towards Graduation



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Improving Access to Support Measures

This Portal gives users access to information about special international support measures (ISMs) adopted by the international development community for countries included in the LDC category. ISMs are meant to assist LDCs in confronting their special development challenges and in achieving progress towards graduation from the category. The measures can be grouped into 3 broad areas of assistance:



Trade

International support measures from development partners related to international trade.

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Development

Support measures related to the volume and quality of Official Development Assistance.

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General Support

Other support measures such as dedicated travel funds and caps on contributions to the UN.

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New! Coverage

SPOTLIGHT: EIF success stories - lessons learned

Several reports have reviewed the impact of EIF projects. Most of these studies give valuable...

Jonathan Werner, Coordinator EIF Secretariat

Jonathan Werner - Coordinator at the Enhanced Integrated Framework at the WTO. Mr.

New! Coverage

LDCF Background and Experience

The LDCF was proposed at the 7th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC in...

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

UNDP gives particular attention to the development challenges of LDCs through earmarking a

New! Coverage

United Nations Office of the High Representative for the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS (UN-OHRRLS)

OHRRLS was established on the recommendation of the Secretary-General of the UN by the GA in its...

Briefing LDC Portal to New York based Delegates

On Thursday 15 November the

Latest stories

■ Bangladesh' exports to Canada: the importance of flexible rules of origin*

The Canadian GSP scheme for the LDCs was revised in 2002 when almost all tradable items were made...

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The LDCF was proposed at the 7th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC in...

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Latest news

■ LDCs request indefinite extension of TRIPS transition periods

At the meeting of the WTO Council on TRIPS which took place in Geneva on 6 -7 November 2012,...

■ Briefing LDC Portal to New York based Delegates

On Thursday 15 November the CDP Secretariat will organize a briefing for delegates to present the...

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Moving forward (existing activities)

❑ CDP Secretariat

- » French version
- » Update news/information
- » Monthly newsletter
- » Spotlights with moderated discussions
- » Training sessions (web-based)

❑ Stakeholders

- » Participation: comments, discussions, inquiries
- » Dissemination at the country/local level
- » Information updates on availability, access and utilization



Moving forward (new activities)

❑ DESA-UNDP Portal training & dissemination activities

- Content
- Interactive features : discussions, ask for assistance
- Training: access and navigation

❑ DESA follow-up project on institutional capacity building

- Increase institutional capacity in participating LDCs to access and effectively use the trade-related ISMs.
- Improved capacity in LDCs to set priorities for accessing trade-related international support measures for faster export growth.
- 4 Pilot countries, collaboration EIF and UNDP and others.



Moving forward (new activities - continued)

☐ Focal points

- Establish collaboration
- Dissemination
- Training



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