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Side-event on LDC support measures:
**improving knowledge, implementation
and effectiveness for smooth
transition from the LDC category**



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Adriatic II, Hotel Titanic Belek

BACKGROUND NOTE

Over the years, the Secretariat of the Committee for Development Policy (CDP) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) has provided background information and research on the identification of LDCs and in documenting the international support measures for these countries.

In response to the need for a single source of information on all the measures, the CDP Secretariat developed the LDC information portal (www.un.org/ldcportal). Despite the availability of this complete catalogue of international support measures, countries aspiring to graduate and/or identified for graduation face considerable difficulties in developing a good understanding of the type of LDC-specific support they are actually using and may no longer have access to after graduation.

Against this background the CDP is developing a graduation diagnostics toolkit to assist these countries in strengthening capacity for taking stock of their use of LDC specific support, in assessing the specific advantages associated with such support, and preparing for its phasing out. The first part of the side event will present the pilot toolkit and allow for discussions about the functionalities needed to maximize the impact of such a system in addressing the uncertainties related to graduation in a systematic way. Panellists from recently graduated and graduating countries will provide their views on the development of such a toolkit.

For the support measures to increase the likelihood of graduation, a better knowledge and use of these measures is not enough. It is important also to understand to what extent the measures are effective in promoting a sustainable development and how their impact can be enhanced. This understanding should lead to a better design of the support measures.

Assessing the impact of the support measures is the topic of a new book published by Ferdi “Out of the trap, Supporting the LDCs” that will be presented in the second part of the side event. It will allow participants to see what development partners should do to make their commitments more effective, thus facilitating the progress of LDCs towards graduation, and smoothing the transition from the category.

MODERATOR

- Mr. Cheick Sidi **Diarra**, former USG of UN-OHRLS

PRESENTATIONS BY

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PANELLISTS

- Mr. Federico **Bonaglia**, Senior Counsellor to the Director, OECD Development Centre
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