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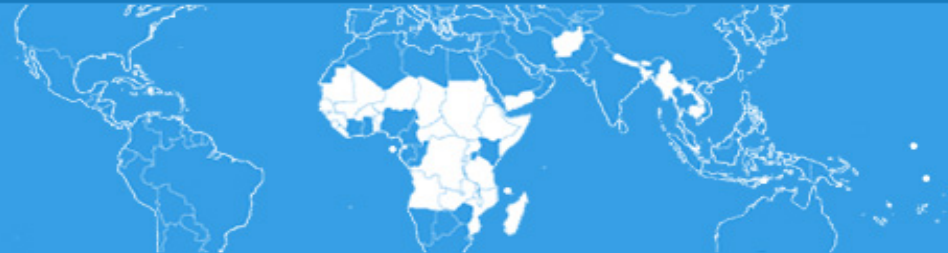
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Welcome to the LDCs Information Portal

This portal aims at improving the capacity of LDCs to access and benefit from the special **international support measures** adopted by the international development community for countries included in the LDC category.

Information on the availability of existing international support measures for LDCs is spread over a wide range of sources and are often not easy to locate. This site gives users access to a unique catalogue of data on the availability and utilization of the international support measures. These measures fall into three main areas:

- **International Trade**
- **Official Development Assistance (including development financing and technical cooperation)**
- **Other forms of assistance**

For those countries graduating from the category, the site also provides the necessary tools to assess the likely impact of graduation and assist in developing strategies for the possible phasing out of the support associated with LDC status.



Handbook on the Least Developed Country Category: Inclusion, Graduation and Special Support Measures

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- Launch of the LDC Information Portal during the special event "Optimizing Support Measures for LDCs: Access, Utilization and Effectiveness".
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- Read, Discuss and Ask online questions to [LDC colleagues](#), Experts, Development and trading partners in our Forum.

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This blog addresses selected FAQs and hot topics from our forums, and also provides updates on the latest news and changes in LDC support.

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OBJECTIVE OF THE PORTAL

A consolidated platform with all relevant information related to the **international support measures** specifically made available for the LDC 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

PORTAL STRUCTURE

Five content areas for information retrieval and analysis



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CONCLUSIONS FROM ANALYSIS OF EXISTING SUPPORT MEASURES

General shortcomings with existing measures

- Design flaws; not tailored to LDC-specific conditions
- Gaps in delivery
- Underfunding and underutilization of existing support mechanisms
- Disconnected to IPoA goals
- Difficult to locate and access the ISMs
- Conditions to access too difficult to meet
- Incoherence in global policy making
 - Support measures offset by measures taken elsewhere

WHAT CAN PORTAL DO TO HELP?

- Consolidate access of information on availability, utilization and obstacles
- Increase awareness of measures and conditions
- 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
Negotiate better terms

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