**Least Developed Countries (LDCs)**

- Periodically reviews the LDC category.
- Recommends to ECOSOC countries that should be included or graduate.
- Monitors progress of graduating and graduated countries.
- Proposes support measures for a smooth transition from the LDC category.

**2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

- Independent analysis on cross-cutting issues:
  - Leaving no one behind
  - Productive capacity
  - Development cooperation
  - Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)
  - Multilateralism
  - COVID-19 impacts on LDCs

**The CDP in 2021**

- On the 2021 ECOSOC theme: Recommended action on public health response; finance and debt relief; climate change; and social protection.
  - “The aim of the recovery (...) should not be to return to pre-crisis development patterns but to reframe development towards equality, resilience and environmental sustainability.”

- Analysis of VNRs: systematic under-reporting on environmental sustainability, inequality, LDCs, structural constraints

- Triennial review of the LDC category: Bangladesh, Lao PDR and Nepal recommended to graduate from the LDC category

- Analysis of the impact of COVID-19 on the LDCs: Devastating socio-economic fallout requires priority access for LDCs to vaccines at no or low cost; massively scaled-up financial support and debt relief; actions for sustainable, inclusive economic transformation

- Monitoring of graduating and graduated countries: Grave concern at negative socio-economic impacts of COVID-19

- Contributions to LDCs:
  - “Expanding productive capacity for sustainable development” as framework for next programme of action
  - Call for new international support measures for graduating and graduated LDCs
  - Sustainable graduation support facility (SGSF) for coordinated graduation-related capacity development
  - Enhanced monitoring for graduating and graduated LDCs