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## COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY

- 24 members nominated by the Secretary-General in their personal capacity
- Next plenary session: 21-25 February 2022
- Focus on two thematic clusters:



### Least Developed Countries (LDCs)



### 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



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

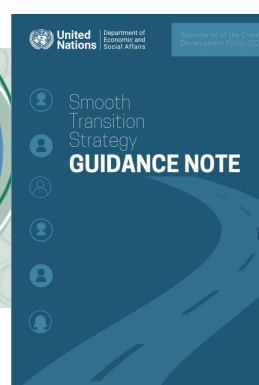
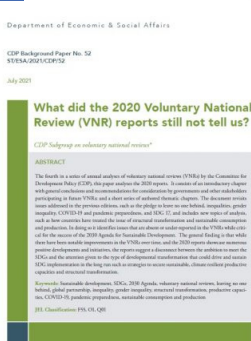
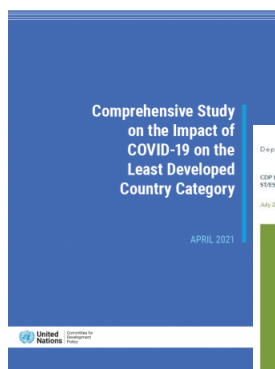


### The CDP in 2021

- 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 LDC5:
  - "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

### Information resources managed by the CDP secretariat

- Information on the CDP, publications, LDCs, graduation process: <https://cdp.un.org>
- LDC criteria database: [bit.ly/CDP-LDCs](http://bit.ly/CDP-LDCs)
- LDC Portal (international support measures for LDCs): [www.un.org/ldcportal](http://www.un.org/ldcportal)
- E-Ping (information on product requirements for exporters, with WTO and ITC): [www.epingalert.org](http://www.epingalert.org)
- Handbook on the LDC category (4th edition forthcoming)



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