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COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY



Independent experts at ECOSOC's service

24 members nominated by the Secretary-General in their personal capacity
Mandated to periodically review the least developed countries (LDC) category and advise ECOSOC on annual themes

CDP's work on LDCs

- Sets criteria to identify LDCs
- Recommends to ECOSOC countries that should be included or should graduate; monitors progress of graduating and recently graduated countries
- Promotes support for a smooth transition from the LDC category

Current work under ECOSOC theme

- New development contexts and pathways: multilateralism, trade, finance, poverty measurement
- Global development agenda beyond 2030



2026 Plenary:
23-27 February

Key messages in 2025

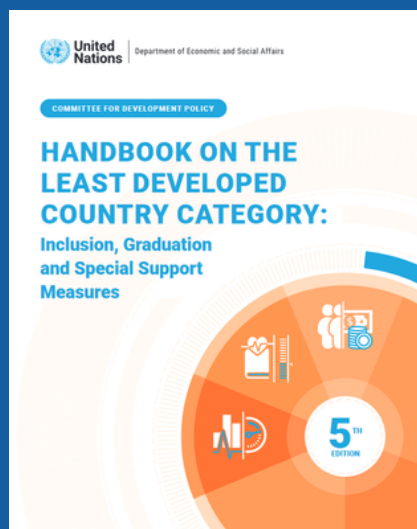


2025 Report

- The **multilateral system** for development is as important as ever. It needs to be strengthened and made more effective, responding to new development contexts and delivering results for those furthest behind.
- The **Compromiso de Sevilla** is a testament to global commitment to multilateralism. Its implementation requires close follow-up.
- Trade has been important in lifting millions of people out of poverty across the world, including in many LDCs. **Trade can only be an engine for sustainable development** under a rules-based, fair, transparent and supportive multilateral trading system which reflects asymmetries in global development and contemporary challenges and opportunities.
- **How poverty is measured matters**: using national and global monetary and multidimensional poverty indices that can be disaggregated enable effective action and real impact for poverty eradication. Reporting absolute changes in poverty rates alongside relative ones can make successes in the poorest countries visible and incentivize action.
- Despite notable progress in many countries, development outcomes in LDCs have hardly converged towards those of other countries. **The support given to LDCs needs to be rethought** against the backdrop of the difficult external environment, new challenges, and limited benefits realized by many LDCs from existing LDC-specific international support measures. The graduation process needs to be improved to provide clarity, certainty and efficiency.

Information, publications and other resources:

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