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# LDC graduation toolkit: an update

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# Why a toolkit?

**Uncertainty** is major constraint to graduation:

- Timing of graduation
  - LDC specificity of ISMs
  - Actual use of ISMs
  - Impact of graduation on ISMs
  - Likely impact of graduation on development
  - Managing graduation
  - Nature of smooth transition strategy
- Often, countries delay graduation due to this uncertainty or don't take full advantage of ISMs or smooth transition measures.

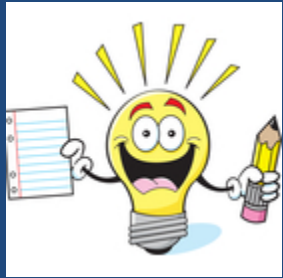




# Approaching uncertainty

- Uncertainty cannot be fully eliminated
- But it can be reduced and managed
- Overall approach:
  - Identify sources of uncertainty
  - Provide basic information
  - Explain how to obtain and use detailed information
  - Promote collaboration among UN agencies
  - Put information in one place



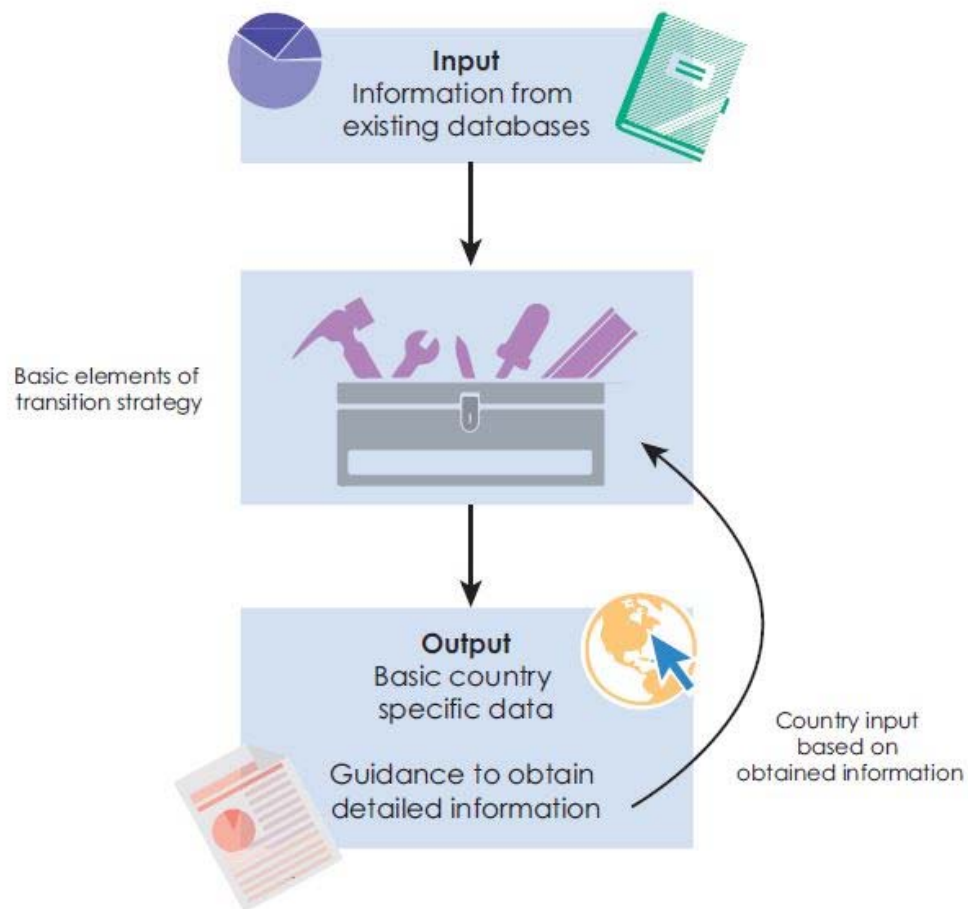


# Goals and objectives

- Assist in better understanding LDC-specific support
- Better prepare for graduation
- Improve access to graduation data
- Map out LDC-specific support received
- Identify relevant sectors and impact of ISMs
- Assess impact on development progress
- **Promote collaboration between stakeholders**
- Establish roadmap to graduation
- Integrate smooth transition strategy in development strategies
- Facilitate transition strategy



## Toolkit approach



### Basic elements of transition strategy

**Stage 1**  
Assess  
timing & process  
of graduation

**Stage 2**  
Identify  
relevant ISMs

**Stage 3**  
Assess impact  
of graduation

**Stage 4**  
Manage  
possible loss  
of ISMs



# What we've done so far

- Collected available information ✓
- Established the graduation knowledge domain ✓
- Done some information analysis and structuring ✓
- Designed a preliminary concept ✓
- Presented concept to 10 LDCs at a workshop a fortnight ago ✓





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2

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impact (ISM's)



3

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The concept  
4 phases



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AID

Other

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dynamic presentation with recommendations by CDP

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Video 02

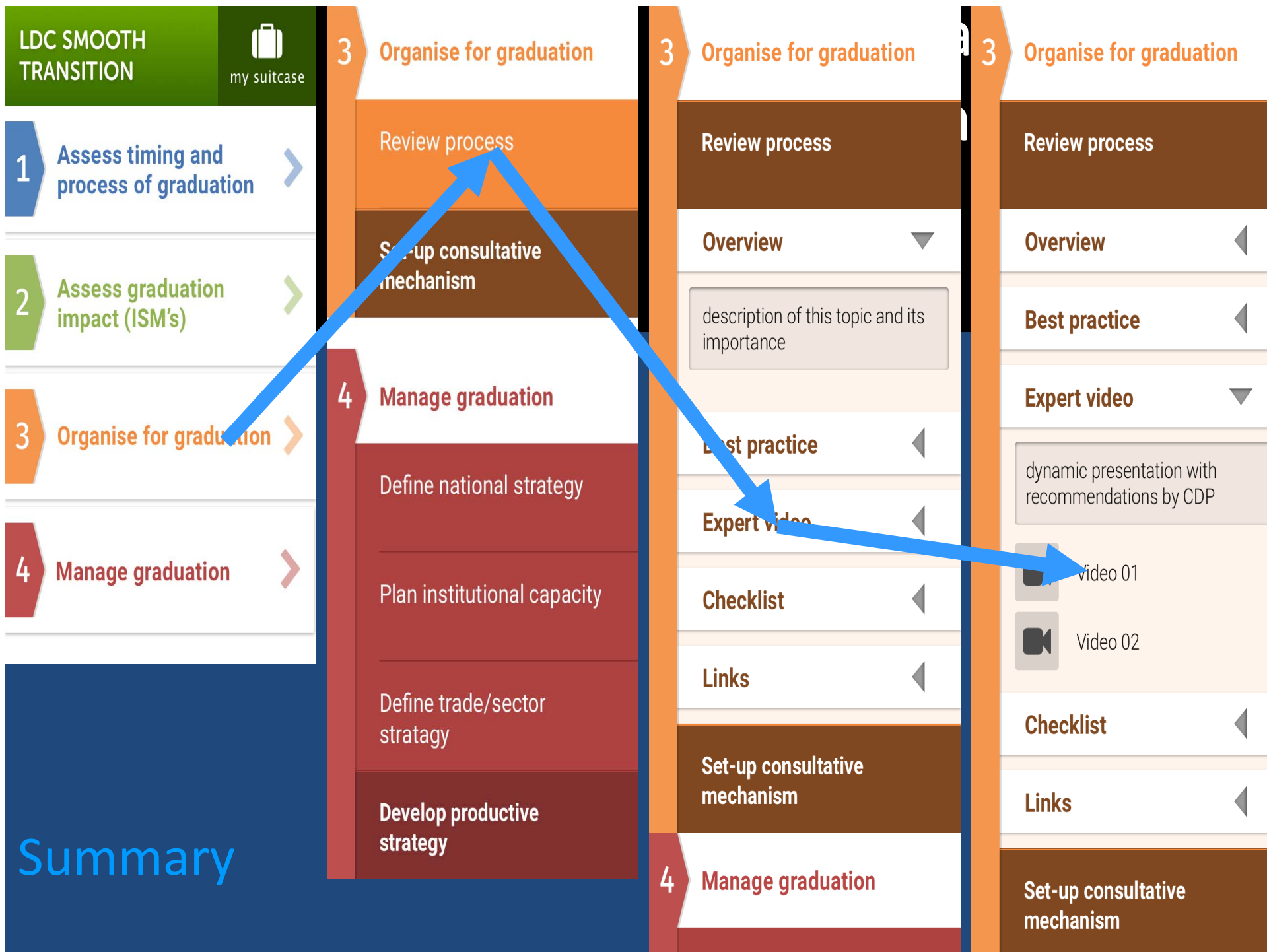
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And examples or tools in each section







# Next stages

- Consult experts and international agencies this week
- Generate further feedback and input
- Secure commitment from partner agencies
- Start building toolkit
- Start testing with focus group of 3-4 countries
- Revise and amend
- Launch
- Successful LDC graduation!



Thank you

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