

Challenges and opportunities of LDCs Graduation: UNDP as a Strategic Partner in the Graduation Process



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Overview of the presentation

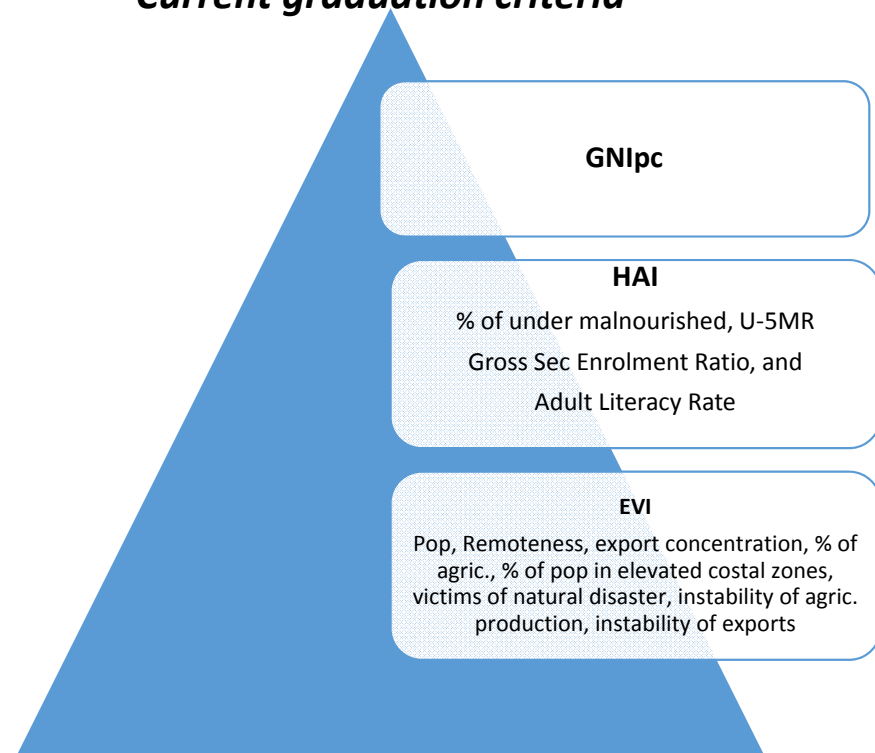


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- **Highlight of LDCs Graduation since 1971**
- **Angola: A sleeping Giant in Africa**
- **Transitory and structural opportunities to graduation**
- **Challenges and risks facing LDCs graduation process**
- **UNDP as a strategic partner in the graduation process**

Overview of LDCs Graduation since 1971 (1/3)

Current graduation criteria



Countries already graduated

Botswana (19 Dec 1994) – economic and precautionary conditions

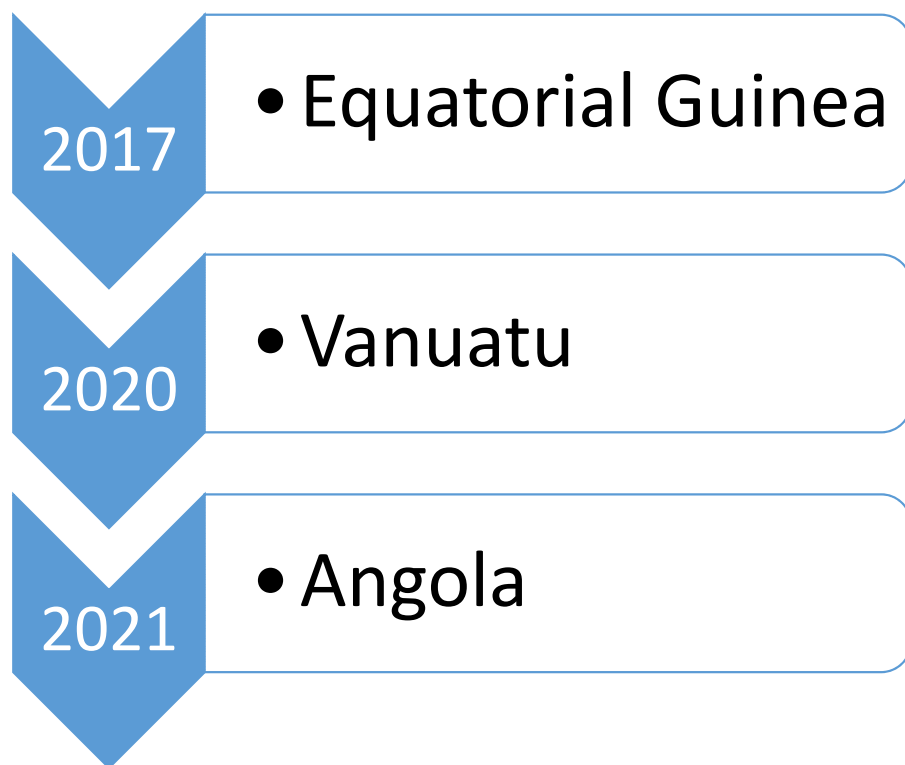
Cape Verde (20 Dec 2007) --- GNI per capita + HAI

Maldives (1 Jan 2011) --- GNI per capita + HAI

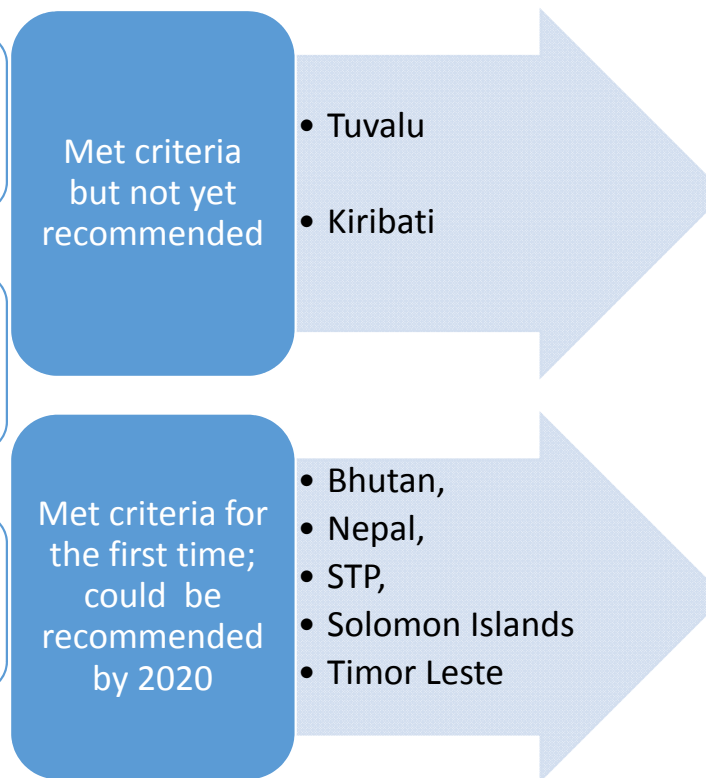
Samoa (Jan 2014) - ---- GNI per capita + HAI

Overview of LDCs Graduation since 1971 (2/3)

Countries scheduled for graduation



Potentials for graduation



Overview of LDCs Graduation since 1971: *Why is graduation so sticky?* (3/3)

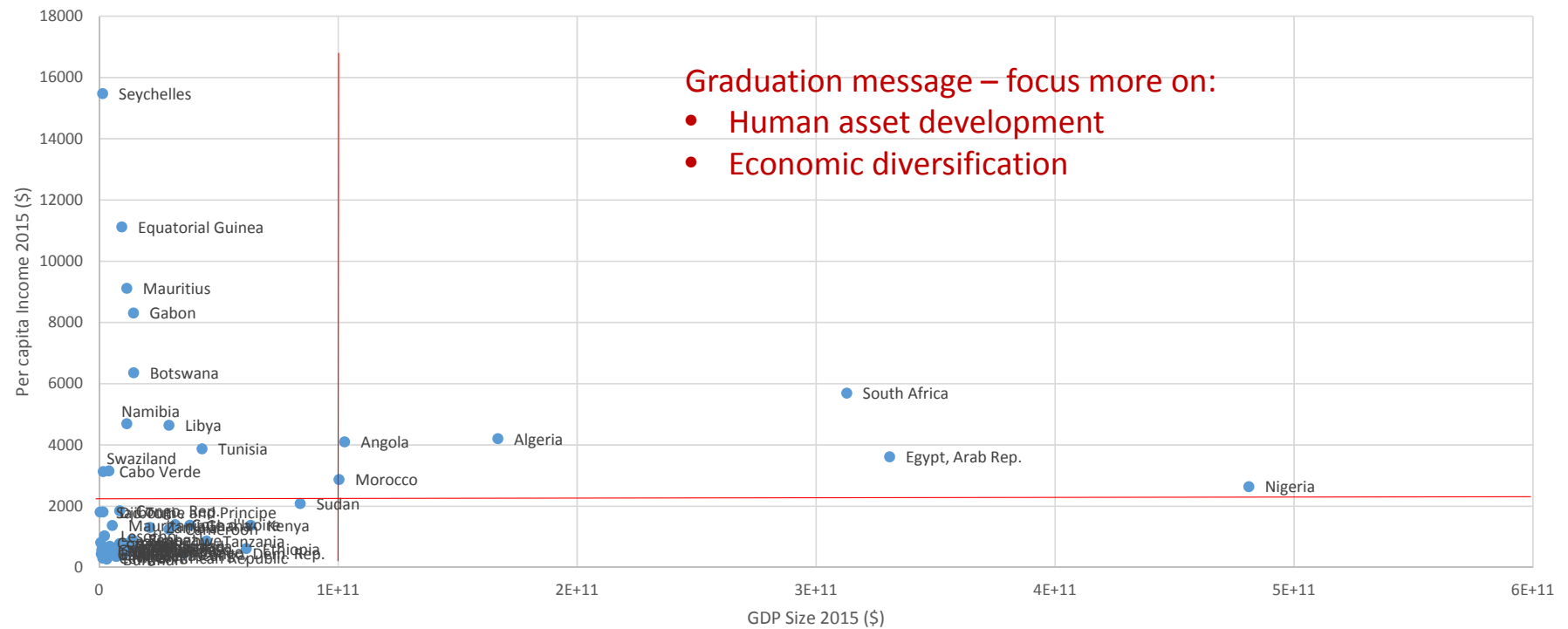
Weak capacity
to manage
economic
vulnerability
and social
transformation

- No country graduated under economic vulnerability criterion

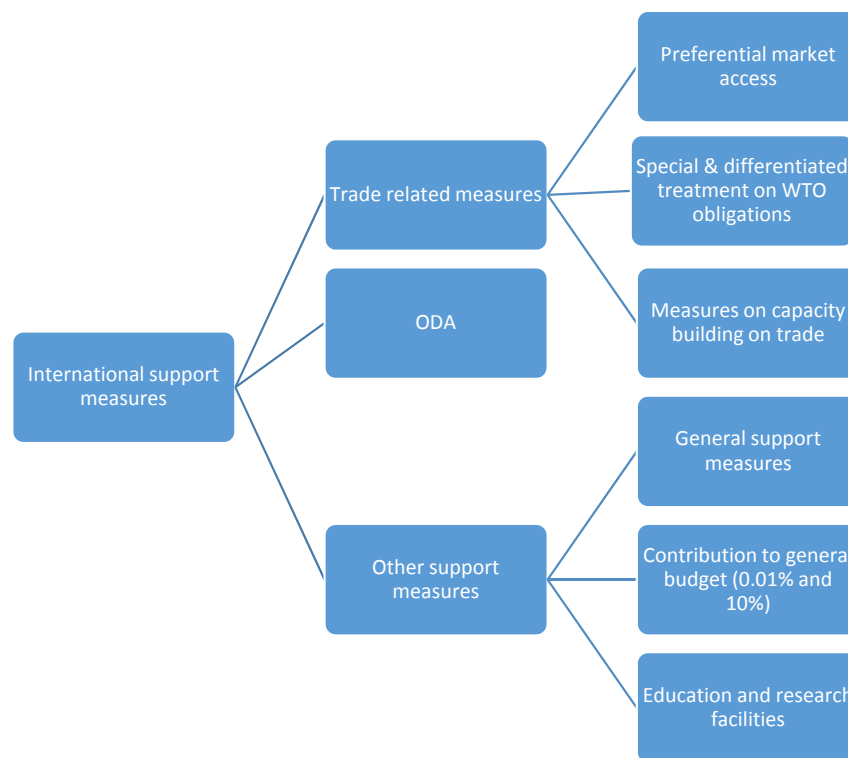
Fear of losing
privileges

- Maldives, Cabo Verde, Samoa, Equatorial Guinea and recently, Vanuatu, arising from the 2014 tragic cyclone

Angola: A Sleeping Giant in Africa

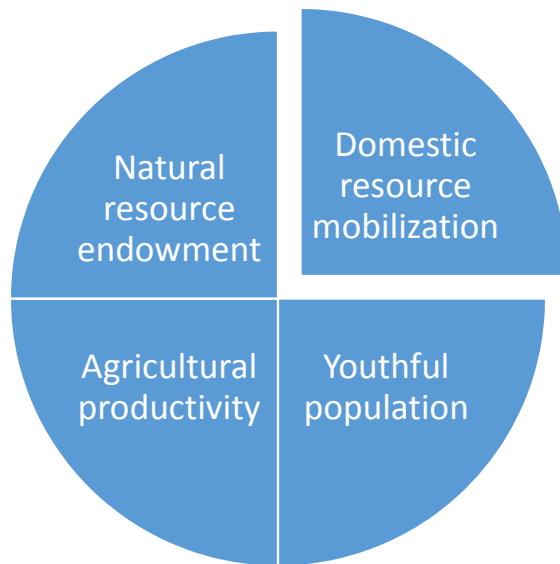


Transitory opportunities

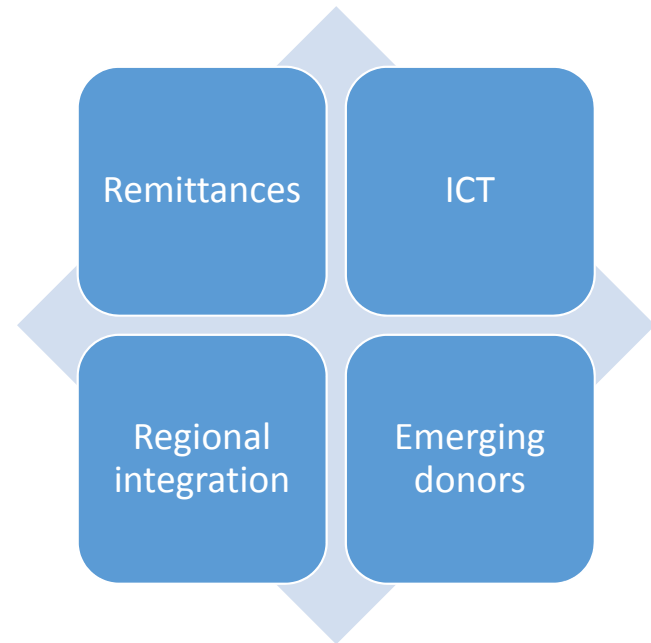


Structural and non-structural opportunities

Structural Opportunities

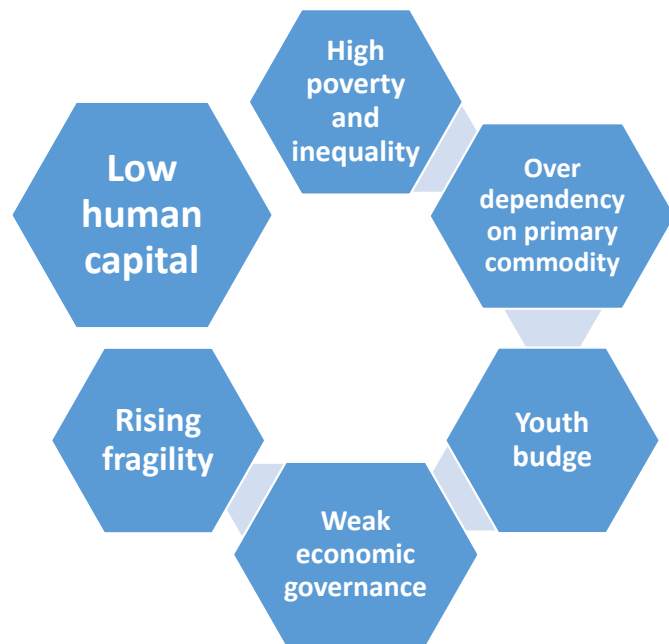


Non-structural Opportunities

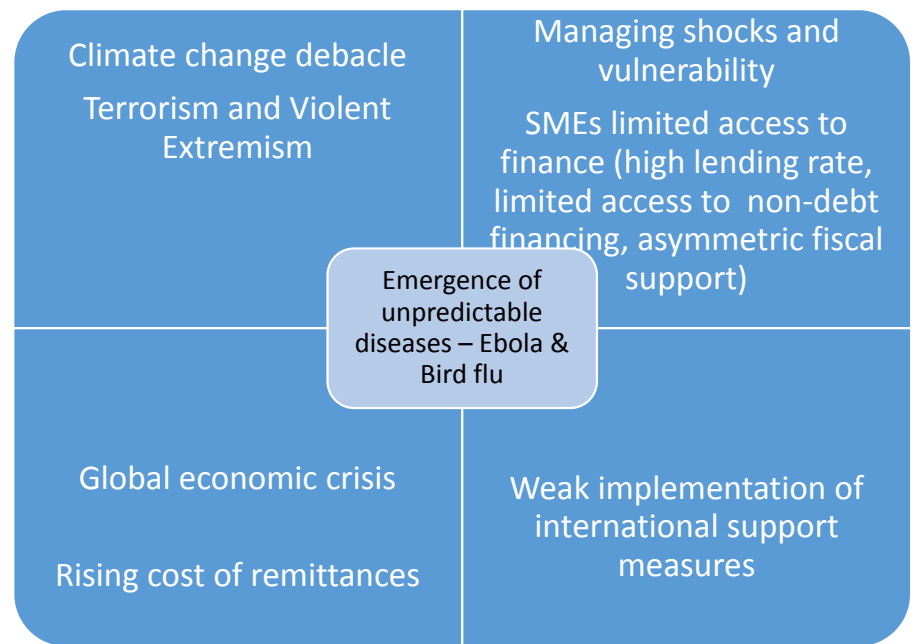


Structural and emerging risks to LDCs Graduation

Structural risks



Emerging risks





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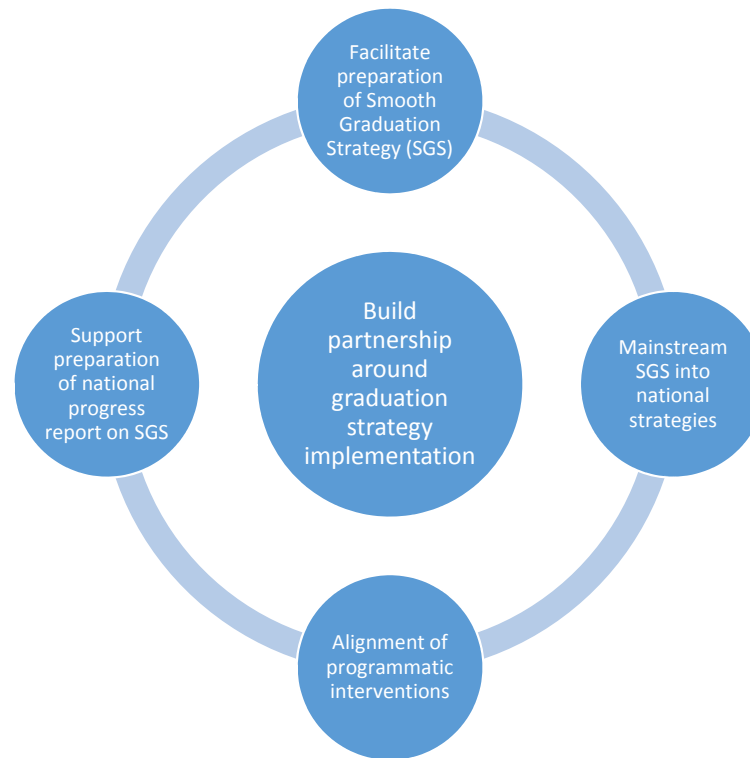
Emerging lessons and messages

- **The evolution of the criteria does not measure structural changes in the socio-economic situation of countries – given the objective of IPOA.**
- **Achieving IPOA's goal in Africa necessitates enhancing agricultural productivity and diversifying economies away from primary commodities production and exports**
- **Countries are not taking full advantages of transitory measures**
- **LDCs must invest in maximizing opportunities and in minimizing risks for smooth graduation**

UNDP as a Strategic Partner on LDCs Graduation



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