

Graduation from LDC status and enhanced support measures for graduating and graduated LDCs

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Structure

1. Rules for graduating from the LDC list
2. Outcome of the 2018 triennial review
3. Improving graduation support



CDP work on LDCs

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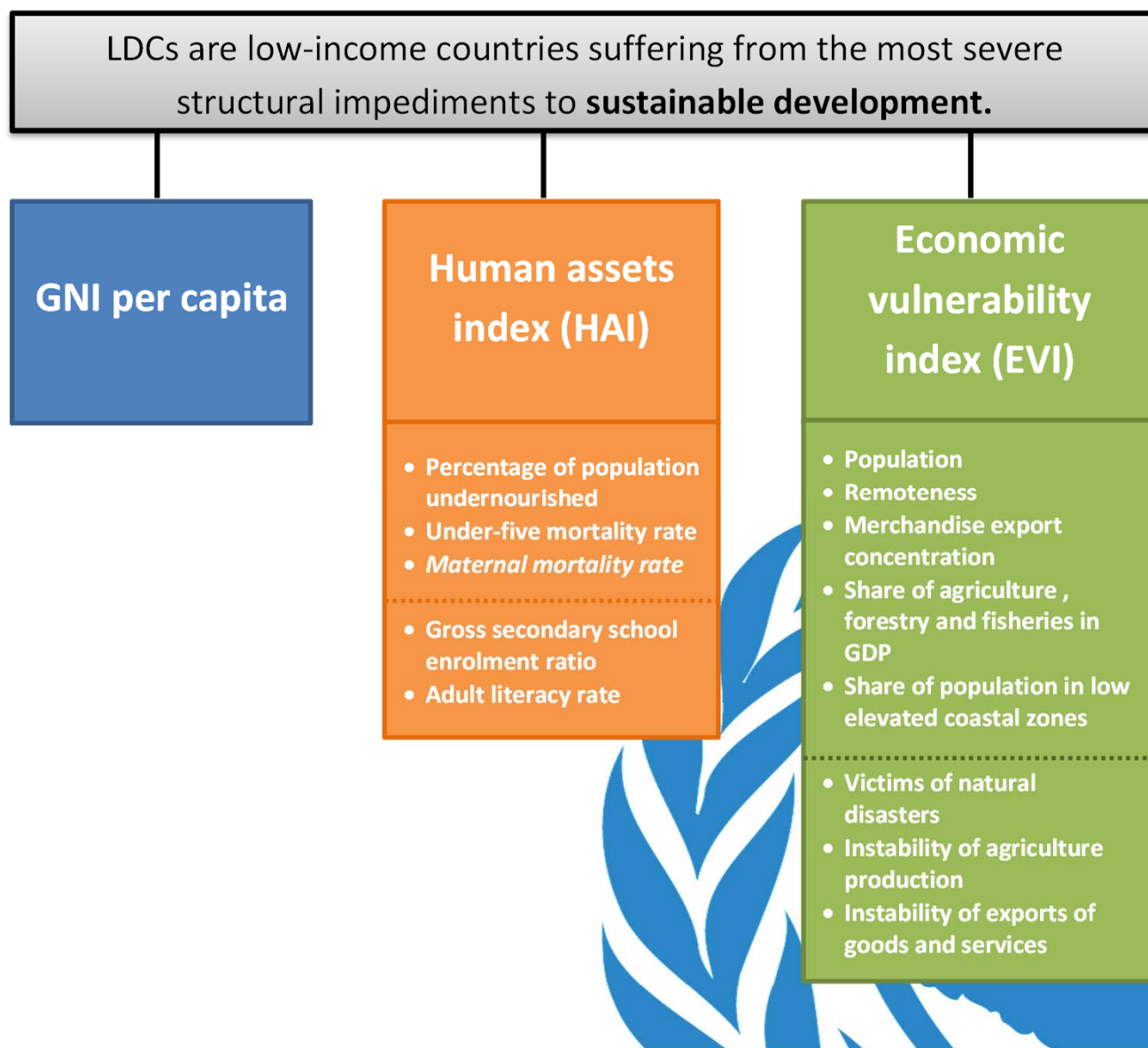


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- **Reviews triennially the list of LDCs**
 - Recommends countries for inclusion and graduation
- Developed and refined the criteria and procedures for identifying LDCs
- Monitors graduating and graduated LDCs
- Analytical papers on LDCs

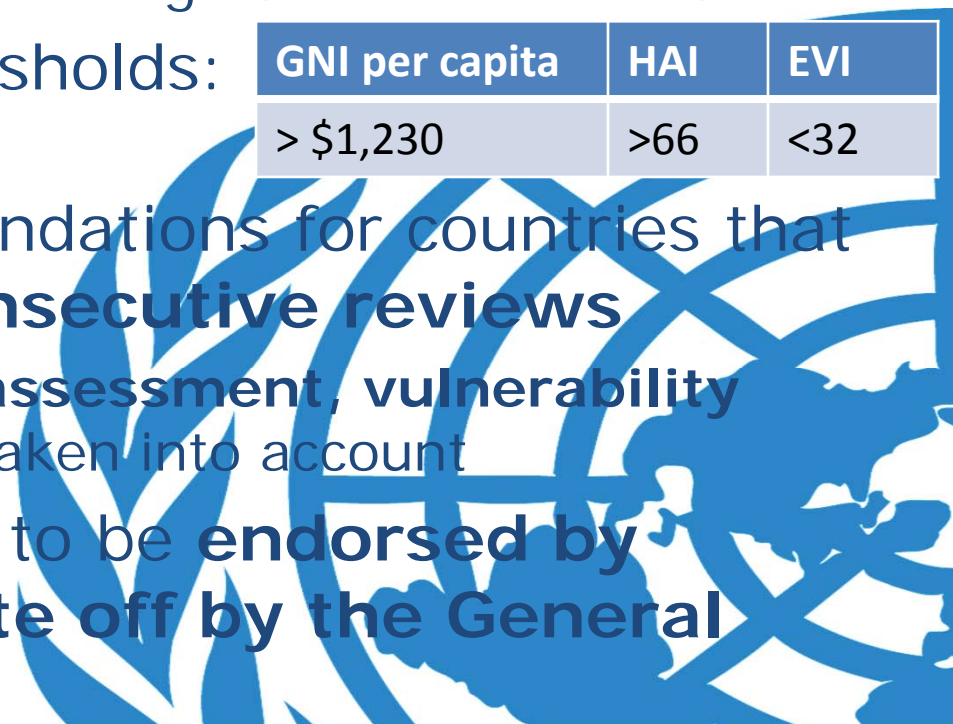
LDC criteria and indicators



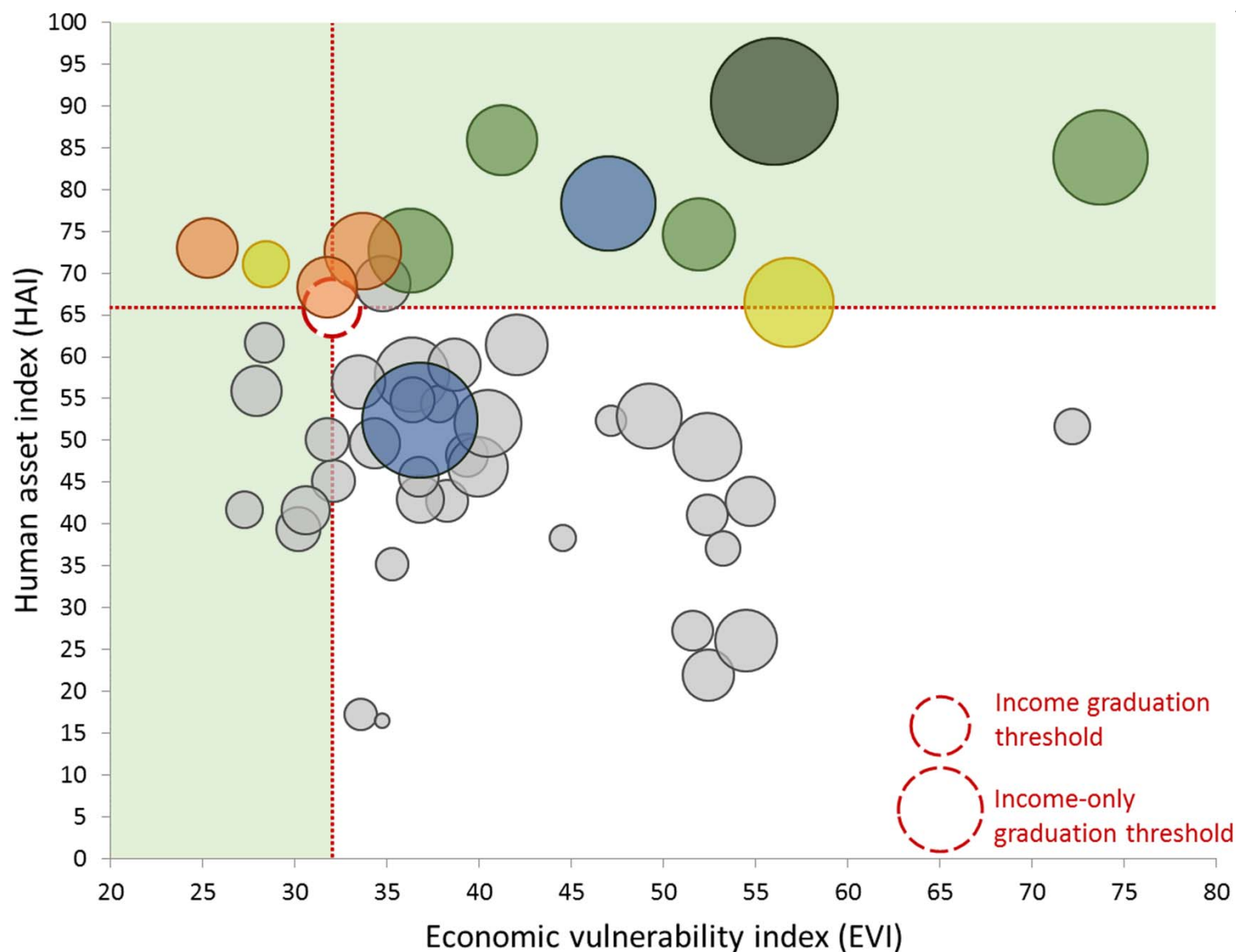
Basic graduation rules

- **CDP** assesses countries vis-à-vis criteria at **triennial reviews**
 - Country passes thresholds of any 2 criteria
 - **GNI** and **HAI** ; or
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 - **HAI** and **EVI** .
 - Or: Income > twice income graduation threshold
 - 2018 graduation thresholds:

GNI per capita	HAI	EVI
> \$1,230	>66	<32
- CDP considers recommendations for countries that meet criteria at **two consecutive reviews**
 - No automatism: **impact assessment, vulnerability profile, country views** taken into account
- Recommendations need to be **endorsed by ECOSOC** and **taken note off by the General Assembly**

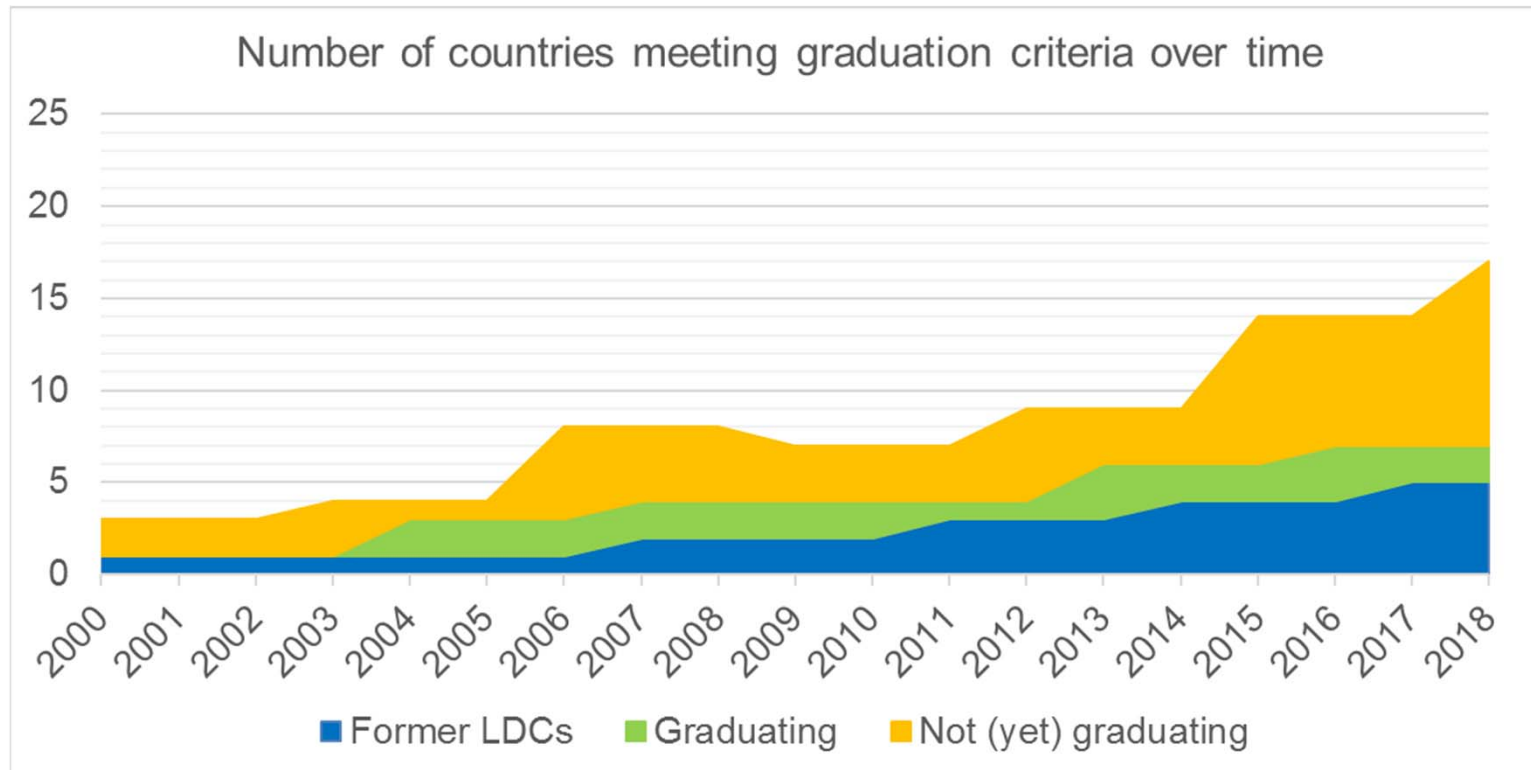


2018 Triennial review results– overview



- ✓ 12 LDCs meet the graduation criteria
- **Angola, Vanuatu:** graduating
- **Tuvalu:** already recommended in 2012
- **Bhutan, Kiribati, Sao Tome and Principe, Solomon Islands:** recommended
 - ECOSOC decisions forthcoming
- **Nepal, Timor-Leste:** deferred to 2021
- **Bangladesh, Lao PDR, Myanmar:** first time eligibility

Graduation overview



- 2018: Largest number in countries meeting eligibility criteria
- Far below IPoA target
- Progress towards eligibility or progress towards graduation?
- Change in attitude towards graduation since IPoA?
- Policy coherence?

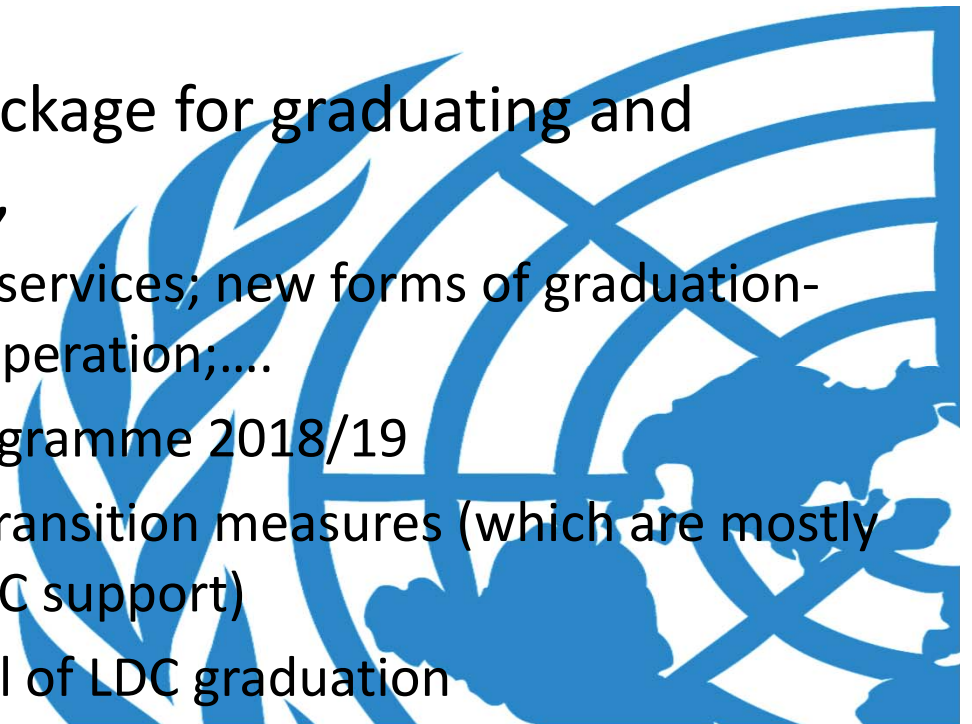
Improving graduation support

Context

- LDCs general concern of losing access to LDC-specific support
- Uncertainty surrounding graduation
- Many development constraints and challenges persist

Opportunity

- Identify an assistance package for graduating and recently graduated LDCs,
 - analytical work; advisory services; new forms of graduation-specific development cooperation;....
 - Included in CDP work programme 2018/19
 - Beyond current smooth transition measures (which are mostly delayed withdrawal of LDC support)
 - Reinforcing positive signal of LDC graduation





Search



Before graduation

During graduation

After graduation

2.

Select a country ▼

Login

2.

4.

Gradjet helps government officials in least developed countries (LDCs) understand what it means to leave the LDC category and to plot a course for future action. It's also aimed at the wider development community and anyone else interested in LDC graduation. Tailored to each country, showing what graduation means in context, the site shows what happens before, during and after leaving the category, with contacts, information and suggestions about what to do at each stage. Register and log in to see information specific to your country, or use the drop-down menu to select another LDC.



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1. Login – username: e.g, Vanuatu, password: Vanuatu@un

2. Country selection

3. Video explaining LDC category

4. Briefcase

Supporting graduation through reducing uncertainty

Graduation Process ▼

1.

Before graduation

How graduation works, information about your country's LDC status and what to do in the years before you are considered for graduation

Case studies, background reading and contacts



Information



Information and suggested activities when your country has been identified for graduation

Activities



During graduation

Information and suggested activities when your country has been identified for graduation

Good practice, expert views, contacts and examples of smooth transition strategies



Information



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Activities



After graduation

How to manage graduation and incorporate it into policymaking

Good practice, expert views, contacts and case studies



Information



Four ideas about how to move forward successfully

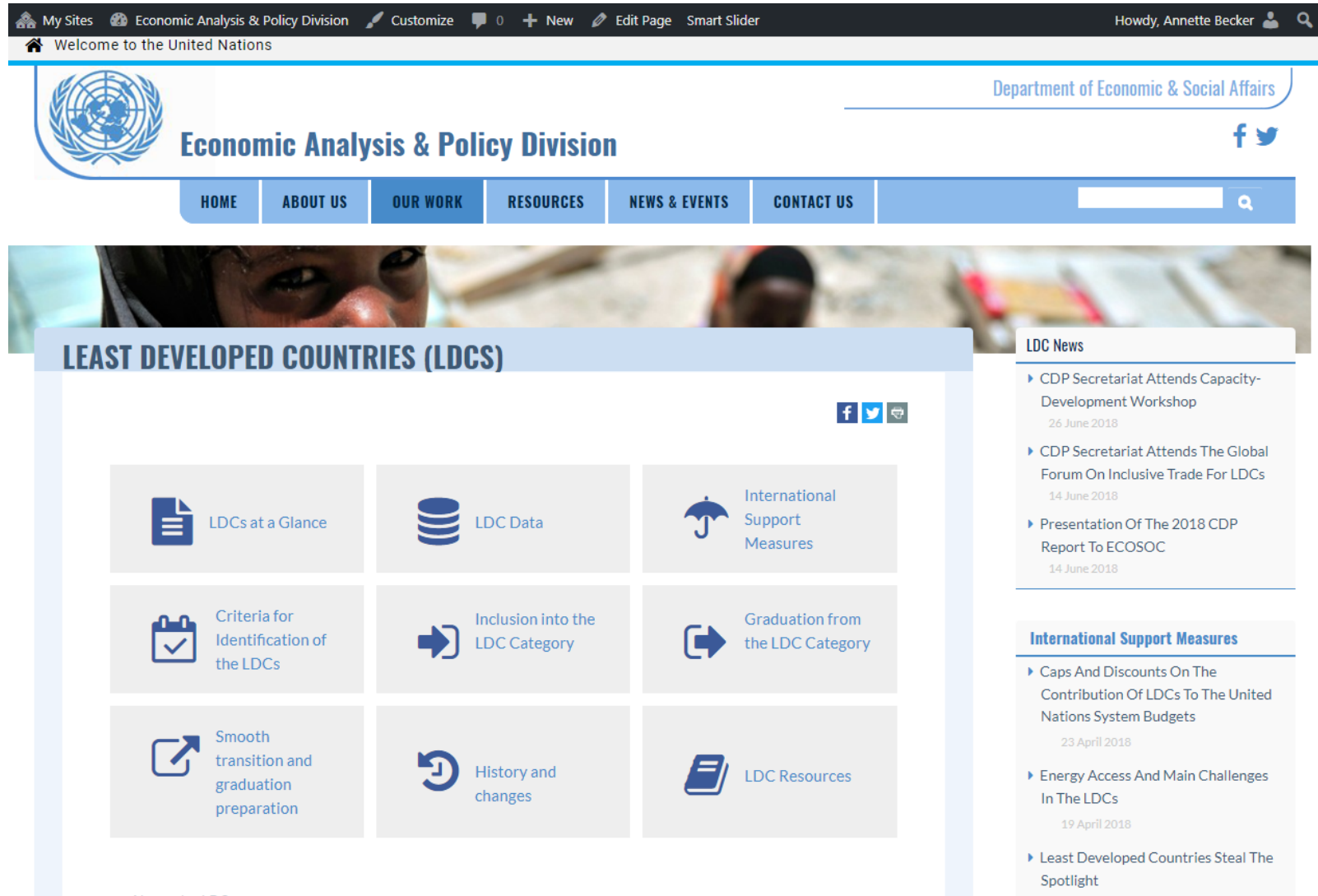
Activities



1. Outline of graduation process
2. Suggested activities and information before, during and after graduation

For further information on GradJet, contact Daniel Gay at gayd@un.org

CDP website for LDCs



The screenshot shows the official United Nations website for Least Developed Countries (LDCs). The header includes the UN logo, the text 'Economic Analysis & Policy Division', and the 'Department of Economic & Social Affairs'. A navigation bar contains links for HOME, ABOUT US, OUR WORK, RESOURCES, NEWS & EVENTS, and CONTACT US. The main content area is titled 'LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCS)' and features a grid of nine icons representing various topics: LDCs at a Glance, LDC Data, International Support Measures, Criteria for Identification of the LDCs, Inclusion into the LDC Category, Graduation from the LDC Category, Smooth transition and graduation preparation, History and changes, and LDC Resources. To the right, there are two sections: 'LDC News' with three recent news items and 'International Support Measures' with three recent items. A large blue graphic of a map of Africa is visible on the far right.

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Criteria for Identification of the LDCs Inclusion into the LDC Category Graduation from the LDC Category

Smooth transition and graduation preparation History and changes LDC Resources

LDC News

- CDP Secretariat Attends Capacity-Development Workshop
26 June 2018
- CDP Secretariat Attends The Global Forum On Inclusive Trade For LDCs
14 June 2018
- Presentation Of The 2018 CDP Report To ECOSOC
14 June 2018

International Support Measures

- Caps And Discounts On The Contribution Of LDCs To The United Nations System Budgets
23 April 2018
- Energy Access And Main Challenges In The LDCs
19 April 2018
- Least Developed Countries Steal The Spotlight

Access at:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dpad/least-developed-country-category.html>



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