



Development Policy and Analysis Division

Development Policy Seminar

on

UN LDC IV: Framework Issues and Strategic Considerations

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WITH

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Preparations for the IV UN LDC to take place in Istanbul, in May 2011, are under way. The importance of having an evidence-based review of the existing programme of action in support of the LDCs is acknowledged. At the same time, the criticality of designing a fresh and innovative partnership between the LDCs and their development partners needs to be underscored. The seminar will discuss some strategic considerations for enabling an innovative and effective outcome in Istanbul so as to address the key development challenges of the LDCs. Issues to be addressed by the seminar include: incorporating lessons learnt in a new programme of action for LDCs, giving the new programme a strong strategic focus, identifying delivery tools for specific targets, provisioning necessary financial resources, addressing the heterogeneity of the LDC group and strengthening of the follow-up mechanism.