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Welcome to CDP Updates, an electronic digest keeping you informed about activities carried out by the Committee for Development Policy (CDP) and its Secretariat. Recent news and future activities include the following:

-  **Workshop on building institutional capacity in the use of trade-related international support measures**
Capacity building activities in LDCs by CDP Secretariat have focused on the institutional constraints experienced by four pilot countries (the Gambia, Lesotho, Nepal and Uganda) in accessing trade-related support measures for LDCs. The workshop meetings in Geneva (17-21 November) was organised to discuss the findings of recent project activities and to plan for implementation.
-  **Regional Meeting on Financing Graduation Gaps in Asia-Pacific Least Developed Countries**
CDP Secretariat co-organized with the Government of Bangladesh and UN ESCAP a regional meeting in Dhaka, Bangladesh, 28-30 October. The meeting reviewed progress made by Asia-Pacific LDCs towards graduation and their utilization of international support measures, assessed financing needs of the countries in the region, and explored policy options to mobilize resources for closing graduation gaps.
-  **LDC and other country groupings: How useful are current approaches to classify countries in a more heterogeneous developing world?**
In this CDP background paper, José Antonio Alonso, Ana Luiza Cortez and Stephan Klasen argue that great caution should be exercised in devising new country categories. Issue-based classifications should be preferred in case new grouping would be created.
-  **Global trade rules for supporting development in the post-2015 era**
Ana Luiza Cortez and Mehmet Arda find in this CDP background paper that successive trade rounds and numerous regional trade and bilateral investment agreements have led to significant loss of policy space and fragmentation. Stronger multilateralism, effective overseeing and enforcing role by WTO and greater focus by developing countries in negotiating flexible rules are suggested for the future global development agenda.

About the Committee for Development Policy (CDP)

The CDP is a subsidiary body of the United Nations Economic and Social Council. It provides inputs and independent advice to the Council on emerging cross-sectoral development issues and on international cooperation for development, focusing on medium- and long-term aspects. The CDP is also responsible for the triennial review of the list of least developed countries (LDCs).

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