



## Launch of the new Support Measures Portal for LDCs



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- October 17 marks the launch of the redesigned version of the **Support Measures Portal** for Least Developed Countries. The Portal aims to assist LDCs in confronting their special development challenges and in progressing towards graduation from the category.
- The new interactive platform compiles and catalogues in one central platform, information about LDC-specific international support measures provided by development partners. As the single source of information, the Portal allows for a better understanding of **what** LDC-specific support measures are, **who** the main “suppliers” of the measures are, and **where** to access these resources.
- The Portal shares knowledge and is a powerful interactive information tool. It gives users the opportunity to participate in discussions, make comments, present views, ask questions and highlight their own experience in accessing or making available LDC-specific measures.
- Each month the portal will highlight and discuss one specific support measure. The first Spotlight of the month shines on the Enhanced Integrated Framework.

### Trade

Find information and participate in the discussions on LDC-specific support measures related to international trade. Measures include preferential market access, differential treatment regarding WTO obligations and trade-related capacity building.

Stay tuned for this month’s **Spotlight** discussions on the Enhanced Integrated Framework!

### Development Assistance

The Portal presents and discusses LDC-specific development assistance. It covers various modalities of bilateral and multilateral ODA for LDCs, focusing on special initiatives, funds and programmes.

Coming up in November: the **Spotlight** will shine on trends in bilateral ODA to LDCs.

### General Support

Users can access and discuss the details about support measures related to UN funding of LDCs’ participation in multilateral events, support to smooth transition from the category, caps on contributions to the budgets of multilateral organisations and many others.

Coming in December: the **Spotlight** falls on smooth transition.

### About us

The portal is designed and maintained by the Committee for Development Policy (CDP) Secretariat of the Development Policy and Analysis Division (DPAD) in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA).

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