Title of the session: The likelihood of 24 LDCs graduating from the LDC category by 2020

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The session discusses the prospects of achieving a main goal of the Istanbul Programme of Action -- at least half of the LDCs to meet the graduation criteria by 2020, based on the graduation criteria established by the Committee for Development Policy, and the current trends in socio-economic indicators of LDCs.