

How can the UN system better support graduating LDCs?



THE CASE OF MALDIVES

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Context



- Included in 1971
- First met the graduation thresholds in 1997, and subsequently in 2000 and 2003
- Officially removed from LDC status in 2004
- Smooth transition deferred until 2011

- SIDS country
- Two major shocks (tsunami of 2004, financial crisis of 2008)

Preparing for graduation



- High degree of uncertainty versus much to prove
- Lack of human capacity
- Misrepresentation and lack of understanding

Support of the UN



- Support to implement the smooth transition plan
- Maldives Partnership Forum

- Too much planning, too little action?
- From downstream to upstream
- Should be versus what is

Effective preparation



- Managing the process
- Managing the relationships
- Managing change

Ensuring sustainability



- National level
- Larger picture of criteria and thresholds
- Measures that go beyond GDP per capita