How can the UN system better support graduating LDCs?

THE CASE OF MALDIVES

MARIYAM MIDHFA NAEEM, 14 DECEMBER 2017
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