

Graduation objective, Transition process & Post-graduation strategies

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Objective:

- Enable half the number of LDCs to meet the criteria for graduation by 2020
- Target: 24 countries
- Meeting the criteria \neq Graduating

Overview of graduation trends

I. The period 1971-1991: “Expansion”

- 25 countries on first LDC list
- 23 additional countries joined

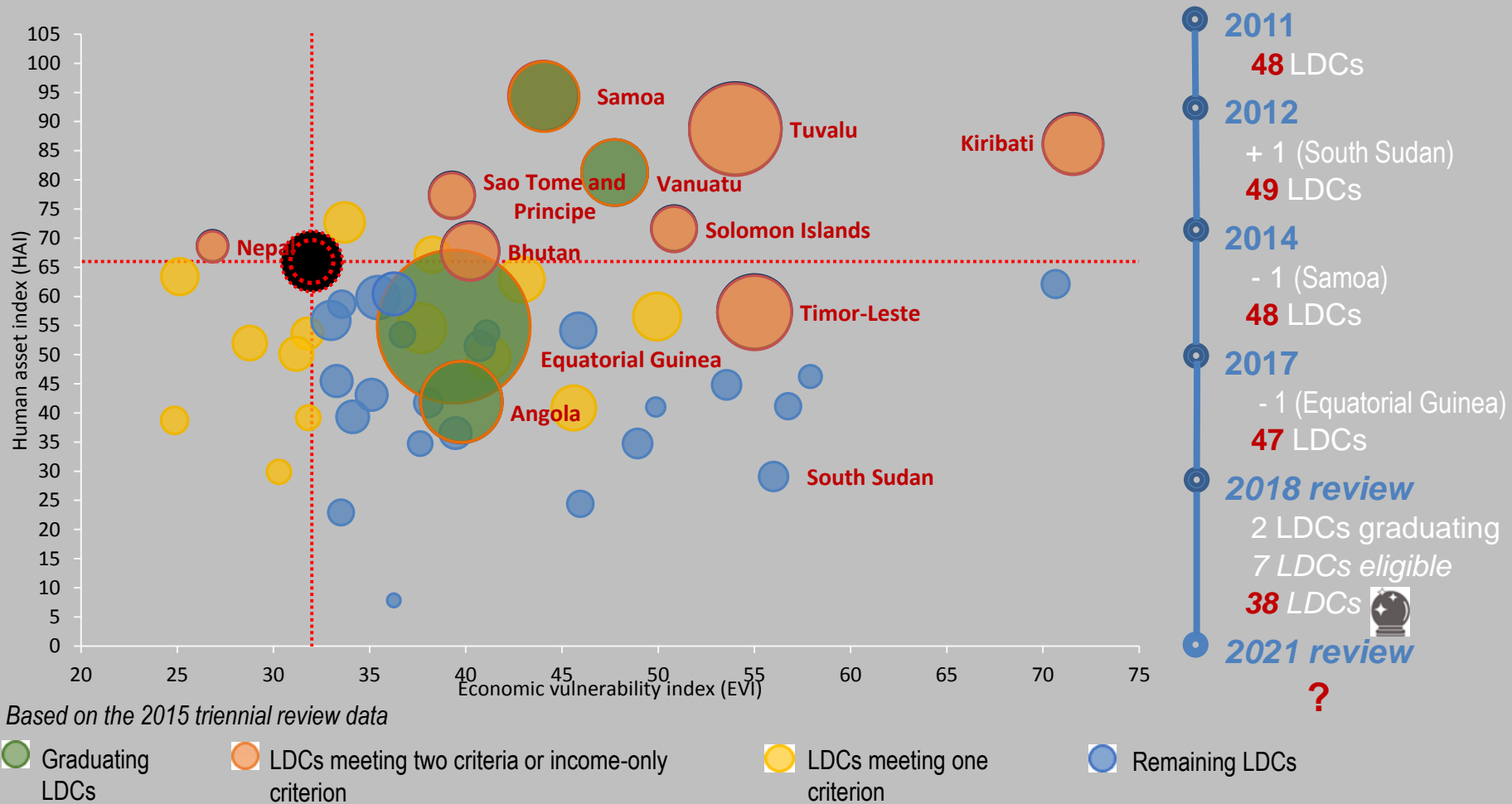
II. The period 1992-2011: “Plateau”

- 3 countries graduated:
 - Botswana, Cabo Verde, Maldives
- 4 countries joined:
 - Angola, Eritrea, Senegal and Timor-Leste

III. Period since start of IPOA 2011: “Shrinking”

- South Sudan joined
- Four countries graduated or scheduled to graduate:
 - Samoa, Equatorial Guinea
 - Vanuatu (2020) and Angola (2021)

Can the IPoA graduation target be reached?



Based on the 2015 triennial review data

Summing up....

- ✓ 11 LDCs have already met the graduation criteria
- ✓ Very likely that additional countries will meet the criteria by 2020
- ✓ Reaching the goal of 24 countries meeting the criteria by 2020 is unlikely

Graduation process

Year 0 (triennial review #1)

CDP:

- Finds country eligible for graduation
Country is notified

Year 3 (triennial review #2)

Graduating country:

- Oral presentation at preparatory EGM; written statement to CDP plenary (both voluntary)

CDP:

- Confirms eligibility (**second finding**) recommends graduation

ECOSOC:

- Takes action on CDP recommendation

General Assembly:

- Takes note of CDP recommendation. Graduation to take place in 3 years

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Prepare transition

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Post-graduation

UNCTAD:

- Vulnerability profile

DESA:

- Ex-ante impact assessment report

Year 3

Transition process

Year 6

Graduating country:

- Establishes consultative mechanism, with development and trading partners, to facilitate preparation of a transition strategy.
- Strategy goals: to adjust to phasing out of LDC-specific ISMs & identify actions.
- Reports to CDP on preparation of strategy

UNDP

- Facilitator of consultative group
- Support preparation transition strategy.

UN

- Targeted assistance and capacity building to support formulation & implementation of transition strategy

Partners

- Phasing out ISMs according to country's development situation.

CDP

- Monitors development progress.
- Reports to ECOSOC.



Need for information & coordination

Year 6: GRADUATION Post graduation - implement transition strategy

Graduated country

- Implements and monitors strategy
- Concise annual reports to CDP (3 years after graduation & during 2 triennial reviews thereafter).

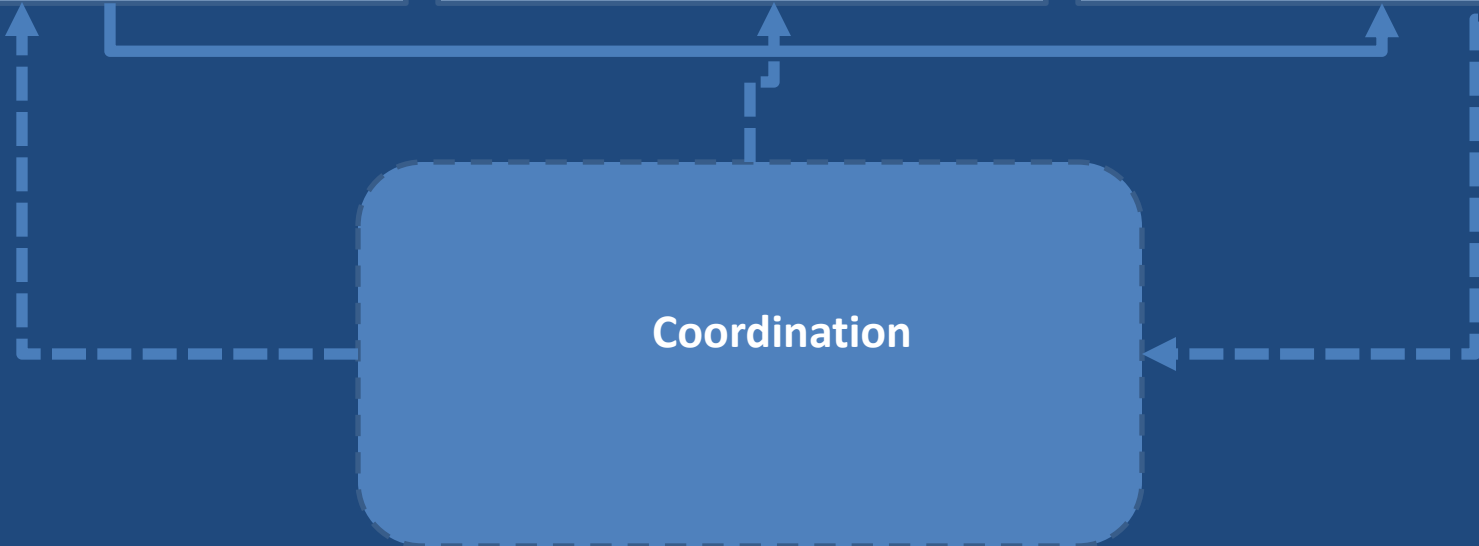
Partners

- No abrupt reductions, phase out according to country's needs.

CDP

- Monitors development progress.
- Reports to ECOSOC (3 years after graduation & during 2 triennial reviews thereafter).

Coordination



Year 3

Prepare

Year 6

Implement



Task force

Coordination

- International entities
- Follow up with partners
 - Ad-hoc v. Package of benefits

Advice

Research & promote opportunities

- Creditworthiness
- Access to capital markets
- Develop & promote benefits package
- South – South collaboration

Information

Reports

- Transition strategy
- Impact Assessments
- Vulnerability profiles
- Monitoring reports

LDC ISM Portal

- Type of LDC-specific support

GradJet Toolkit

- Graduation assistance



THANK YOU!