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Enhanced Integrated Framework
Trade for LDC development
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The EIF’s role in catalyzing LDC graduation: lessons from the field

Organizers: Executive Secretariat for the EIF, Commonwealth Secretariat and the Governments of Cabo Verde, Maldives and Samoa

Event programme:

Moderator:
H.E. Ms Yvette Stevens, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Sierra Leone in Geneva and EIF Board Chair

Presenters: Country case studies – Graduated LDCs
Mr Amilcar Aristides Monteiro, Director General of Industry and Commerce, Ministry of Economy, Cabo Verde
Mr Justin Lima, Principal Foreign Service Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Samoa
Mr Yusuf Riza, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Development, Maldives (TBC)

Discussants:
Ms Jodie Keane, Economic Advisor, Trade Division, Commonwealth Secretariat
Ms Daniela Zehentner-Capell, Head of Division, Trade Related Development Cooperation, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany
Mr Dan Gay, Inter-regional Adviser on Least Developed Countries, Development Policy and Analysis Division, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA)
Professor Mehmet Arda, International Relations and Economics, Galatasaray University
Mr Skalar Boštjan, Chief Executive Officer, World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA)

Questions and Answers

Description:
The Enhanced Integrated Framework’s (EIF) central role in supporting the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to become more active players in the global trading system through the promotion of economic growth and sustainable development and the eradication of poverty is vital in assisting the LDCs that aspire to graduate from the LDC status. With EIF technical, institutional and financial support to trade development priorities, the LDCs have the means to secure sustained economic growth, work towards ending poverty and achieve other Sustainable Development Goals. Support to the LDCs in the graduation frontline is also available to help manage and “own” their graduation process through the preparation of a transition graduation strategy, national post-graduation work plans and conducive policies to achieve sustainable development. The LDCs that have graduated, i.e., Cabo Verde, Maldives and Samoa, have been benefiting from predictable post-graduation support from the EIF and will feature as case studies. The side event will focus on the countries’ graduation path, how the EIF has supported their graduation and post-graduation priorities through trade and highlight good practices and lessons learnt, together with challenges and emerging issues.
Showcasing a partnership approach in supporting the IPoA in LDCs: EIF

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Panellists:
H.E. Mr Axel Marcel Addy, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Liberia
H.E. Mr Eloi Laourou, Ambassador of Benin in Geneva and WTO LDC Group Coordinator
Mr Bernardo Calzadilla, Head International Cooperation, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
Mrs Dorothy Tembo, Deputy Executive Director, International Trade Centre (ITC)

Agency interventions:
Mr Marcos Neto, Director, Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Mr Taufiqur Rahman, Head, LDC Unit, Development Division, World Trade Organization (WTO), and EIF Board Representative
Mr Patrick Osakwe, Head, Trade and Poverty Branch, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
Ms Zoritsa Urosevic, Representative of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) to the United Nations in Geneva

Questions and Answers

Description:
The Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) is a unique global partnership that helps to build trade capacity in the Least Developed Countries (LDCs). Through technical, institutional and financial support, the EIF helps the LDCs to diversify their economies and expand trade, moving along the path to graduation, and contributes to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals. Through the global network of 48 LDCs plus three graduated countries (Cabo Verde, Maldives and Samoa), 24 Donors and 8 International Partner Agencies, the EIF programme provides an integrated and coordinated framework to support the LDCs’ efforts to leverage trade for sustainable development. Aligned with Paragraph C. 3(e) of the IPoA, the EIF programme has been a critical mechanism and catalyst for development partner engagement and support to the LDCs’ broader efforts in addressing supply-side constraints, building trade and productive capacity and export diversification and reducing poverty. Showcasing the EIF’s unique partnership approach, this side event will profile country case stories and initiatives that demonstrate the role of the EIF as a framework for the coordination of trade-related development assistance to the LDCs, based on country ownership and working in pursuit of the IPoA objectives.