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On 12 July, Social Watch and Global Policy Forum co-organized together with the Secretariat of the Committee for Development Policy (CDP) and the New School, the HLPF virtual side event “National Reports on the 2030 Agenda: What can we learn for a post-pandemic world?” to launch the CDP Background Paper “What did the 2020 Voluntary National Review (VNR) reports still not tell us?”. CDP members presented key findings of their analysis of the 2020 VNRs, highlighting the disconnect between the ambition of the 2030 agenda and the attention given to the transformative policies in such areas as productive capacities, pandemic preparedness, inequalities and sustainable

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The new debt crisis and what to do about it
Policy proposals and political opportunities

By Bodo Ellmers

Read and download the recent briefing titled 'The new debt crisis and what to do about it' [here](#).

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Global debt crises have been a central concern of the United Nations since the early 1970s. The UN has been instrumental in developing mechanisms to address debt crises, particularly through the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD). In March 2020, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (CSD) issued a joint statement calling for a moratorium on debt payments. This document builds on that statement, reflecting on the lessons learned from the UN's role in addressing previous debt crises.

This document was developed by Brot, GPF, Oxfam and MISEREOR. It is a policy brief that is now being updated regularly to include new developments, policy options and analysis relating to the COVID-19 crisis.

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UN Monitor #24: CSO Perspectives on the LDC5 Programme of Action (02/07/2021)

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UN Monitor #24

CSO Perspectives on the LDCs Programme of Action

By Elena Marmo and Alexa Sabatini

The Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5) will be held in Doha, Qatar in January 2022. Preparations are already underway to negotiate the Outcome Document to be adopted in Doha, which will serve as a new 10-year Programme of Action (PoA) for the LDCs.

On 29 May 2021, the UN's five LDC Mechanisms – Comité des Finances, Réseau Africain d'Actions, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh and the UN Permanent Representative of Canada – facilitated a [virtual side event with Civil Society Organizations \(CSOs\)](#), designed to address policy prescriptions that LDCs need to implement to achieve sustainable development and poverty reduction.

The consultation took place at the same time as the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) in May, which signaled the beginning of the discussions to shape the Outcome Document of LDCs. Member States and Civil Society also gathered for an event titled, "Securing the Financing for Development framework for the LDCs: What does it mean for the LDCs?". The outcome document will be adopted during the LDC5, which will continue during the Second PrepCom meeting (8-9 July 2021) and the LDC5 on 10 June.

Thus far, CSOs have highlighted a number of challenges and policy measures. In this compilation, their comments have been organized around the six PrepCom themes that were identified to guide Member State discussions and negotiations.

In these preparations the CSOs also addressed the linkages and gaps in the framing itself. These included more emphasis on the impacts of COVID-19 and the related opportunity to accelerate.

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UN Monitor #25: LDCs present VNRs at the HLPF (08/07/2021)

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LDCs present VNRs at the HLPF

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By Barbara Adams and Tejaswini Vavilala

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Table 1 lists the LDCs, their VNR presentations and countries linked (in bold) to the individual national reports:

Country	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Algeria											
Bangladesh											
Bolivia											
Botswana											
Burkina Faso											
Burundi											
Cambodia											
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UN Monitor #26: Heard during UN LDC5 preparations (15/07/2021)

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15 July 2021

Report during UN LDC5 preparations

By Alexa Sabatini

On 24-28 May, Member States met for the first Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) for LDC5 to discuss priority issues for the draft outcome document to be adopted in January 2022 in Doha, Qatar. The second PrepCom session, 26-30 July 2021, will further address preparations for the LDC5 conference and launch negotiations on the successor Programme of Action. Additionally, on 18 June, the Presidents of the General Assembly (PGA) and the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) initiated a joint event: "Diversifying the Financing Toolbox to Enhance Investment in Least Developed Countries". These meetings served as inputs to the LDC5 Conference.

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Since 1990, considerable progress has been made by many LDCs. Poor countries have already graduated from the LDC category and 18 others are in the process of graduation. However, 100 countries still remain in the LDC category.

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These meetings served as inputs to the LDC5 Conference which will take place on 24-28 May 2022 in Doha, Qatar. The meeting will also serve as a follow-up to the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), 20-30 July 2021, and further address preparations for the LDC5 conference and launch negotiations on the successor Programme of Action. Additionally, on 18 June, the Presidents of the General Assembly (PGA) and the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) initiated a joint event: "Diversifying the Financing Toolbox to Enhance Investment in Least Developed Countries".

1. The UN Secretary-General's report on the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the review of progress towards the achievement of the SDGs.

2. Medium-term policy reviews of the implementation of the SDGs.

3. A global assessment of the relationship between LDCs and their economic, social and environmental development needs, and the role of international cooperation in addressing these needs.

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Die COVID-19-Pandemie mit ihren weltweiten Auswirkungen hat einmal mehr vor Augen geführt, dass grenzüberschreitende Probleme nicht allein mit unilateralen Maßnahmen bewältigt werden können. Aber der Multilateralismus steckte in den letzten Jahren in einer massiven Krise.

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