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The major objectives of the Integrated Program for Commodities are as follows:

- **Stable price levels** and equitable distribution of gains.
- To encourage **export earnings**
- To **improve market access** for developing countries
- To promote **diversification**, both in food and other primary products
- Improved competitiveness, particularly through research and development
- Improvement in the **market structures** of raw materials important to developing countries.
- Improvements in **marketing, distribution and transport systems** for commodities.
The IPC Agenda Today

- The objectives of the IPC resolution of 1976 still hold valid, the factors that define the achievement of these objectives have changed.
- Whereas the IPC was applicable at a time of falling commodity prices and a demand glut, the current situation supports increasing (higher plateau) commodity prices and supply expansion constraints.
- The importance of focusing on commodities rather than countries has increased further.
Creating Space - Creating Opportunities

• Entrepreneurial, risk-heavy activities
• Upgrading production skills
• Upgrading labour skills
• Catering to new markets
• Understanding and accessing new markets
• Understanding and accessing new market structures
• Upgrading policy development capacity
• Diversification of the economy
• Information and knowledge access
Utilising Space - Creating Capacity to Cope

- Short term price changes
- Long term price changes
- External physical market shocks (food security, climate change)
- Internal physical market shocks (political upheaval, natural disasters)
- Threat of exclusion from the global trade and growth related to their economic profile as commodity producers with little diversification
Defending Space - Resilience From

- External shocks (with a focus on food security)
- Internal shocks (political upheavals and natural disasters)
- Short term price changes
- Long term price changes
- Threat of exclusion as commodity producers from global production chains