Tuesday, 1 December 2026

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (GMT+2)

Room S.325 Palais des Nations, Geneva

On the Path to Graduation: Briefing for Rwanda, Uganda and Tanzania Ahead of the 2027 Triennial Review

Background

Rwanda, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania reached an important development milestone in 2024 by meeting the eligibility thresholds for graduation from the category of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) for the first time at the UN Committee for Development Policy (CDP) triennial review. In line with established United Nations procedures, they will be considered for a possible recommendation for graduation at the next triennial review, to be held in 2027, provided that the criteria are met again and that the broader assessment supports a sustainable graduation pathway. Pursuant to the United Nations resolution 59/209, key elements for this assessment are the Vulnerability Profiles undertaken by UNCTAD and the Ex-Ante Impact Assessments undertaken by DESA.

The briefing to the Geneva-based delegations will provide information on the preparations for the 2027 Triennial Review and the overall LDC graduation process as it may pertain to Rwanda, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania. It will also present preliminary findings of the three Vulnerability Profiles and the three Ex-Ante Impact Assessments. The briefing responds to the demand for increasing awareness and effective dialogue with LDCs being considered for graduation at the upcoming Triennial Review, in line with the Doha Programme of Action (A/RES/76/258, Annex, para 285).

Programme

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10–10.05 a.m.	**Opening session**
Opening remarks	Mr Junior Davis, Chief, Policy Analysis and Research Branch; Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD
10.05-10.45 a.m.	**The LDC graduation process and Ex-ante Impact Assessments for Rwanda, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania**
	The presentation will provide information on the LDC graduation process, including criteria, indicators, timelines and decision points leading to the 2027 Triennial Review of the list of LDCs. It will also present key preliminary findings of the Ex-ante Impact Assessments for Rwanda, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania. They assess the likely consequences of graduation itself, especially the eventual withdrawal of international support measures available exclusively to LDCs, while also considering potential benefits of graduation. They are a formal input to the Triennial Review.
Presentation	Mr Matthias Bruckner, Acting Secretary of the CDP and Acting Chief of Branch UN DESA
10.45-11.30 a.m.	**Vulnerability Profiles for Rwanda, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania**
	The presentations will share the key findings of the Vulnerability Profiles for Rwanda, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania prepared by UNCTAD. They assess the country's broader development trajectory, structural vulnerabilities and resilience, including factors that may affect the sustainability of progress before and after graduation. They are a formal input to the Triennial Review.
Presentations	Mr Giovanni Valensisi, Economic Affairs Officer; Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD
	Mr Benjamin Banda, Economic Affairs Officer; Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD
	Ms Matfobhi Riba, Economic Affairs Officer; Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD
11.30 a.m.-12.00	**Discussion and Q &A**
	Representatives of Rwanda, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania will discuss the findings of Ex-ante Impact Assessments and Vulnerability Profiles. UN DESA and UNCTAD will also provide clarifications and respond to any questions asked related to LDC graduation.
Moderator	Mr Junior Davis, Chief, Policy Analysis and Research Branch; Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

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