



**The Governments of Bangladesh, Canada and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development are pleased to invite you to a**

**High-level webinar on  
Productive capacities-induced structural transformation –  
On the road to “Graduation with Momentum”**

**Monday, 30 August 2021, 15:30 – 16:45 (CEST) / 9:30 – 10:45 am (EST)**

The Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) had set an ambitious target to enable half of the LDCs to meet the graduation criteria by 2020. Since then, four countries have graduated, and 16 others are at different stages of graduation. Although this is a significant achievement, the target remains largely unmet. The Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5) provides an important opportunity to demonstrate international solidarity and partnership to support the graduating and graduated countries by building their resilience capacity through specific package of international support measures.

The high-level virtual event will provide a platform for the representatives from the Member States, United Nations agencies, and other stakeholders to identify policies, strategies and international support measures that are needed to boost productive capacities to support an inclusive process of structural transformation in the LDCs to enable them to reach “graduation with momentum”. In particular, the event aims to provide a dialogue space for New York and Geneva based delegates to explore how the new programme of action for the LDCs can contribute to accelerating structural transformation through the expansion of productive capacities of the LDCs, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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