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## ➤ **ALDC's technical cooperation**

Responds to the priorities of **Africa, least developed countries (LDCs), landlocked developing countries (LLDCs), small island developing States (SIDS)**, and other vulnerable economies, with the overarching objective of **addressing systemic challenges** and **fostering resilience**.





# ➤ 1. Support for graduation from the LDC category

- Preparation and validation of General-Assembly mandated **Vulnerability Profiles**.
- Capacity building on **industrial policy** development.
- Active engagement with the **UN Committee for Development Policy**.



## ➤ 2. Enhancing market access & trade preference utilization

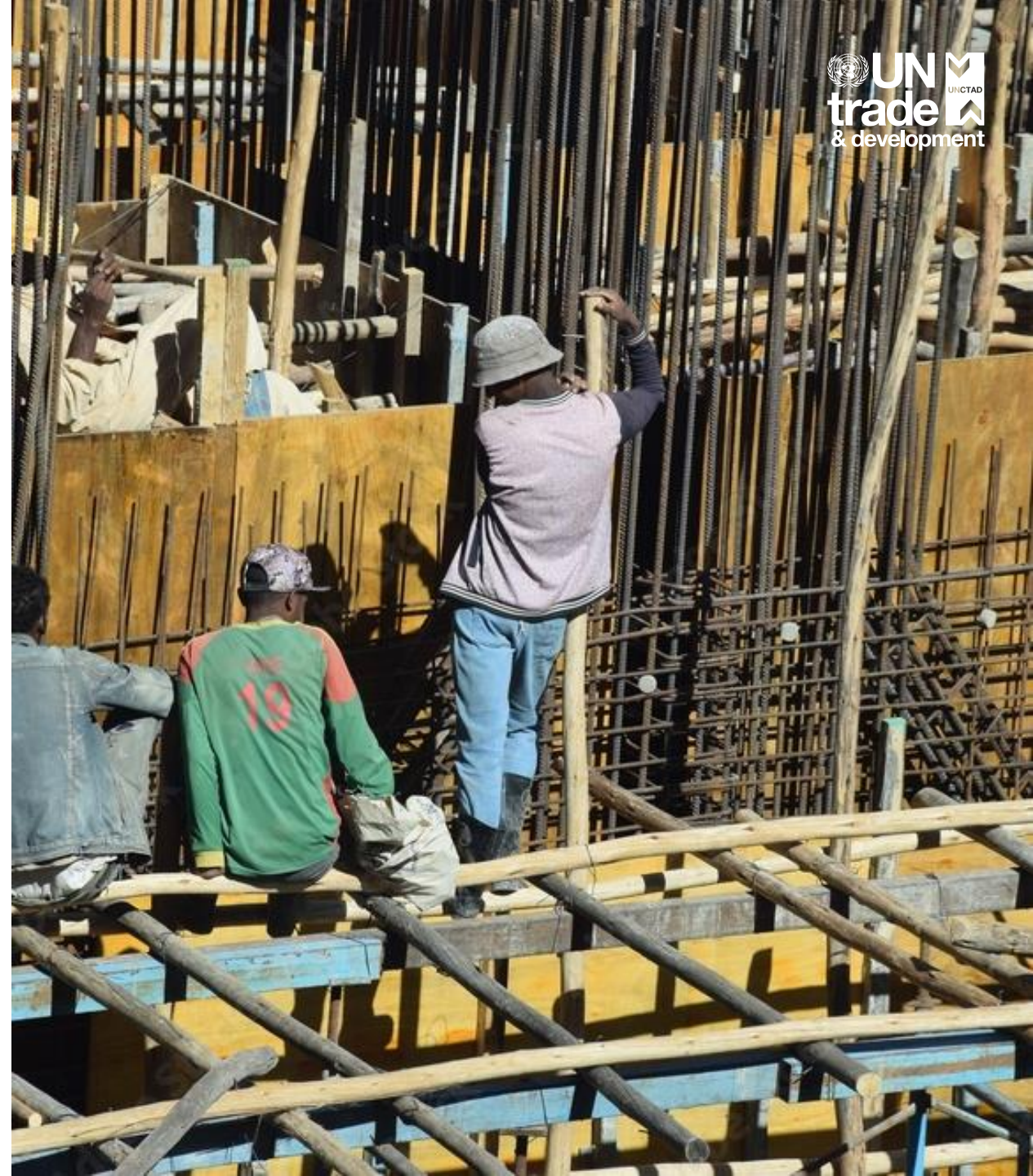
- Policy advice and technical assistance on **product-specific rules of origin**.
- Public **databases** on **preference utilization rates** and detailed **trade and tariff** data under the **AfCFTA**.
- Support to **multilateral negotiation** for the LDC Group at the WTO.





## ➤ **3. Building economy-wide productive capacities**

- Undertaking **National Productive Capacities Gap Assessments.**
- Designing **Holistic Productive Capacities Development Programmes.**
- Delivering the updated **Productive Capacities Index (PCI)** and **statistical guidelines.**





## ➤ 4. Technical support to Small Island Developing States

- Delivering on **UNCTAD's SIDS Strategy**.
- Supporting **Caribbean SIDS** to develop stronger and greener productive capacities.
- Developing a **SIDS Satellite Productive Capacities Index**.



## ➤ 5. Strengthening African small business & value chains

- Building knowledge and trade policy capacity in Benin, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Togo, and Uganda.
- Designing **digital tools** to analyze trade and measure informal cross-border trade
- Strengthening **regional value chains** and **cooperation under the AfCFTA**.





## ➤ 6. Combatting illicit financial flows (IFFs)

- Innovative **measurement methodologies** and **policy frameworks**.
- Building national capacity to design **policy options to curb IFFs** and **mobilize domestic resources**.
- **Cooperation with UNCTAD Statistics** and **UN Regional Economic Commissions**.



# Thank you

