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Guiding Questions:
How can trade support climate actions in LDCs?
How can international organizations, UNCTAD, better assist LDCs to face this challenge?

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Context: Climate Change and LDCs

LDCs:

- 46 countries, 1 billion people
- Emit less than 1% of the global CO2 emission per year
- On average, a person living in LDCs emit 0.319 tonnes of CO2 a year, than that of person living in high income countries who on average emit 10.926 tonnes
- Frontline of the climate crisis, suffer the most
- Even at 1°C warming - devasting impacts - cyclones, floods, destroy crops, properties, public infrastructure, lives and livelihoods
- Over last 50 years, 69% of the worldwide deaths caused by climate related disaster were in LDCs
- Trap in the vicious cycle of poverty
LDC Group Efforts

- Progressive Group, leadership on climate ambition and action
- Pushed for 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement, 1.5°C special report by IPCC
- Consistently call for countries to delivery 2030 targets in line with 1.5°C pathway and long-term strategies that map the path towards net-zero by 2050—Closing the Emission Gap 2030
- Launched LDC Vision- ‘To be on climate-resilient development pathways by 2030 and deliver net-zero emissions by 2050 to ensure our societies and ecosystems thrive’ 2019.
- LDC initiatives – LIFE-AR, REEEI and LUCCC
- Hosted Thimphu Ambition Summit: Momentum for a 1.5°C world, 2020
- Scale up climate finance for adaptation and building resilience
- Support for loss and damage and access to finance
What can we do together – Climate and Trade

- Collaboration, cooperation and coordination is key
  - Connect all involved: Parties, Supra National Agencies, NGOs, Businesses, Farmers
  - Transparent and inclusive processes delivering environmental justice
  - Policy options, incentives, technology transfer and financing geared towards environmental outcomes

- Potential areas for collaboration to contribute to overall emission reduction
  - Framework for Traded and Consumption Emissions; Carbon Border adjustment
  - Standards and Certification – measurement, reporting and certification of carbon footprint
  - Sustainable Production and Consumption – SDG 12 – Incentivizing reducing carbon intensity of production and raw materials – Circular Economy concepts for use and end of life cycle recycling
  - Citizens stewardship of environment – Create awareness and make it duty bound to consume less
The LDC Group on Climate Change brings together the work and vision of the Least Developed Countries at the intergovernmental negotiations, under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

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