

# UN Trade Forum: towards a green and inclusive recovery

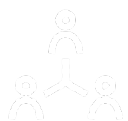
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### ***Guiding Questions:***

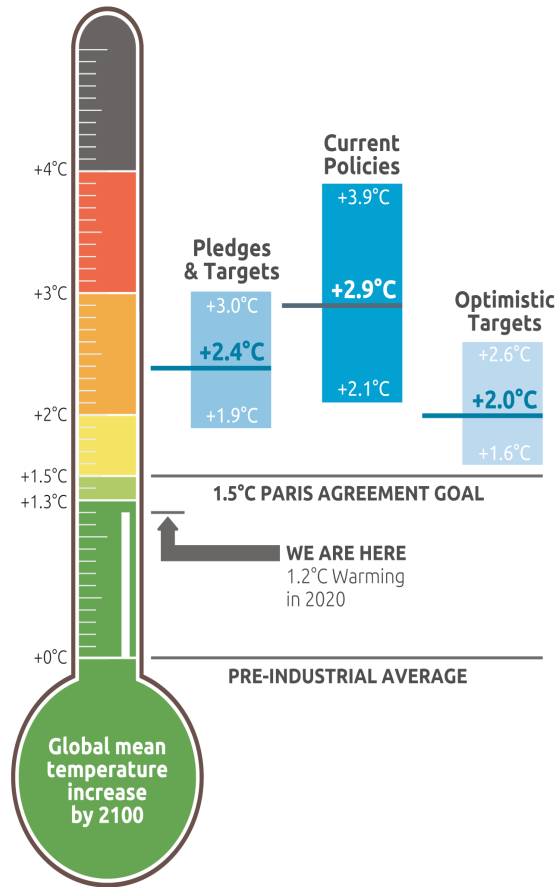
***How can trade support climate actions in LDCs?***

***How can international organizations, UNCTAD, better assist LDCs to face this challenge?***

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# Context: Climate Change and LDCs



CAT warming projections  
**Global temperature increase by 2100**

May 2021 Update

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- devastating 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° 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



**THANK YOU**

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