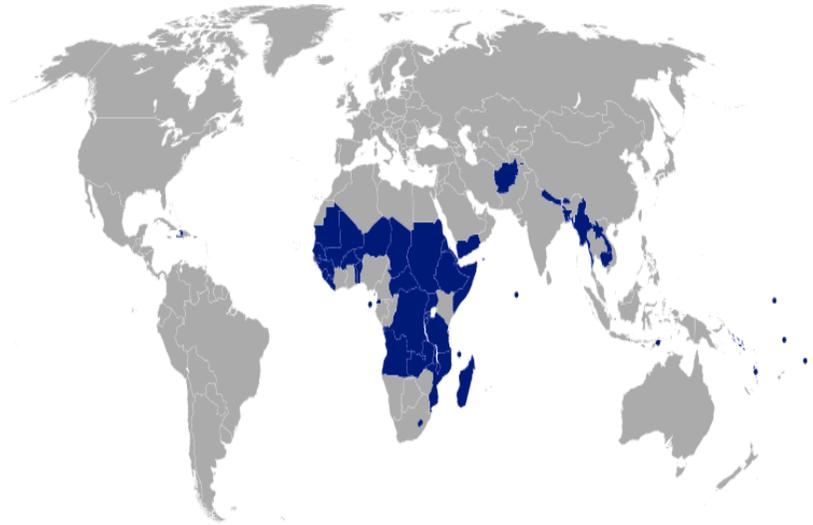


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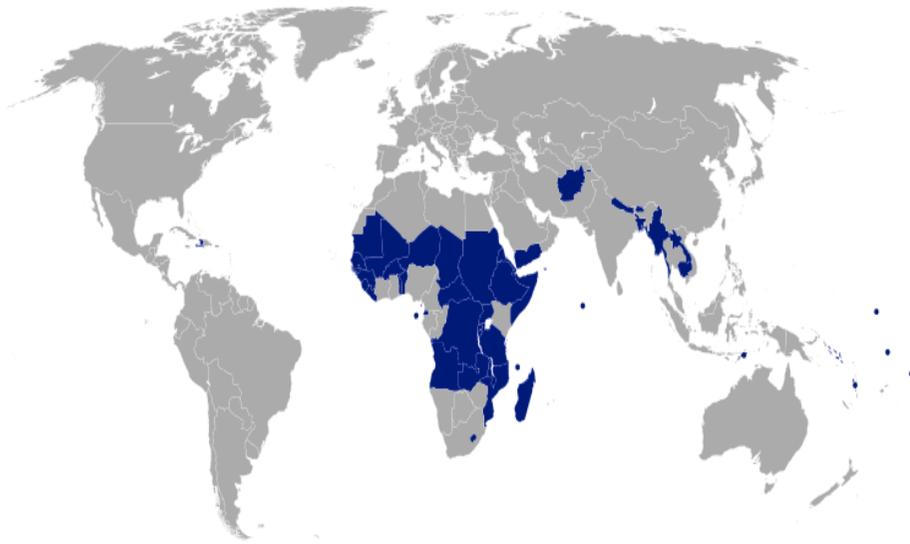


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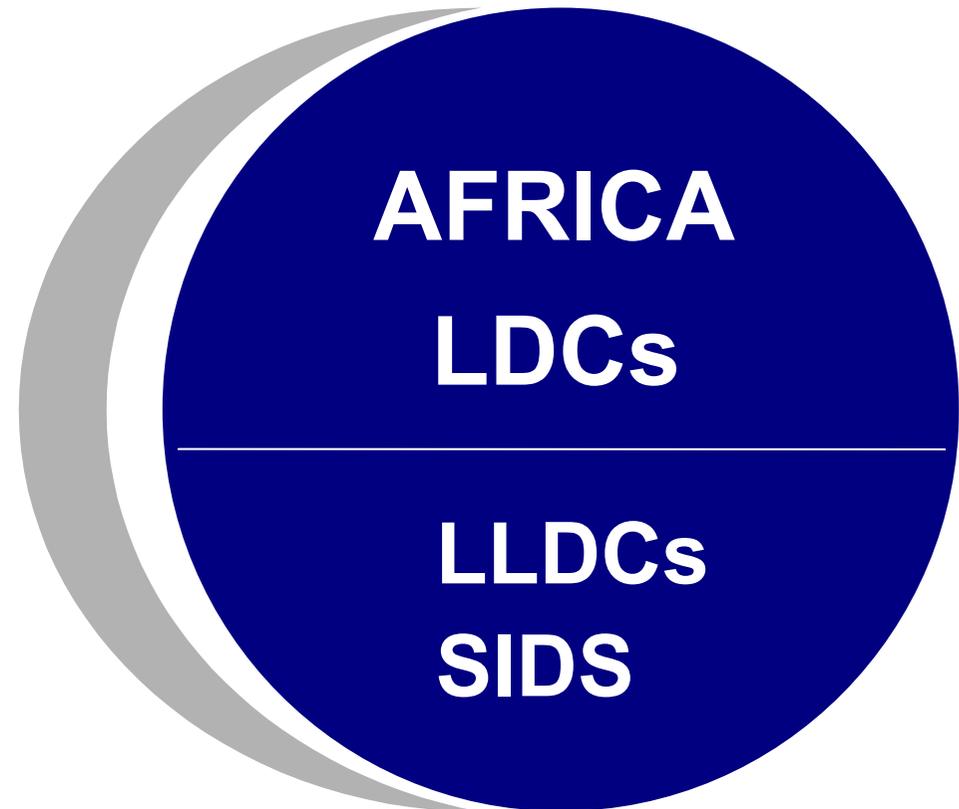
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About Our Division

ALDC IS THE FOCAL POINT WITHIN UNCTAD FOR:

THE MANDATES FOR ASSISTING THESE COUNTRIES COME FROM THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM, **UNCTAD** HAS A PARTICULAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADDRESSING THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF AFRICA, LDCs, LLDCs, & SIDS.



UN-Recognized Categories of Developing Countries

Africa

LDCs Least Developed Countries

LLDCs Landlocked Developing Countries

SIDS Small Island Developing States

Broad Objectives

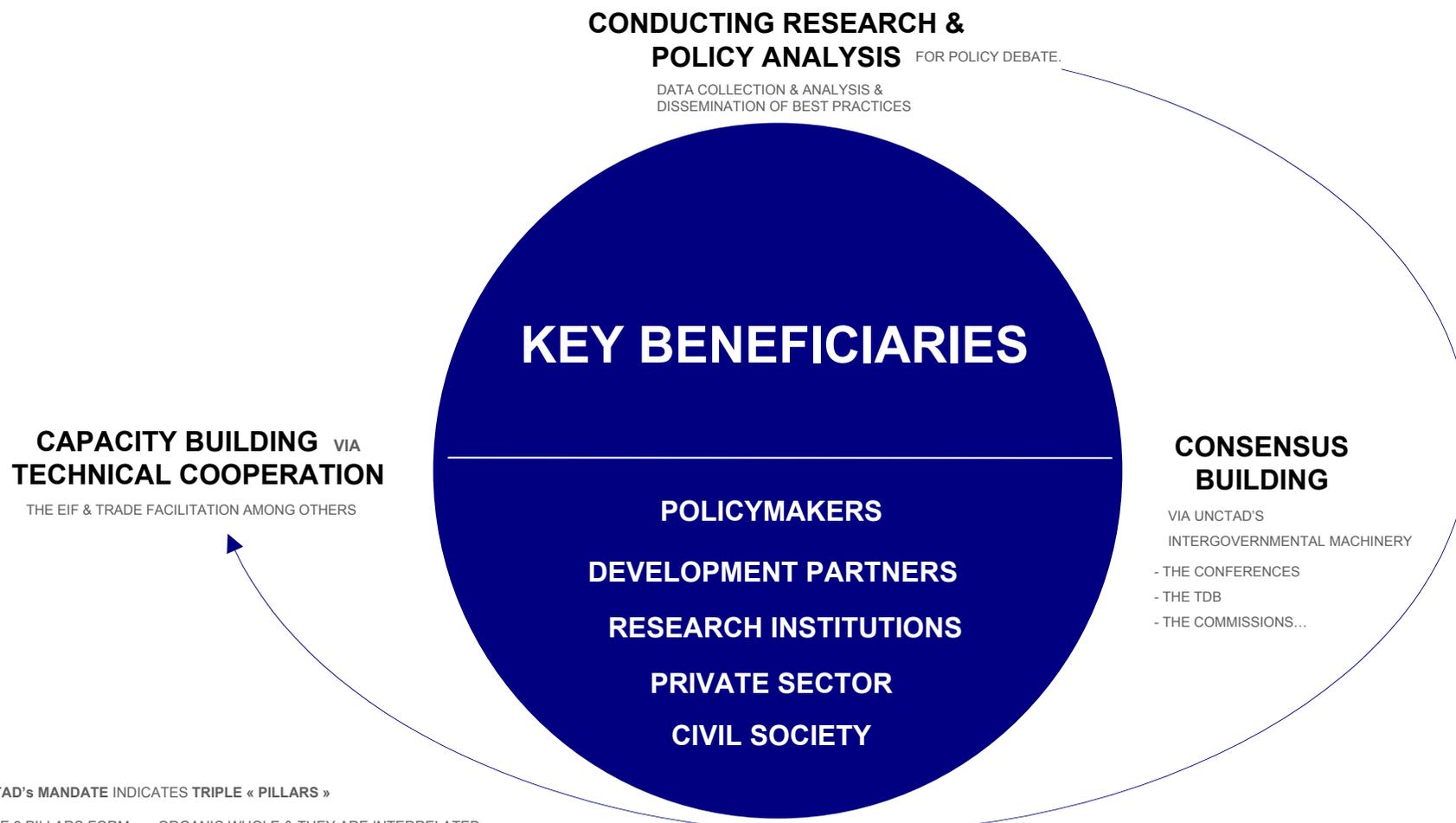


**PROMOTING ECONOMIC
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in AFRICA, LDCs, LLDCs & SIDS

**ENHANCING THEIR INTEGRATION
INTO THE GLOBAL ECONOMY IN AN
EQUITABLE MANNER**

Functional Roles



UNCTAD's MANDATE INDICATES TRIPLE « PILLARS »

THESE 3 PILLARS FORM -an ORGANIC WHOLE & THEY ARE INTERRELATED.

Key Activities

CONDUCTING RESEARCH & POLICY-ORIENTED, ANALYTICAL STUDIES ON LDCs, LLDCs & SIDS.

PROVIDING POLICY ADVICE ON PRE & POST LDC GRADUATION STRATEGIES (ON DEMAND)

MONITORING LDCs PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING GRADUATION CRITERIA

MONITORING THE IMPACT OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC CHANGES ON AFRICA, LDCs, LLDCs & SIDS

MAINSTREAMING OF TRADE POLICIES INTO THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES OF THE LDCs.

MANAGING OF UNCTAD-LDC TRUST FUND



COORDINATING UNCTAD's CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAJOR CONFERENCES ON ALDCs SUCH AS THE:

ISTANBUL PROGRAMME of ACTION FOR LDCs (IPoA) (2011 - 2020)

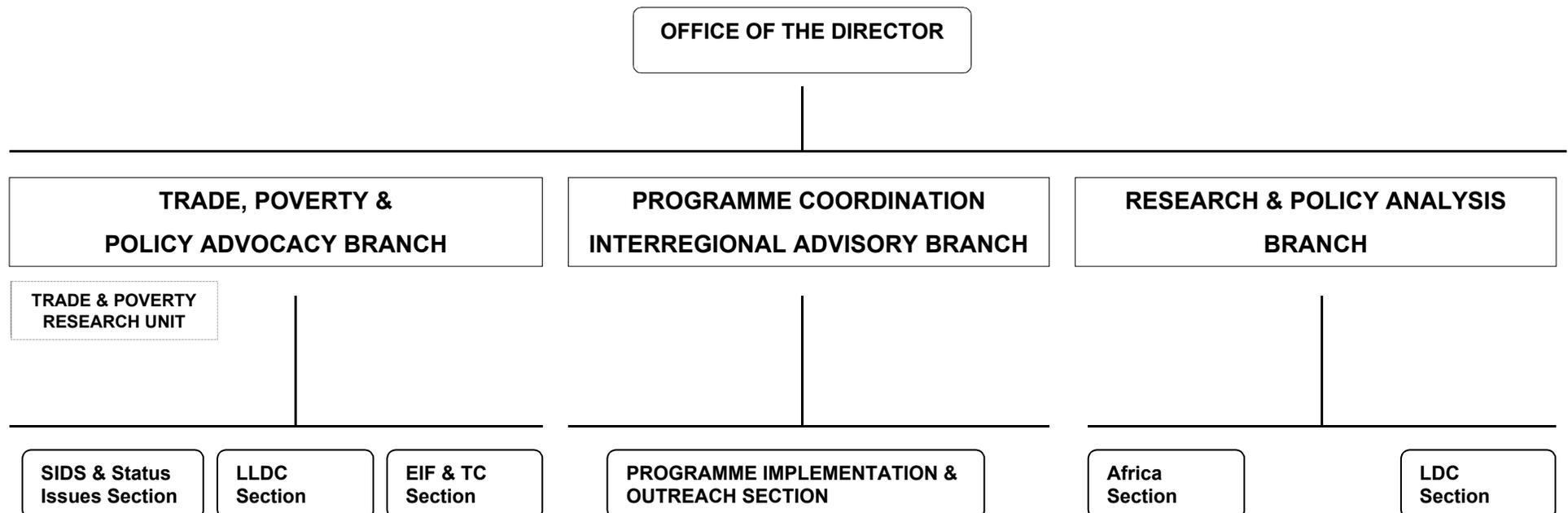
ALMATY PROGRAMME of ACTION FOR LLDCs (APoA) (2003)

MAURITIUS STRATEGY

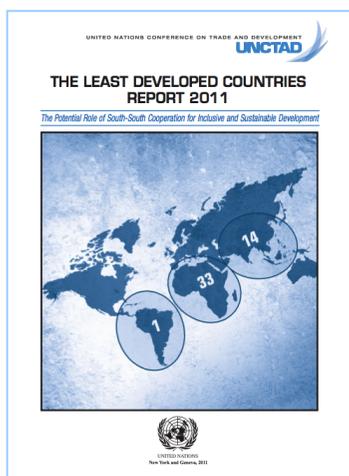
FOR THE FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF **SIDS** (2005)

GA RESOLUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF AFRICA, WHICH ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE AU COMMISSION & THE NEPAD PROGRAMME.

Organizational Structure



Major Annual Publications



THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES REPORT SERIES (LDC REPORT)

- **PROVIDES** A RIGOROUS SOURCE OF COMPREHENSIVE & AUTHORITATIVE SOCIO-ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF LDCs
- **IDENTIFIES** EMERGING DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES & ISSUES
- **OFFERS** ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT POLICY OPTIONS OPEN TO LDCs & DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS
- **MONITORS** PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING THE CRITERIA FOR GRADUATION (IN THE FUTURE)



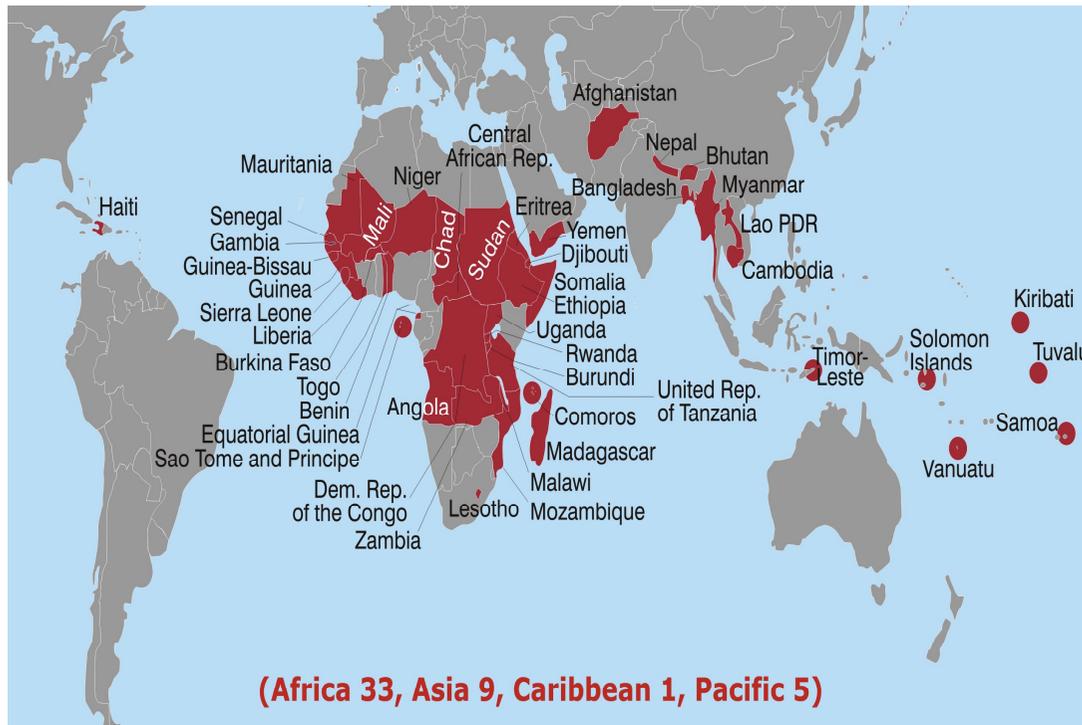
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA REPORT SERIES (EDA REPORT)

- **ANALYSES** KEY & EMERGING ISSUES FACING THE AFRICAN CONTINENT
- **SEEKS** TO PROVIDE AFRICAN COUNTRIES WITH ALTERNATIVE POLICY PERSPECTIVES
- **OFFERS** A SET OF PRACTICAL POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS TO POLICYMAKERS & THEIR PARTNERS



About the LDCs

IN 1971, THE UNITED NATIONS ESTABLISHED THE CATEGORY OF THE LDCs AS A SPECIAL GROUP OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CHARACTERIZED BY A LOW INCOME LEVEL, STRUCTURAL IMPEDIMENTS TO GROWTH, & REQUIRING SPECIAL MEASURES FOR DEALING WITH THOSE PROBLEMS.



48 countries
 ARE CURRENTLY DESIGNATED BY THE UN AS LDCs

33 in AFRICA
 14 in ASIA & PACIFIC
 1 in AMERICAS

THE CURRENT DESIGNATION CRITERIA ARE

- i) Low Gross National Income per capita
- ii) Weak Human Assets
- iii) High Economic Vulnerability



The LLDCs

UNCTAD's OVERALL FRAMEWORK HAS BEEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ALMATY DECLARATION & **ALMATY PROGRAMME OF ACTION (APoA)**, ADOPTED AT THE UN CONFERENCE ON LLDCs, ALMATY, KASAKHSTAN (2003)

THE PREPARATORY PROCESS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS COMPREHENSIVE 10-YEAR REVIEW CONFERENCE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALMATY PROGRAMME OF ACTION TO BE CONVENED IN 2014.

LLDCs (15)

ARMENIA
AZERBAIJAN
BOLIVIA
BOTSWANA
KAZAKHSTAN
KYRGYZSTAN
MACEDONIA
MOGOLIA
MOLDOVA
PARAGUAY
SWAZILAND
TAJIKISTAN
TURKMENISTAN
UZBEKISTAN
ZIMBABWE

31 countries

15 in AFRICA

12 in ASIA

2 in EUROPE

2 in SOUTH AMERICA

TOTAL POPULATION (2012): 402 MILLION

ANNUAL AVERAGE POPULATION GROWTH RATE: 2,4 %

OF 31 LLDCs 16 ARE CLASSIFIED AS LDC

LLDCs & LDCs(16)

AFGHANISTAN
BHUTAN
BURKINA FASO
BURUNDI
CENTRAL AFRICAN REP.
CHAD
ETHIOPIA
LAO PDR
LESOTHO
MALAWI
MALI
NEPAL
NIGER
RWANDA
UGANDA
ZAMBIA

The challenges facing the LLDCs

UNCTAD'S WORK

UNDERTAKING EXTENSIVE ANALYTICAL WORK & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN THE AREAS OF:

- TRANSPORT POLICIES
- TRADE FACILITATION
- TRANSIT TRADE WITH A FOCUS ON:

SUPPORTING THE:

- DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSIT CORRIDORS
- MODERNIZATION OF CUSTOMS OPERATIONS (ASYCUDA)
- INSTALLATION OF CARGO TRACKING SYSTEM

REDUCING THE COST OF TRADING THROUGHOUT THE SUPPLY CHAIN BY:

- ENHANCING TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS SERVICES
- IMPROVING BORDER MANAGEMENT
- ENHANCING CUSTOMS CAPACITY
- SUPPORTING EFFICIENT MOVEMENT OF GOODS THROUGH TRADE CORRIDORS

ASSISTING LLDCs IN THEIR NEGOTIATIONS:

- DOHA ROUND, URUGUAY ROUND ...
- ACCESSION TO WTO

PERSISTENT CHALLENGES

ARE RELATED TO

THEIR GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

WHICH HAS BEEN THE MAIN FACTOR HINDERING THEIR ABILITY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TRADING OPPORTUNITIES & TO DEVELOP INTERNATIONALLY COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS.

LACK OF TERRITORIAL ACCESS TO THE SEA

REMOTNESS & ISOLATION

ABILITY TO ATTRACT FDI

HIGH TRANSIT COSTS

Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

Background

FOR ANALYTICAL PURPOSE, UNCTAD USES A LIST OF 29 SIDS.

THE GROUP INCLUDES RELATIVELY RICH COUNTRIES BUT ALSO SOME OF THE POOREST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

SIDS WERE RECOGNIZED AS A DISTINCT GROUP OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FACING SPECIFIC SOCIAL, ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL VULNERABILITIES AT THE UN CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT (UNCED) HELD IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL IN 1992.

THE UN HAS BEEN SUPPORTING THE SIDS IN THEIR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS THROUGH THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SIDS FINALIZED AT THE GLOBAL CONFERENCE HELD IN **BARBADOS IN 1994**, KNOWN ALSO AS THE BARBADOS PROGRAMME OF ACTION (**BPoA**).

THIS PROGRAMME WAS REVIEWED **IN MAURITIUS IN 2005**. THE **MAURITIUS STRATEGY** FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME RECOGNIZES THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE DISADVANTAGES MOST SIDS SUFFER FROM IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY.

Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

UNCTAD SUPPORTS GLOBAL EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF SIDS, AS STATED IN THE MAURITIUS STRATEGY FOR THE FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SIDS (JAN 2005)

CARIBBEAN (10)

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA
BAHAMAS
BARBADOS
DOMINICA
GRENEDA
JAMAICA
ST. KITTS & NEVIS
ST. LUCIA
ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

ATLANTIC (2)

CAPE VERDE
SAO TOME & PRINCIPE

29 countries

12 PACIFIC

10 CARIBBEAN

5 INDIAN OCEAN

2 ATLANTIC

OF 29 SIDS 8 ARE CLASSIFIED AS LDC

5 PACIFIC

2 INDIAN OCEAN

1 ATLANTIC

PACIFIC (13)

FIJI
KIRIBATI
MARSHALL ISLANDS
MICRONESIA
NAURU
PALAU
PAPUA NEW GUINEA (PNG)
SAMOA
SOLOMON ISLANDS
TONGA
TUVALAU
VANUATU

INDIAN OCEAN (5)

COMOROS
MALDIVES
MAURITIUS
SEYCHELLES
TIMOR-LESTE

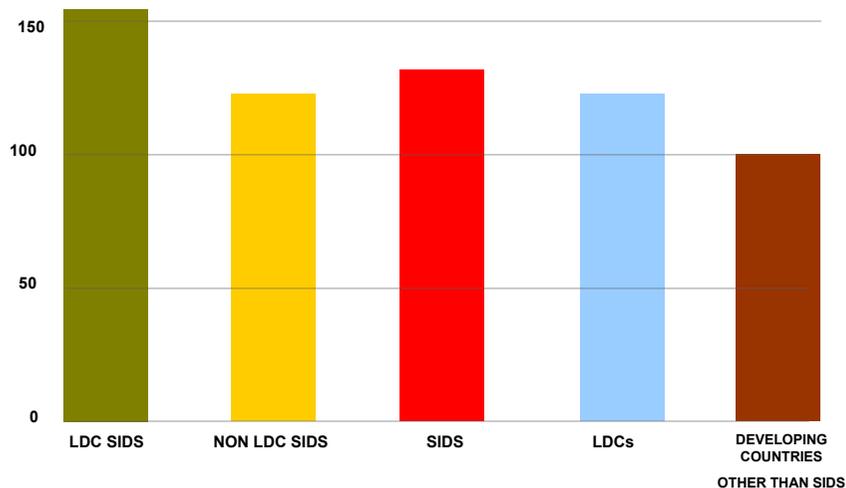
Why are SIDS more vulnerable?

FACE A GREATER RISK OF MARGINALIZATION FROM THE GLOBAL ECONOMY THAN MANY OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES?

BECAUSE OF THEIR

- ❑ SMALL SIZE
- ❑ DISTANCE & REMOTENESS FROM LARGE MARKETS - RESULTING HIGH TRANSPORT COSTS)
- ❑ HIGH VULNERABILITY TO EXTERNAL SHOCKS BEYOND DOMESTIC CONTROL (ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL)

MORE VULNERABLE THAN OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
 (ALL DATA BASED ON THE UN'S ECONOMIC VULNERABILITY INDEX) (EVI*)



* THE EVI IS A COMPOSITION OF 7 INDICATORS:

- 1) POPULATION SIZE
- 2) REMOTENESS,
- 3) MERCHANDISE EXPORT CONCENTRATION,
- 4) SHARE OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY & FISHERIES IN GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT
- 5) HOMELESSNESS OWING TO NATURAL DISASTERS
- 6) INSTABILITY OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION,
- 7) INSTABILITY OF EXPORTS OF GOODS & SERVICES.

Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF)

THE EIF IS A TRADE-RELATED ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME (CREATED IN 1997 WTO HIGH LEVEL MEETING & LAUNCHED IN 2007)

THE EIF HELPS LDCs BECOME MORE ACTIVE PLAYERS IN THE MULTILATERAL GLOBAL TRADING SYSTEM.

6 CORE PARTNER AGENCIES



OTHER DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS



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TRADEMARK SOUTHERN AFRICA



TRADE FACILITATION & FACILITY (TFF)



COMMON MARKET FOR EAST & SOUTHERN AFRICA



STANDARDS & TRADE DEVELOPMENT FACILITY (STDF)

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NEW PARTNERS MAY JOIN THE EIF AT ANYTIME.

The EIF Purposes

LINKING THE EIF PURPOSES TO ALDC DIVISION'S BROAD OBJECTIVES

MAINSTREAMING TRADE INTO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

SETTING UP STRUCTURES NEEDED TO COORDINATE THE DELIVERY OF TRADE-RELATED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TRTA)

BUILD CAPACITY TO TRADE, WHICH ALSO INCLUDES ADDRESSING CRITICAL SUPPLY-SIDE CONSTRAINTS.

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