Country Presentation

Bangladesh Graduation from LDCs: Challenges & Opportunities

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outline

Bangladesh- an amazing success story

Uniqueness of Bangladesh among LDCs

Dynamics of structural transformation

Graduation journey and Challenges ahead

Way forward

Bangladesh Journey towards Graduation

Bangladesh is the first country to meet all three thresholds for LDC Graduation: GNI, HAI, and EVI

In current trends, BD will be recommended for graduation in the next triennial review in 2021 and will officially graduate from LDC category in 2024

Bangladesh journey towards graduation is a milestone, not a winning post

No country graduated meeting all three criteria...



Criteria	Threshold, 2018		

Strategy towards structural transformation

- Policy intervention to provide an enabling environment for manufacturing led export
- Enhancing skill for boosting productivity
- Replacing and upgrading technology; enhancing R&D
- Reforming financial market conducive to exports and manufacturing sector
- Enabling environment for increased women participation in labor force
- Bridging the gap between rural and urban development through financing SME
- Developing 100 special economic zones
- Massive infrastructure investment to improve competitiveness in industry, trade and exports

LDC graduation: Key challenges and measures

Area	Challenge/ Opportunity	Channel	Preliminary Impact Assessment	Countervailing/ Supporting measures
Trade	Challenge	WTO's rules, preferential treatment	High	Exploring new opportunity, GSP+; delaying withdrawal of benefit
Investment	Opportunity	Improved image, better credit rating	Moderate	Advocacy and campaign to attract FDI
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LDC graduation: Key challenges and measures (contd..)

Area	Challenges/ Opportunities	Channel	Preliminary Impact Assessment	Countervailing/ Supporting measures
Other benefits	Challenge	UN Air ticket; UN		

Thank you all!!!

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