2021 Triennial Review

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Joint Government-UN Meeting on Myanmar’s LDC Graduation Process
December 2020
Myanmar’s graduation process

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<th>2018 Triennial review</th>
<th>Met graduation criteria for the 1st time (first step)</th>
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<td>2021 Triennial review</td>
<td>January 8-15: Expert Group Meeting (Myanmar January 14)</td>
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<td>February 22-26: CDP Plenary</td>
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<td>Myanmar expected to meet criteria for the 2nd time (eligible)</td>
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<td>CDP will review additional information, incl. COVID-19 impacts</td>
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<td>CDP may recommend graduation; extent of preparatory period (3 years standard; possible justification for up to 5)</td>
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<td>If recommended, ECOSOC, General Assembly must endorse</td>
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<td>Preparatory period</td>
<td>At least 3 years after action by General Assembly</td>
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<td>Myanmar continues to be an LDC and benefit from International Support Measures (ISMs); prepares smooth transition</td>
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<td>Graduation</td>
<td>Not before 2024; Myanmar is no longer an LDC</td>
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<td>Continues to benefit from some ISMs with “smooth transition” provisions for a period; Myanmar to report progress to CDP</td>
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Process: next steps for Myanmar

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<td>8-15 January (Myanmar 14 January): CDP LDC subgroup meeting to review data, documents, government views.</td>
<td>14 January: Make a 20-minute presentation/statement at the subgroup meeting stating its view on graduation and on capacity to prepare.</td>
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<td>22-26 February: Triennial Review - full CDP membership considers subgroup’s graduation recommendation and written statement by Myanmar; makes recommendation to ECOSOC</td>
<td>By 8 February: Prepare and submit written statement to the CDP Plenary providing the countries’ view on the graduation recommendation made by the CDP subgroup</td>
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<td>If graduation is recommended: ECOSOC and General Assembly resolutions, over the course of 2021</td>
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Data and information used in the CDP decision

LDC criteria

- Published by internationally recognized organizations or research institutions: World Bank, UN Statistics Division, UNESCO, FAO, UNCTAD, UNICEF, WHO, Columbia University, Uppsala University
- GNI per capita (3-year avg; Atlas method)
- Human Assets Index
- Economic and Environmental Vulnerability Index

Supplementary graduation indicators

CDP Secretariat

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• Human assets index
• Economic and environmental vulnerability index

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- Human Assets Index
- Economic and Environmental Vulnerability Index

UN analysis

COVID-19 impacts
- Assessments by UN and others
- Comprehensive study on impacts of COVID-19 on the LDC category
- Inputs submitted by government

Government inputs to VP and IA; statement/presentation at CDP’s expert group meeting (January) and written submission (February)
LDC criteria: graduation requires meeting 2 of 3 thresholds – Myanmar has met all 3

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<td>2018</td>
<td>$1230 and above</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>$1222 and above</td>
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• COVID-19 will NOT be reflected in LDC criteria

Supplementary graduation indicators

• Cover vulnerabilities and relevant factors not captured by LDC criteria and country-specific information
• Relevant for graduation recommendation, but not a requirement for graduation

Areas covered

Income
- Disposable income, GDP, GNI, Income inequality, Income poverty

Human assets
- Poverty, Hunger, Health, Education, Gender inequality in labour markets, Human capital, Human development, Demographics

Environmental vulnerability
- Biodiversity, Water availability, Access to water and sanitation, Air pollution, Disaster, Climate change, Material consumption

Economic vulnerability
- Economic growth, Debt, Remittances, ODA, Tourism, Current account, Trade, Domestic resource mobilization, Domestic savings, Structural change, Productive capacity, Technology, Energy

Other vulnerabilities
- Conflict and violence, Governance
UN analysis

- Impact assessment (UNDESA)
- Vulnerability profile (UNCTAD)
- Graduation assessment
- COVID-19 impacts
  - Assessments by UN and others
  - Comprehensive study on impacts of COVID-19 on the LDC category (inputs submitted by government)

Inputs from UN entities in Myanmar / inter-agency task force on graduation

+ Government inputs to VP and IA; statement/presentation at CDP’s expert group meeting (January) and written submission (February)

Important inputs from this meeting to the CDP’s Expert Group Meeting:

- What is Myanmar’s position on graduation, preparatory period?
- What areas does the government consider to be policy priorities in order to sustain its development trajectory?
- What are the areas in which international support will be most important after graduation and to address graduation-related issues?
Thank you