

The UN commitment to the Least Developed Countries: a reality check

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The 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, adopted in 2015, embraced the mantra “leave no one behind”.

How much does this apply to the [46 Least Developed Countries](#) (LDCs), where some 900 million people live all too often in conditions of acute poverty and with many basic human needs still unmet?

The UN is negotiating a new [Programme of Action for the LDCs](#) to be adopted in Doha, Qatar, in January 2022. So the time has come for a reality check with regard to this group of countries whose success is critical to the realization of the entire 2030 Agenda.

- Was the target of cutting by half the number of LDCs in just ten years overly ambitious?
- Is the slow progress in the LDCs due to adverse global conditions, or domestic policy choices?

Speakers

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