

**High-level Round Table 8: Supporting Sustainable and Irreversible Graduation
from the Least Developed Country Category**

**9 March 2023, Doha time: 9 am to 12pm
Venue: Thematic Roundtables Hall**

Summary of proceedings

- Graduation is not an end in itself and transition is not always smooth. In the coming years, the graduation pathway will be riddled with added crises, increasing global economic uncertainties, escalating climate and disaster risks and vulnerabilities.
- For smooth transition, challenges of graduation as well as opportunities need to be analysed and addressed to make

preferential market access and TRIPS waivers, particularly for pharmaceutical products for combating public health-related challenges and pandemics.

- Providing easy and flexible access to climate mitigation and adaptation finance on a concessional basis, including in the context of loss and damage, and continuation of technology transfer to LDCs after their graduation, as emphasized through the Conference of the Parties (CoP) process.
- Assurance of safe, orderly and regular migration with full respect for human rights, easy access to quality and affordable financial services, and technical support to ensure remittances can be used for long-term investment in productive sectors, such as micro-, small-, and medium-sized enterprises, for economic transformation and job creation in the LDCs.
- South-South-Cooperation, dialogue, knowledge exchange and country exchanges are an effective way for graduating countries to learn from each other and is to be strengthened and promoted.