Session 6 Technology Bank for LDCs

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- Graduation: UN-OHRLLS work
 - Follow up of the IPoA
 - System-wide coordination
 - Policy analysis
 - High-level events and country missions

- OHRLLS overall approach to graduation
 - Graduation is necessary but not enough
 - Risk of Middle Income Country (MIC) trap following successful graduation
 - Need for robust growth in the mediumto longer-term

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- Escaping MIC trap should be embedded in graduation strategy
 - Rapidly shifting from cheap labour dependent growth to high productivity and innovation-based growth
 - In other words, building robust and sustained competitive productive capacity
 - a. State of LDCs report 2013, OHRLLS
 - b. Outcome of the Cotonou Conference 2014

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- Graduation and escaping MIC trap
 - Role of Technology and Investment
 - Lessons from successful Asia-Pacific regional experiences

- OHRLLS approach consistent with LDCs' evolving policy stance
 - ODA and debt since the 1970s,
 - Trade since the 1990s,
 - Technology and Investment since IPoA

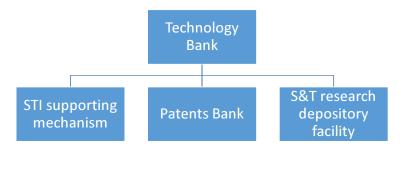
- OHRLLS initiatives
 - Technology Bank
 - International Investment Support Centre

- Background to Technology Bank initiative
 - Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA)
 - Report of the UN Secretary-General (A/68/217)
 - -UN General Assembly resolution 67/220

- State of Play
 - -Turkey to host
 - High-Level Panel of the UN Secretary-General
 - UN Interagency Task Force

- Functions and structure
 - Three interrelated functions:
 - Access to technology
 - Science, Technology and Innovation supporting mechanism
 - Networking and access of LDCs' researchers and scientists

Integrated structure reflecting intererrelated functions



- Patent Bank
 - A licensing facility to help LDCs secure relevant IP at negotiated or concessionary rates and help LDCs;
 - Technical assistance to identify appropriate technologies;
 - An enforcement mechanism ensuring the use of such IP in LDCs only, as well as an arbitration mechanism;
 - Help protect IP rights derived by LDC inventors.

- STI Supporting Mechanism
 - Support to building LDCs' human and institutional capacity
 - Assistance to the establishment of technology incubators and ICT connectivity
 - Support to marketing LDCs' research results and improve IPR management capability
 - Leveraging LDCs' diaspora knowledge networks.

- Science and Technology Depository Facility
 - Support to LDCs' access to scientific literature
 - Help broker LDCs' research collaboration through partnerships
 - Research support and networking services for LDC researchers
 - Capacity building support to expand publication of LDCs' scientific work

- Next steps
 - Feasibility Study
 - Report of the UN SG's High-Level Panel
 - -Operationalization by 2017

- Effectiveness of Technology Bank: Primacy of national policies
 - Technology Bank will be as useful as it is used by the LDCs
 - Need for strong national actions to rapidly build STI capabilities

- Graduation: Upcoming major events
 - Asia-Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Graduation (Kathmandu, 16-18 December 2014)
 - A series of preparatory activities for the Mid-term Review of the IPoA

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