LDC GRADUATION

The graduation from the status of Least Developed Country (LDC) is based on three criteria: income per capita, human assets and economic vulnerability. At least two of the three criteria must be met for a country to be eligible for graduation. However, the graduation from LDC may also apply if the Gross National Income (GNI) per capita of a country is above the income-only graduation threshold, which is double of the graduation threshold.

Criteria:

**INCOME PER CAPITA**
Gross National Income (GNI) per capita (2015 graduation threshold = USD 1,242; 2015 income-only graduation threshold = USD 2,484)

**HUMAN ASSETS INDEX (HAI)**
composite index of the following indicators
- Under-five mortality rate
- Percentage of population undernourished
- Maternal mortality ratio
- Gross secondary enrollment ratio
- Adult literacy rate

**ECONOMIC VULNERABILITY INDEX (EVI)**
composite index of the following indicators
- Population
- Remoteness from world markets
- Merchandise export concentration
- Share of agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing in GDP
- Share of population in low elevated coastal zones
- Instability of exports of goods and services
- Victims of natural disasters
- Instability of agricultural production

Angola complied with the income-only graduation criterion. However, the country did not meet the Human Assets and the Economic Vulnerability criteria.

The graduation of Angola from LDC is expected by **February 2021**

The LDC graduation should be aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The National Development Plan 2018–2022 and the long-term development strategy “Angola Vision 2025/2050” should ensure a comprehensive strategy that includes the milestones of the LDC graduation process, the SDGs, and the African Union’s Development Agenda 2063.