

# LDC CRITERIA OVER TIME

New components in **bold**  
Source: CDP Secretariat

**2011** LDCs are low-income countries suffering from the most severe structural impediments to **sustainable development**

GNI per capita

Human Asset Index (HAI)

- Percentage of population undernourished
- Under five mortality rate
- Gross secondary enrolment ratio
- Adult literacy rate

Economic Vulnerability Index (EVI)

- Population
- Remoteness
- Merchandise export concentration
- Share of agriculture, forestry and fisheries in GDP
- **Share of population in low elevated coastal zones**
- **Victims of natural disasters**
- Instability of agriculture production
- Instability of exports of goods and services

**2005** LDCs are low-income countries suffering from low level of human resources and a high degree of economic vulnerability

GNI per capita

Human Asset Index (HAI)

- **Percentage of population undernourished**
- Under five mortality rate
- Gross secondary enrolment ratio
- Adult literacy rate

Economic Vulnerability Index (EVI)

- Population
- **Remoteness**
- Merchandise export concentration
- **Share of agriculture, forestry and fisheries in GDP**
- **Homelessness due to natural disasters**
- Instability of agriculture production
- Instability of exports of goods and services

**2002** LDCs are low-income countries suffering from low level of human resources and a high degree of economic vulnerability

GNI per capita

Human Asset Index (HAI)

- Average calorie intake per capita as a percentage of the requirement
- Under five mortality rate
- **Gross secondary enrolment ratio**
- Adult literacy rate

Economic Vulnerability Index (EVI)

- Population size
- Export concentration
- Share of manufacturing and modern services in GDP
- Instability of agricultural production
- Instability of export of goods and services

**1999** LDCs are low-income countries suffering from low level of human resources and a high degree of economic vulnerability

GDP per capita

Augmented Physical Quality of Life (APQL)

- **Average calorie intake per capita as a percentage of the requirement**
- **Under five mortality rate**
- Combined primary and secondary school enrolment ratio
- Adult literacy rate

Economic Vulnerability Index (EVI)

- **Population size**
- Export concentration
- **Share of manufacturing and modern services in GDP**
- **Instability of agricultural production**
- **Instability of export of goods and services**

**1991** LDCs are low-income countries suffering from long-term handicaps to growth, in particular, low levels of human resource development and/or severe structural weaknesses

GDP per capita

Augmented Physical Quality of Life (APQL)

- **Per capita calorie supply**
- **Life expectancy at birth**
- **Combined primary and secondary school enrolment ratio**
- Adult literacy rate

Economic Diversification Index (EDI)

- **Export concentration ratio**
- Share of manufacturing in GDP
- **Share of employment in industry**
- **Per capita electricity consumption**

**1971** LDCs are countries with very low levels of per capita gross domestic product facing the most severe obstacles to development

GDP per capita

• **Adult literacy rate**

• **Share of manufacturing in GDP**