

Investment Support Program for Least Developed Countries

Website and Operational Overview
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Investment Support Programme for LDCs



ISP/LDC Website:

www.idlo.int/Investment-Support-Programme-LDCs

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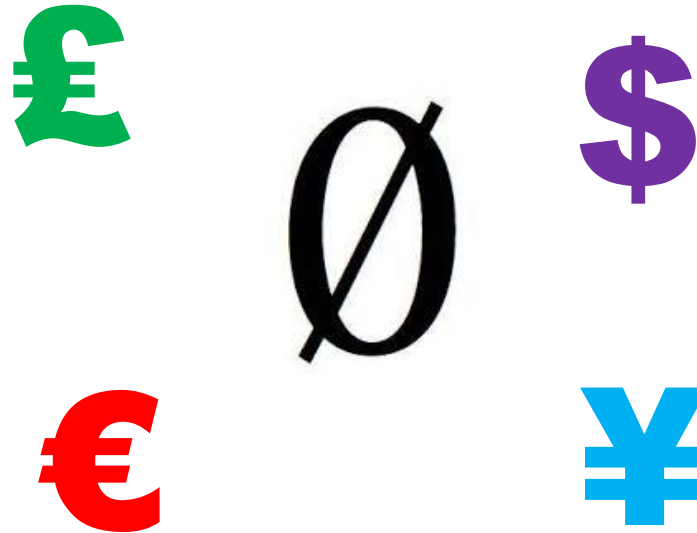
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RECAP

- Programme is Demand Driven
- ISP/LDC designed to support:
 - Negotiations
 - Dispute settlement
 - Improving skills and capabilities
- Assistance available in two general areas:
 - Direct support for litigation/arbitration/negotiation
 - Capacity development
- Support provided by:
 - Attorneys
 - Other experts and organizations

COST TO BENEFICIARY



- Support under ISP/LDCs is available at no cost to beneficiary

Assistance Available

■ *Investment-related negotiations*

- Reviewing investment feasibility;
- Drafting contract provisions;
- Dispute settlement/arbitration preparation;
- Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs)

■ *Investment-related dispute settlement*

- Representing Client in arbitration, mediation or negotiation;
- Preparing submissions and pleadings for dispute settlement;
- Attending hearings;
- Preparing and examining evidence.

Capacity Development

- Model Investment Agreements
- Negotiation preparation
- Agreement Implementation
- Arbitration training
- Mediation
- Legislation/Regulation drafting

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Site Web

PROGRAMME DE SOUTIEN AUX INVESTISSEMENTS POUR LES PAYS LES MOINS AVANCÉS

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Le Programme de soutien aux investissements en faveur des pays les moins avancés (ISP/LDCs) fournit à la demande, une assistance juridique et professionnelle aux [gouvernements des PMA](#) et aux entités publiques ou privées éligibles pour les négociations relatives aux investissements et au règlement des différends. Le programme soutient également des activités complémentaires de formation et de renforcement des capacités sur demande.

L'ISP/LDCs fait appel aux services d'avocats et d'autres experts, qui sont prêts à apporter leur expertise au développement durable des pays les moins avancés. L'ISP/LDCs a été conçu grâce à la collaboration entre [UN-OHRLLS](#) et l'[IDLO](#), et a été présenté aux Nations unies à New York lors d'un événement [spécial le 22 septembre 2017](#).

[Quelle assistance est fournie?](#)

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[Partenaires du programme](#)

Nous acceptons actuellement les demandes d'assistance ! Pour vérifier l'éligibilité de votre entité, cliquez sur le lien " Êtes-vous éligible " ci-dessous et commencez le processus de demande.

Besoin d'aide ? N'hésitez pas à nous contacter si vous avez des questions ou si vous avez besoin d'aide pour remplir votre demande.

PREMIERE ETAPE : Êtes-vous éligible

DEUXIEME ETAPE : Comment postuler

Contactez-nous pour plus d'informations

WEBSITE OVERVIEW

- Website designed to be:
 - Easy to use
 - Functional with low bandwidth
 - Simple to navigate
 - Bilingual (French and English)
- Website includes:
 - Information on ISP/LDC
 - Programme Guide
 - Request for Assistance application materials
 - Where to go for help


www.idlo.int/Investment-Support-Programme-LDCs

www.idlo.int/Investment-Support-Programme-LDCs-fr

REQUEST for ASSISTANCE

- Eligibility
- Information Questionnaire
- Submit for Evaluation
- Assistance

ELIGIBILITY

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INVESTMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMME | STEP ONE: WHO IS ELIGIBLE?



Who can ask for assistance under the ISP/LDCs?

To determine your eligibility and before requesting assistance under the Programme, please select one of the three beneficiary categories you belong to within this box. You will then be directed to more information and a checklist you need to consider to determine eligibility.


1 LDC Government

2 Eligible State-owned Entity

3 Eligible Private Sector Entity

- Eligibility
 - LDC governments
 - State owned enterprises (SOEs)
 - Certain Private sector entities (SMEs)

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INVESTMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMME | STEP TWO: HOW TO APPLY



We are currently accepting requests for assistance under the ISP/LDCs.

If you have considered 'Step one: Who is eligible?' and believe your entity is eligible for this programme, then please commence step two below by following the instructions to submit your request for assistance and related documentation. Please [contact us](#) for any questions or in case you need support in defining the content of the assistance request.

Steps

1. Ensure you have assessed your entity's eligibility by considering the checklists in '[Step one: Who is Eligible?](#)'. If eligible then:
2. Review the '[Programme Document](#)' below if you require more detailed information about the programme.
3. Download and complete the below '[Information Questionnaire](#)' that matches your entity type (1. LDC Government and State-owned Entity | 2. Private Sector Entity). The request can be initiated by submitting either the short or the long version of the Information Questionnaire. However, if possible, please submit the long version, as this provides more information for IDLO to assess your eligibility and assess your entity's needs in a timely fashion.
4. Similarly if you are already in a position to do so, please complete the below 'Declaration Form'.
5. Submit your completed 'Information Questionnaire' and any other documentation using the link provided below.

HOW TO APPLY

- Fill out application form
 - Appropriate entity
 - (State or Private Sector)
 - Short form
 - Long form

Information Questionnaires

1. LDC Governments and State-owned Entities

Short: [Download](#) | Long: [Download](#)

2. LDC Private Sector Entities

Short: [Download](#) | Long: [Download](#)

Information Questionnaire

- *Information Questionnaire*
 - Nature of requested assistance
 - Eligibility category
 - Detailed description
 - Parties
 - Language
 - Contact information

Information Questionnaire Short Form¹
(Governments and State-owned Enterprises)
(to be attached to the request for assistance under the ISP/LDCs)

1. What is the request for assistance about? (Please select the appropriate response(s))

- ___ : Investment-related negotiations
___ : Investment-related dispute settlement
___ : Pre-negotiation training and capacity development

2. Please indicate the category where you fall:

- ___ : Government, or
___ : Entities fully-owned by the State or, if partially-owned, provided foreign interest is less than 25%
(see description of categories [here](#))

3. Please provide a general description of the assistance sought, including any additional information can help us evaluate your request (including documents, press reports and relevant internet links)? (please attach an additional sheet if needed)

4. Please provide the names of the negotiation counterparts or opposing parties and any counsels hired by the negotiation counterparts or opposing parties?

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Title *
- Select -

First Name *

Last Name *

Email *

Phone Number

Include your country code, example +39

Organization/ Entity Name *

Your Organization/ Entity Position Title *

Organization/ Entity Type *

☐ LDC Government
☐ Eligible State-owned Entity
☐ Eligible Private Sector Entity
☐ Other

Organization/ Entity Country *

Is the entity you represent eligible for the Investment Support Programme for LDCs? *

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not sure
☐ I'm contacting you for something else

You can determine eligibility by visiting: www.idlo.int/Investment-Support-Programme-LDCs-Express-interest

Have you already submitted a request for assistance under the Programme? *

☐ Yes
☐ No

On what date did you submit your request for assistance?

Month Year

Only fill in this field if you selected 'Yes' for the above question

How can we help you? *



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Submit Request

- *Submit request*
 - Via link or email
 - Include attachments
 - Information Questionnaire
 - Contact information
 - Anything else helpful

Submit

Please email your request for assistance via the 'submit' link below, by attaching your completed 'Information Questionnaire' and other documentation, along with your contact information.

In the email body, please include the following written information: Your **First and Last Name** | **Organization Position Title** | **Organization Name and Country** | **Contact Phone Number and other Emails** | **Any additional information to support your submission.**

Your email submission will be sent to:
IDLO-ISP(at)idlo.int



Review by IDLO

- Review and evaluate request
- Follow up questions
- Additional information needed
- Prepare Scope of Work

Attorney/Expert selection

- Expert selection
- Match needs with skills and availability
- Review attorney/ expert with client

Partners :



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Terms of Reference

- Draft acceptable terms of reference with attorney/expert and client
- Sign agreement



Assistance Begins



- *During assistance*
 - ISP/LDC staff remain available
 - Continue to monitor assistance
 - Work with parties for successful outcomes
 - Provide on-going support

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Thank you!

Questions or Comments?