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Background
The world is far off track in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Least developed countries are
in danger of being left even further behind. With eight years left to 2030, we must urgently develop new
ways to accelerate the needed transformations. Making better use of science, technology and innovations
is key in this task. This is also acknowledged by the

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The LDC Future Forum will focus on three specific themes ʹ
1. Building innovation capacity through investments in education and skills development
Education at all levels is lagging behind in LDCs. School closures due to COVID-19 exacerbated the
situation. The Forum will explore examples of enhancing access to education and training through online
tools for enhanced learning, including through digital inclusion. It will discuss how improved STEM
education can enhance productivity and structural transformation, including through supporting school
to work transitions. It will also discuss how to support LDCs in developing the ability to absorb new