



## World Investment Report 2018

### Investment and New Industrial Policies

## Country fact sheet:

# Least developed countries

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### Foreign direct investment (FDI) overview, selected years

(Millions of dollars and per cent)

FDI flows	2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average)	2014	2015	2016	2017	as a percentage of gross fixed capital formation			
						2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average)	2015	2016	2017
<b>Least developed countries</b>									
<b>Inward</b>	<b>9 254</b>	<b>25 756</b>	<b>36 802</b>	<b>30 817</b>	<b>25 549</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>10.3</b>
<b>Outward</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>3 706</b>	<b>2 420</b>	<b>4 286</b>	<b>2 860</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<i>Memorandum</i>									
Least developed countries: Africa									
Inward	6 402	20 659	28 375	22 232	15 022	13.5	23.2	18.8	11.6
Outward	911	3 580	2 250	4 086	2 389	1.2	1.9	3.4	1.9
Least developed countries: Latin America and the Caribbean									
Inward	87	99	106	105	375	6.0	3.8	4.4	16.3
Outward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Least developed countries: Asia									
Inward	2 661	4 993	8 260	8 419	10 089	7.6	7.9	7.8	8.6
Outward	46	124	164	198	464	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4
Least developed countries: Oceania									
Inward	103	5	62	61	63	50.6	11.6	10.8	10.6
Outward	7	1	6	2	7	3.6	1.2	0.4	1.2
Developing economies and the SEE & CIS									
Inward	515 504	812 465	859 334	819 525	795 254	12.2	8.0	7.8	7.1
Outward	269 245	639 076	583 833	484 349	522 192	5.8	4.5	4.6	4.2
World *									
Inward	1 415 431	1 338 532	1 921 306	1 867 533	1 429 807	11.4	10.4	10.1	7.4
Outward	1 451 593	1 262 007	1 621 890	1 473 283	1 429 972	11.7	8.8	8.0	7.4
<b>FDI stock</b>									
	<b>1995</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>as a percentage of gross domestic product</b>			
						<b>1995</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Least developed countries</b>									
<b>Inward</b>	<b>18 547</b>	<b>223 049</b>	<b>255 714</b>	<b>287 969</b>	<b>312 115</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>29.5</b>
<b>Outward</b>	<b>2 001</b>	<b>33 187</b>	<b>35 451</b>	<b>39 580</b>	<b>41 700</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.0</b>
<i>Memorandum</i>									
Least developed countries: Africa									
Inward	14 189	169 568	193 320	217 504	233 306	11.2	34.1	37.1	38.1
Outward	1 797	31 642	33 757	37 703	39 368	0.6	10.7	12.1	11.4
Least developed countries: Latin America and the Caribbean									
Inward	33	1 160	1 265	1 370	1 745	1.2	14.6	16.6	22.1
Outward	1	2	2	2	2	-	-	-	-
Least developed countries: Asia									
Inward	4 291	51 013	60 072	68 018	75 879	4.4	15.8	17.0	17.5
Outward	203	1 470	1 617	1 800	2 244	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.7
Least developed countries: Oceania									
Inward	34	1 308	1 056	1 076	1 186	8.0	51.3	49.9	51.9
Outward	-	73	74	75	86	-	3.7	3.5	3.8
Developing economies and the SEE & CIS									
Inward	858 734	9 914 530	10 195 292	10 990 182	12 270 308	12.3	30.2	32.8	34.0
Outward	330 299	6 418 158	6 955 076	7 546 844	8 464 834	5.1	20.9	23.0	22.6
World *									
Inward	3 564 636	25 378 774	25 664 955	27 663 091	31 524 356	11.1	34.1	36.3	40.4
Outward	3 993 675	25 128 561	25 514 309	26 825 621	30 837 927	12.8	34.2	35.5	39.8

