



# Transport data and lessons learned from UNCTAD's research

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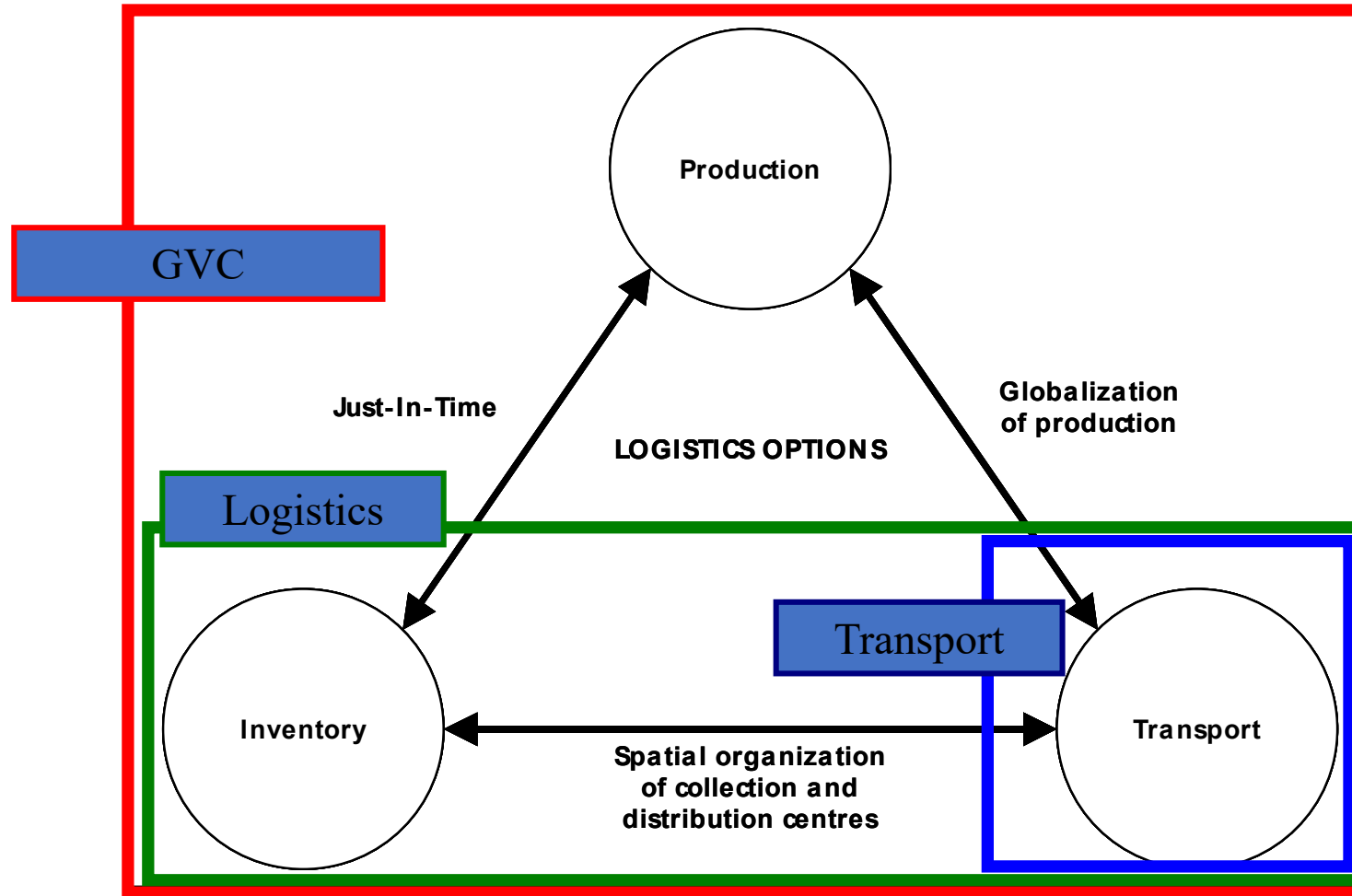


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# The Global Supply Chain





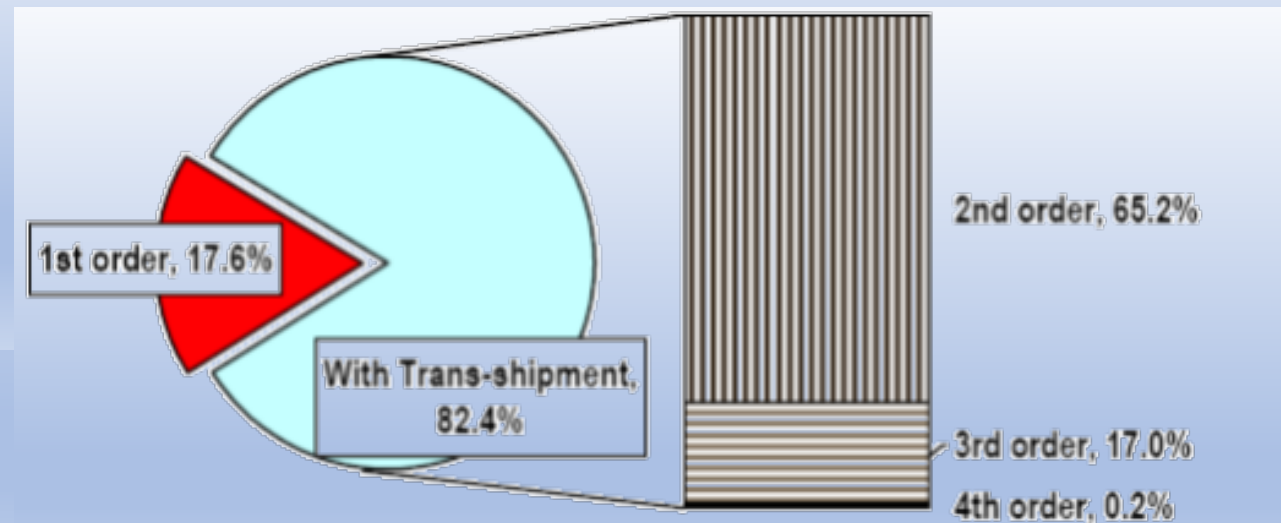
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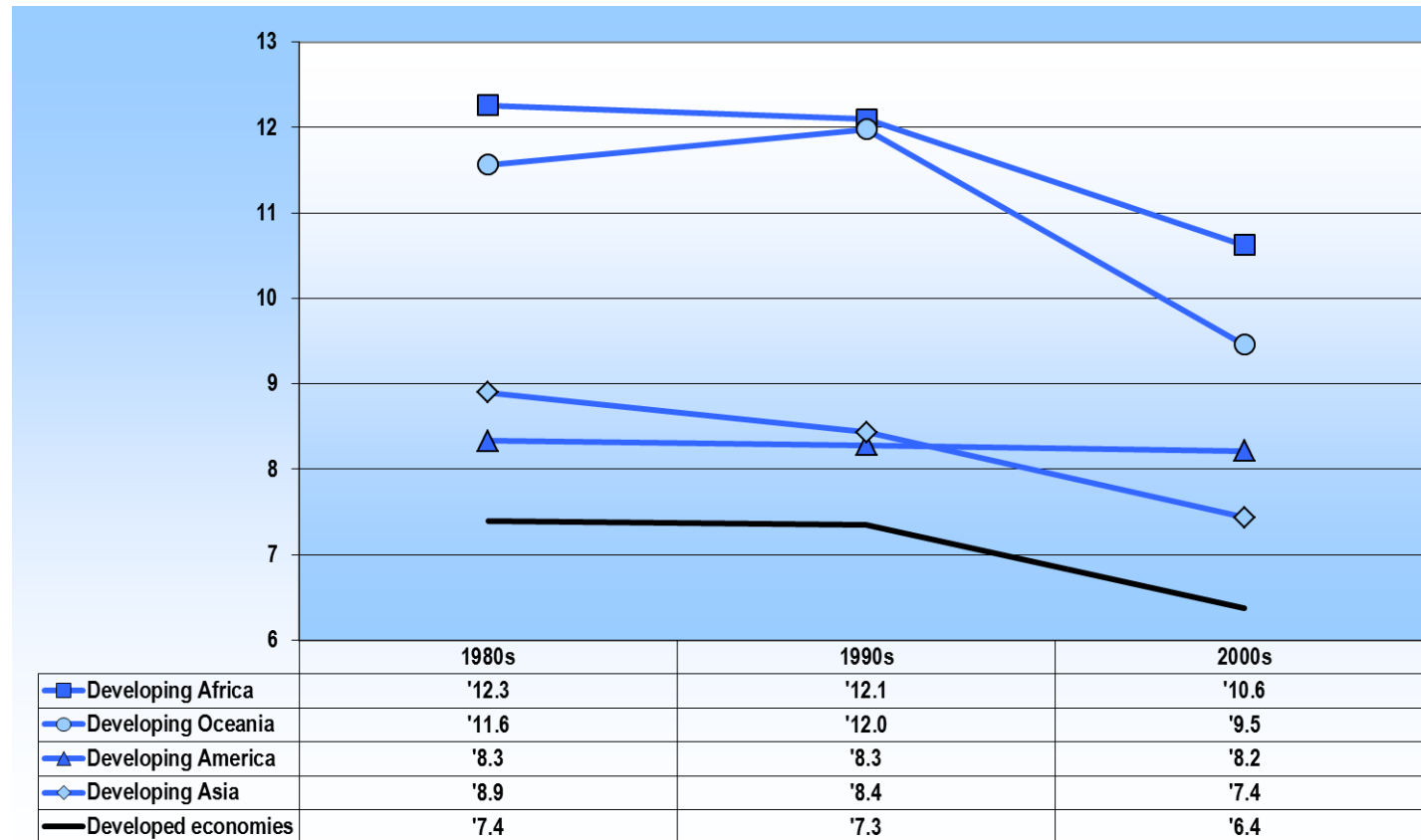
162 x 161 pairs of countries are connected by direct services.



Source: UNCTAD, based on data from Containerization International

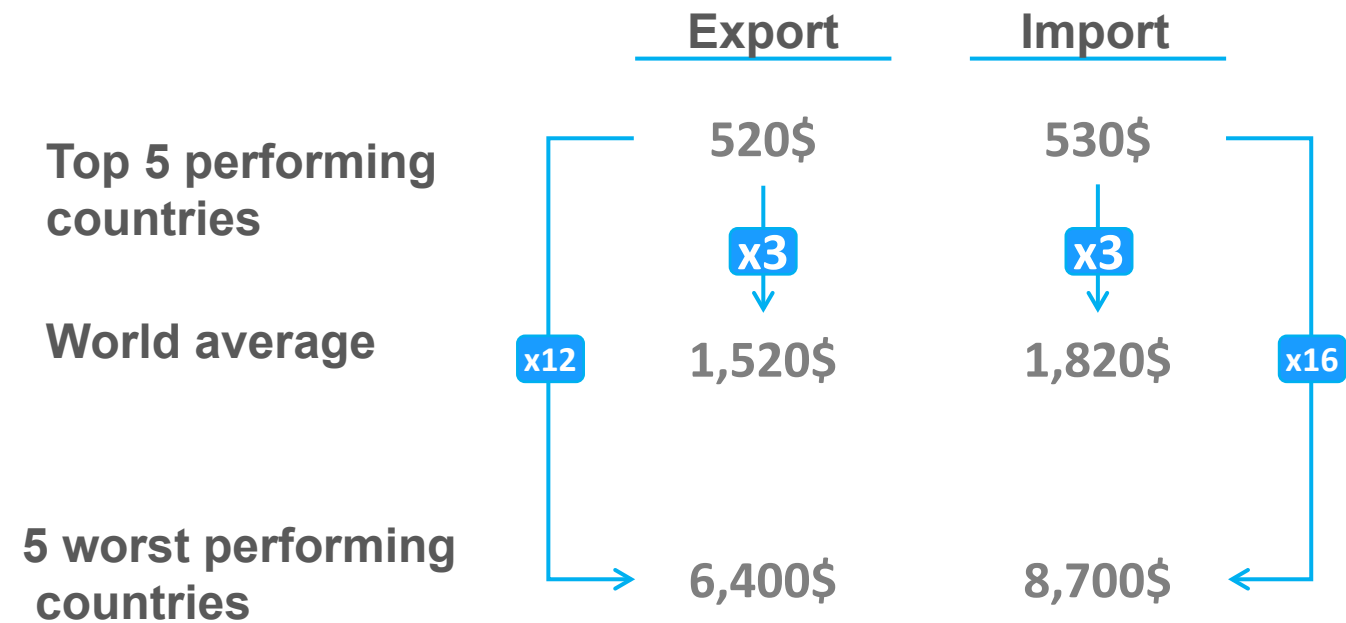


# Trends in transport costs



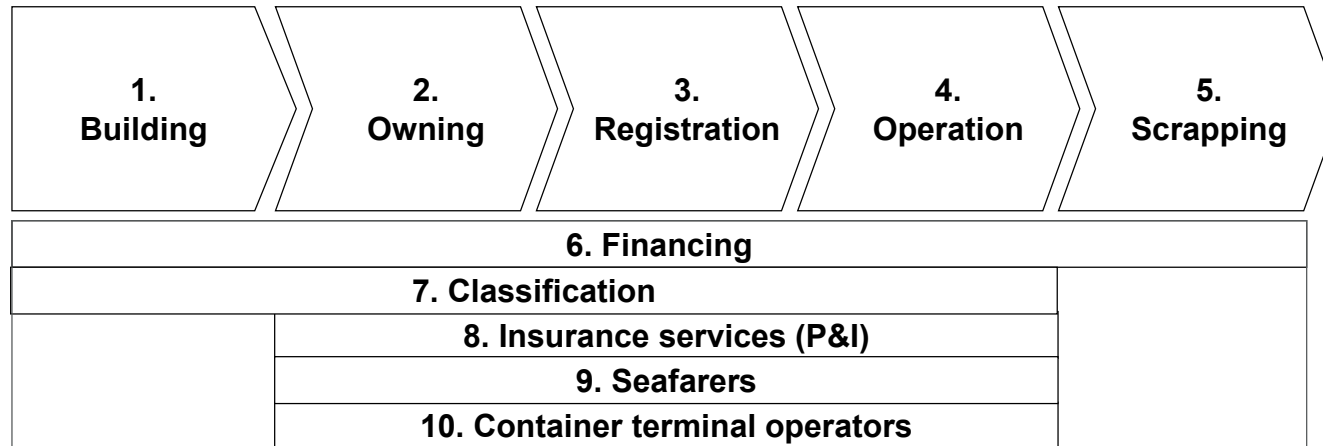


## Quantifying costs - importing and exporting a TEU





# Shipping as a GVC





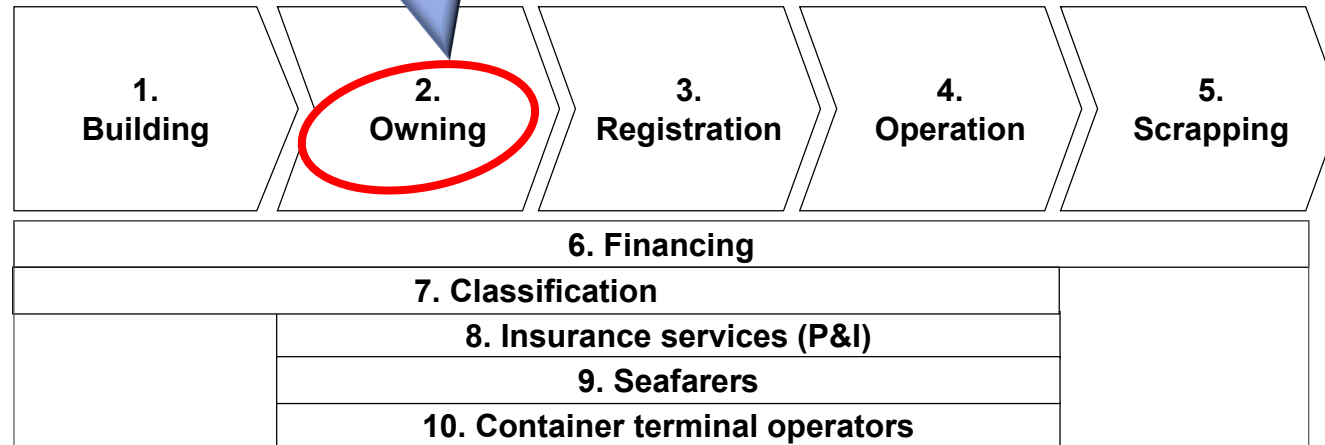


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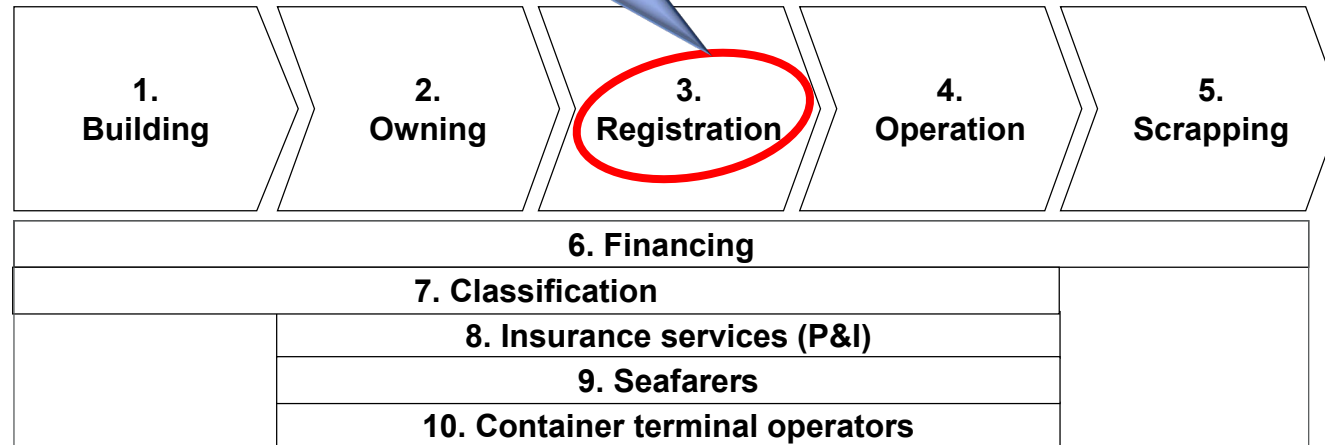


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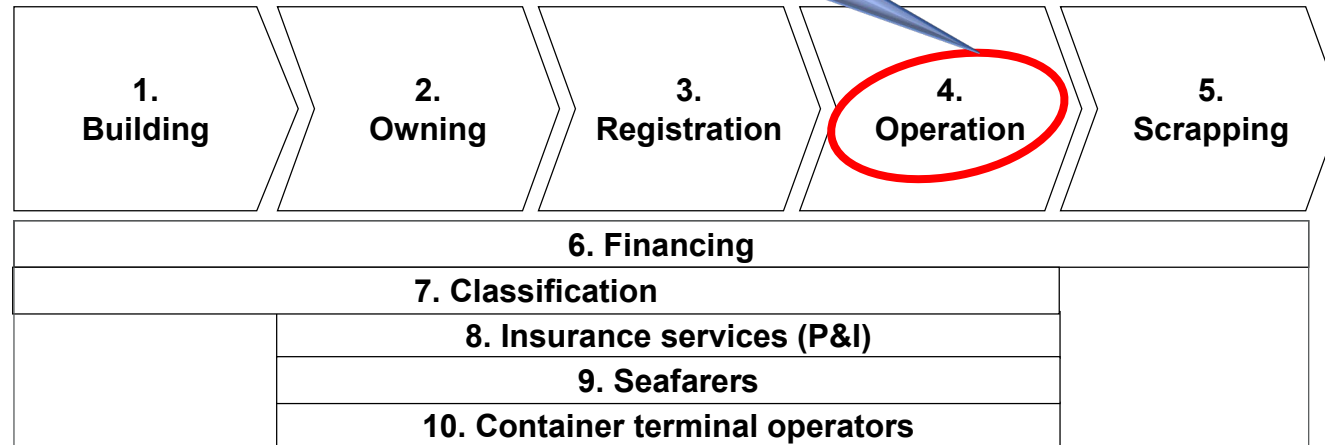


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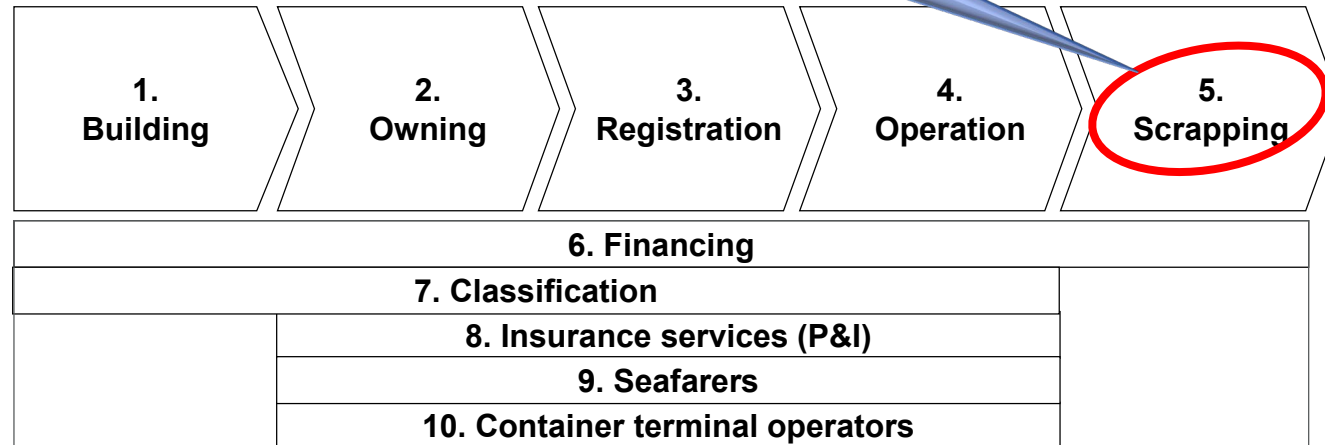


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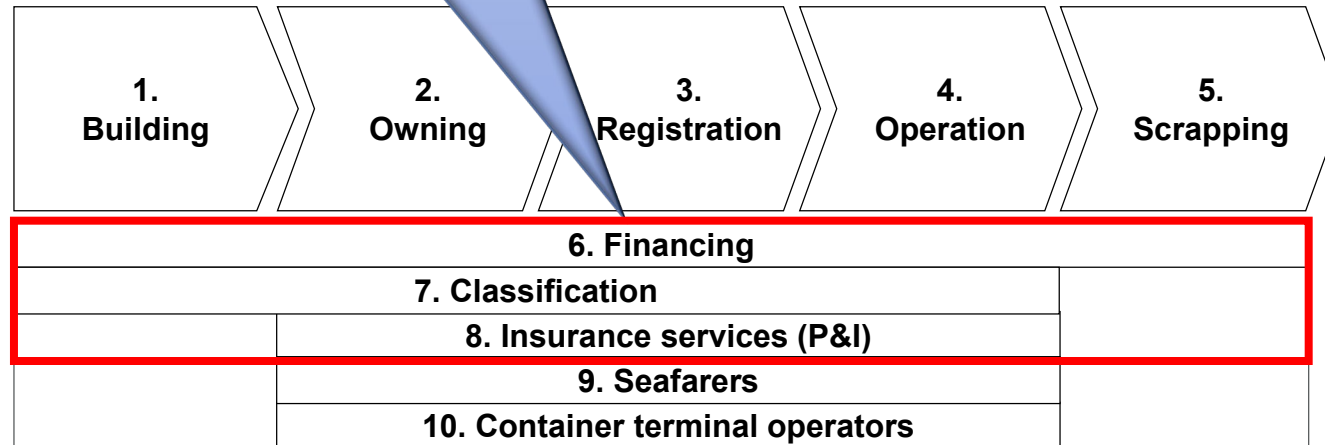


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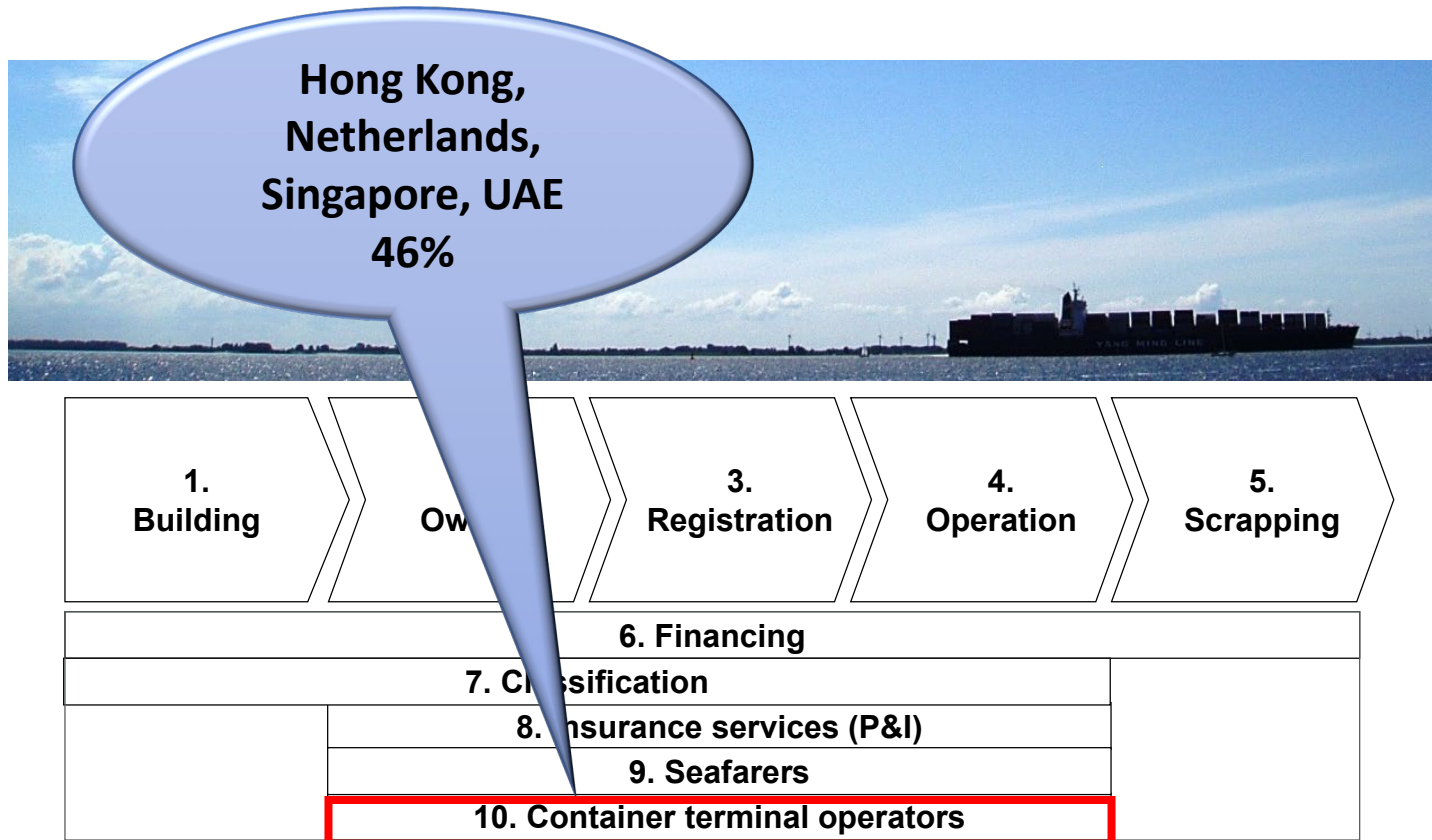


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- <http://unctadstat.unctad.org/EN/>

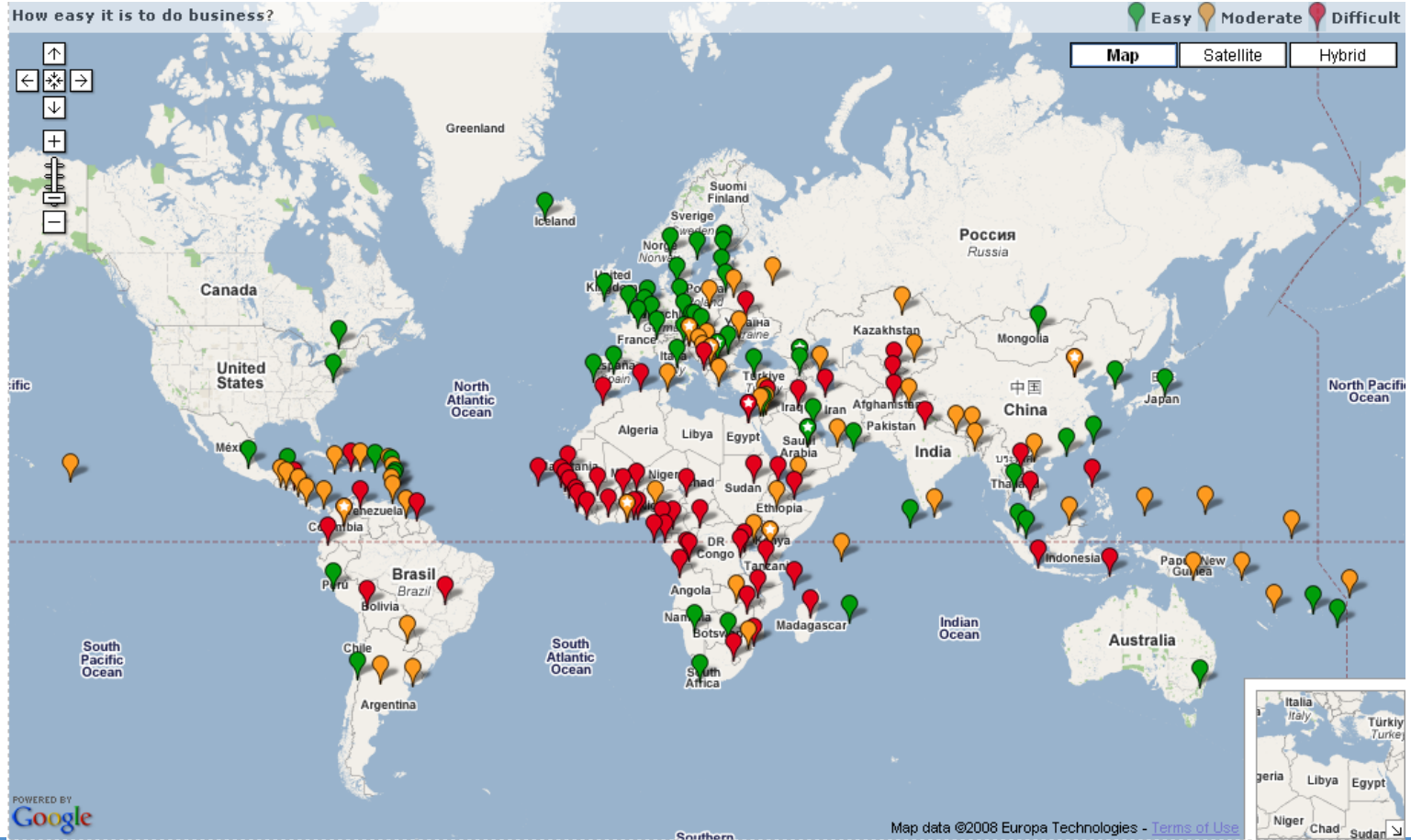


# UNCTAD - LSCI

- Africa
- 1. Morocco 71.5
- 2. Egypt 70.3
- 3. South Africa 40.1
- 4. Djibouti 37.0
- 5. Togo 35.9
  
- China 187.8



# World Bank



Source: <http://www.doingbusiness.org/>



# World Bank - LPI

Country	Year	LPI Rank	LPI Score	Customs ?	Infrastructure ?	International shipments ?	Logistics competence ?	Tracking & tracing ?	Timeliness ?
Saudi Arabia	2018	55	3.01	2.66	3.11	2.99	2.86	3.17	3.30
Brazil	2018	56	2.99	2.41	2.93	2.88	3.09	3.11	3.51
Rwanda	2018	57	2.97	2.67	2.76	3.39	2.85	2.75	3.35
Colombia	2018	58	2.94	2.61	2.67	3.19	2.87	3.08	3.17
Bahrain	2018	59	2.93	2.67	2.72	3.02	2.86	3.01	3.29
Philippines	2018	60	2.90	2.53	2.73	3.29	2.78	3.06	2.98
Argentina	2018	61	2.89	2.42	2.77	2.92	2.78	3.05	3.37
Ecuador	2018	62	2.88	2.80	2.72	2.75	2.75	3.07	3.19
Kuwait	2018	63	2.86	2.73	3.02	2.63	2.80	2.66	3.37
Iran, Islamic Rep.	2018	64	2.85	2.62	2.77	2.76	2.84	2.77	3.36
Serbia	2018	65	2.84	2.60	2.60	2.97	2.70	2.79	3.33
Ukraine	2018	66	2.83	2.49	2.22	2.83	2.84	3.11	3.42
Egypt, Arab Rep.	2018	67	2.82	2.60	2.82	2.79	2.82	2.72	3.19
Kenya	2018	68	2.81	2.65	2.55	2.62	2.81	3.07	3.18
Malta	2018	69	2.81	2.70	2.90	2.70	2.80	2.80	3.01



# WCO – Time Release Study

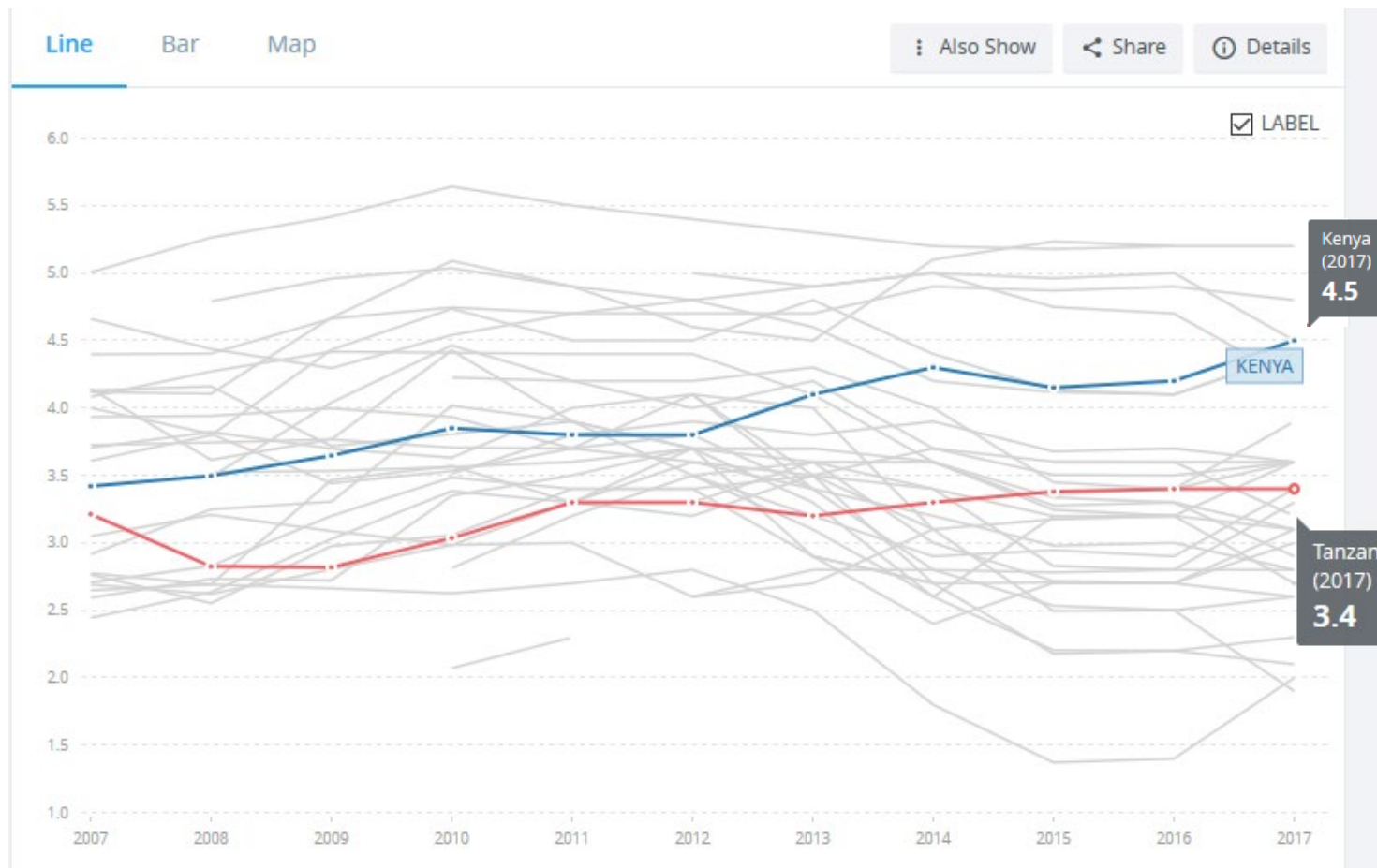
Taking measures to resolve the bottlenecks diagnosed





# WEF

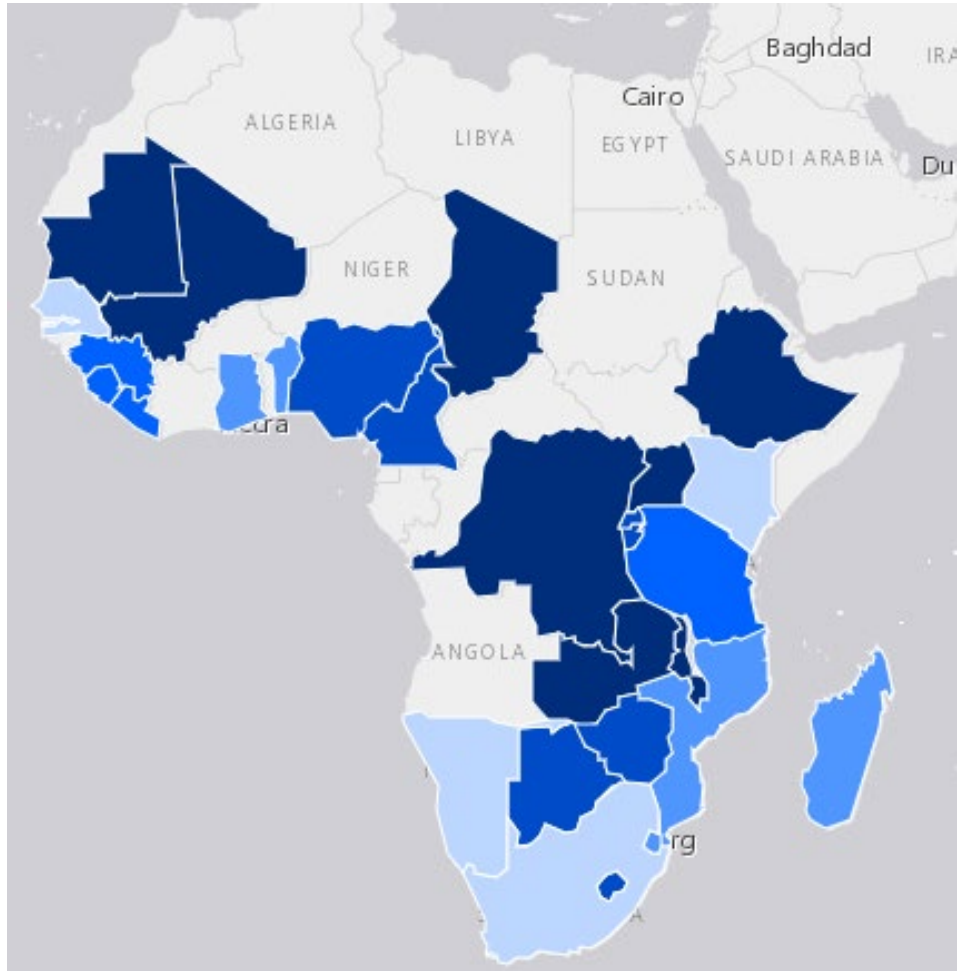
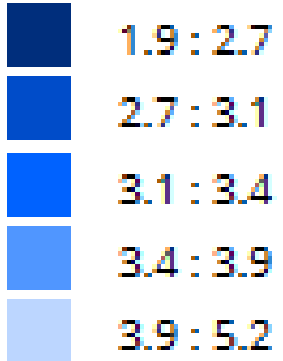
## • Port quality index



Namibia 5.2  
 South Africa 4.8  
 Kenya 4.5  
 Seychelles 4.5  
 The Gambia 4.4

World Economic Forum, Global Competitiveness Report.

**2017-Quality of port infrastructure, WEF (1=extremely underdeveloped to 7=well developed and efficient by international standards)**



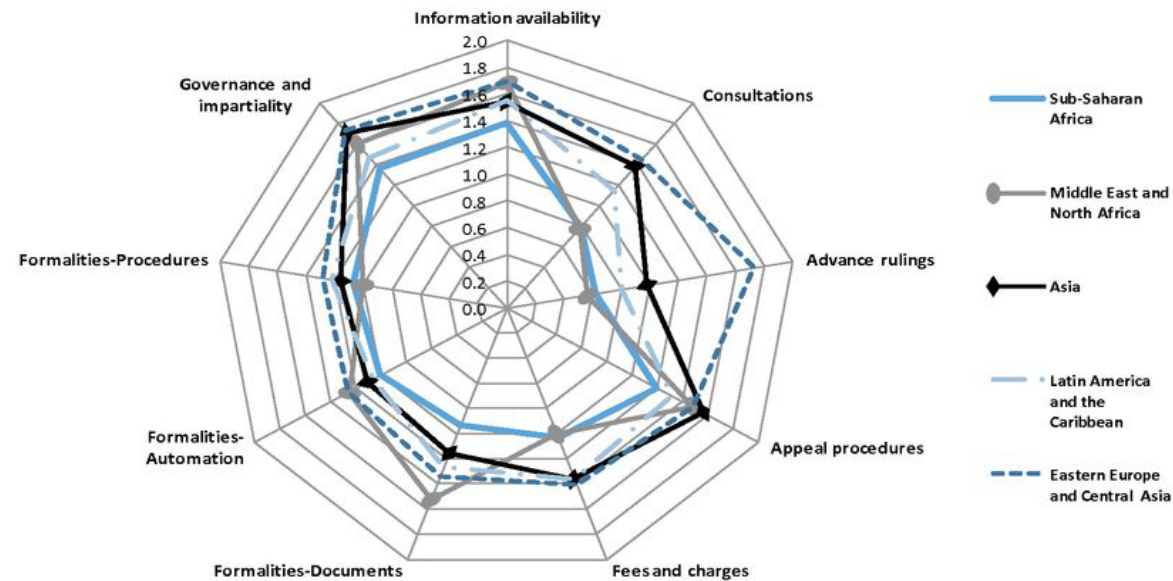
WEF data available at World Bank

<https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/IQ.WEF.PORT.X?contextual=region&locations=KE&view=chart>



# OECD – Analysis Trade Facilitation by region

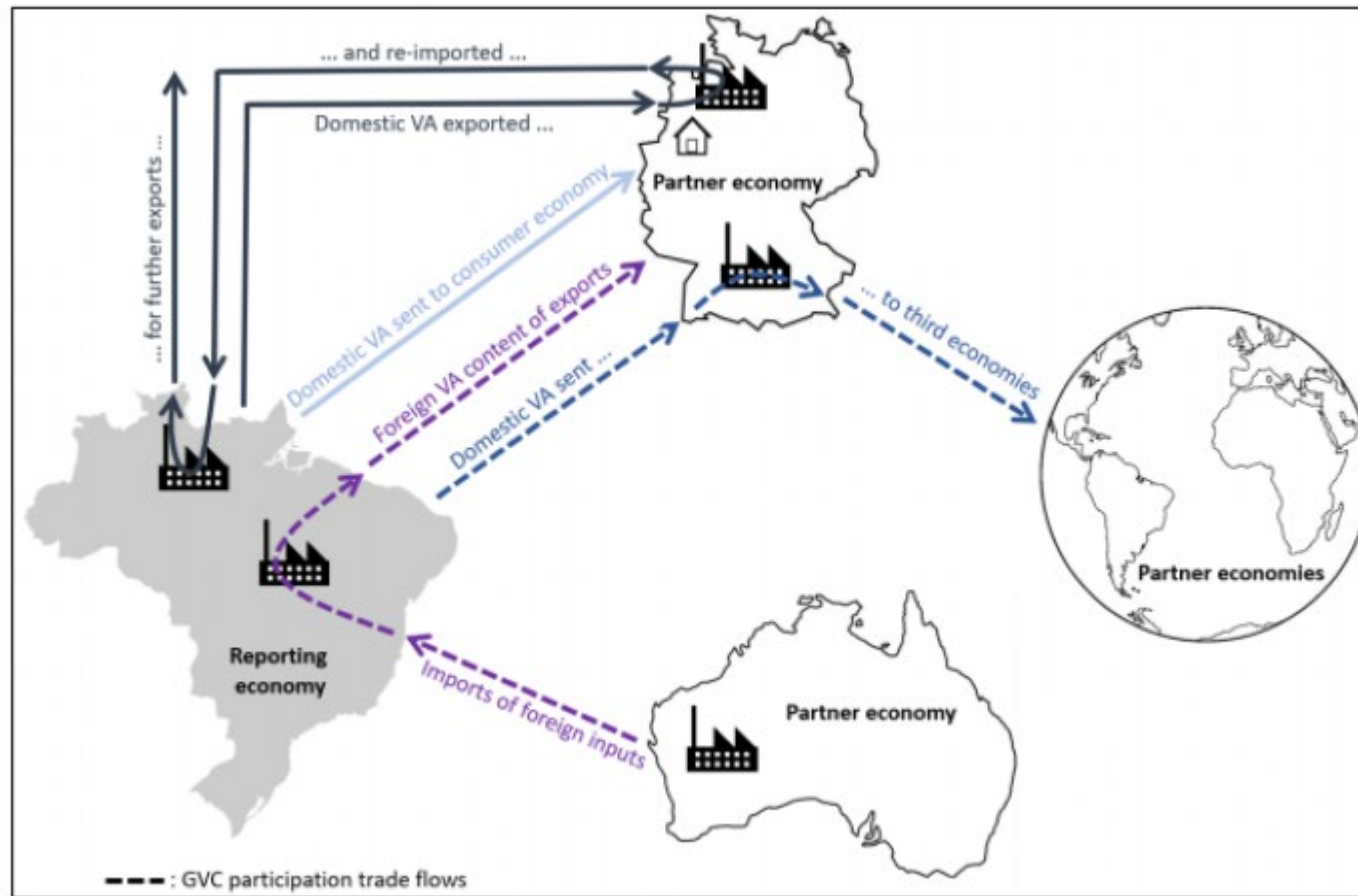
Figure 4. TFIs and geographic country groups



Note: The TFIs values range between 0 and 2, where 2 corresponds to the best performance. The values indicate the average TFI performance by country group.



# WTO – OECD TiVA





# World Food Programme





# UN Regional Commissions

United Nations  
Economic Commission for Europe

UNITED NATIONS  
**ESCAP**  
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

United Nations  
Economic Commission for Africa

 **CEPAL** Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe



# UNECE



UN Transport Conventions and Agreements per country



# Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6)

## Transport

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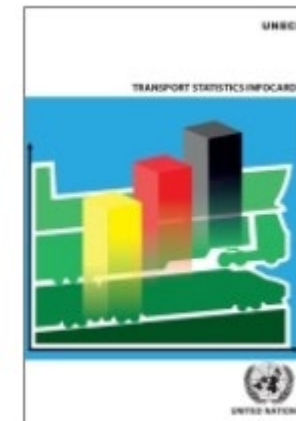
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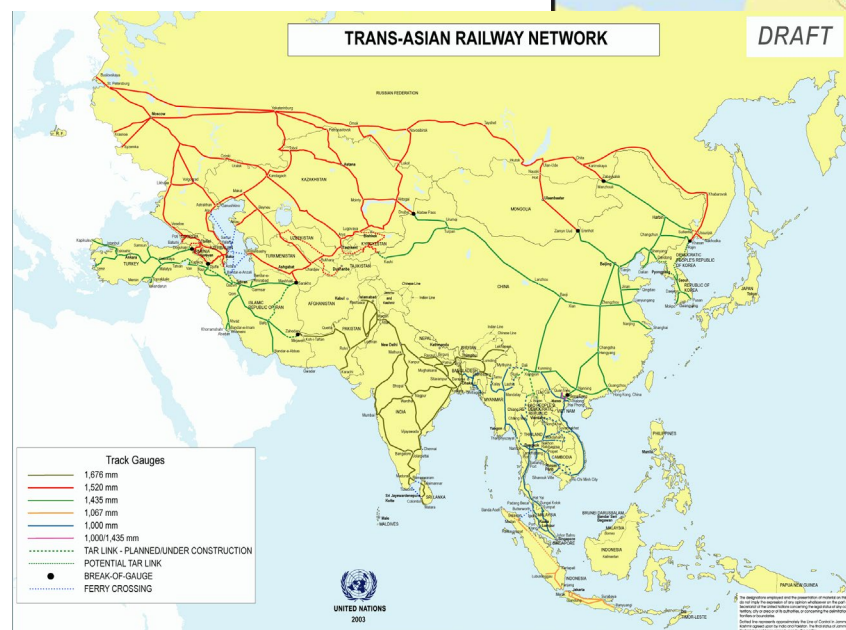
[Railway Employment \(discontinued\)](#)

Provides key data to inform the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) on developments in the inland transport sector and facilitate the work of other Working Parties and individual member States. For this purpose, each year the secretariat prepares country profiles (**Infocards**)



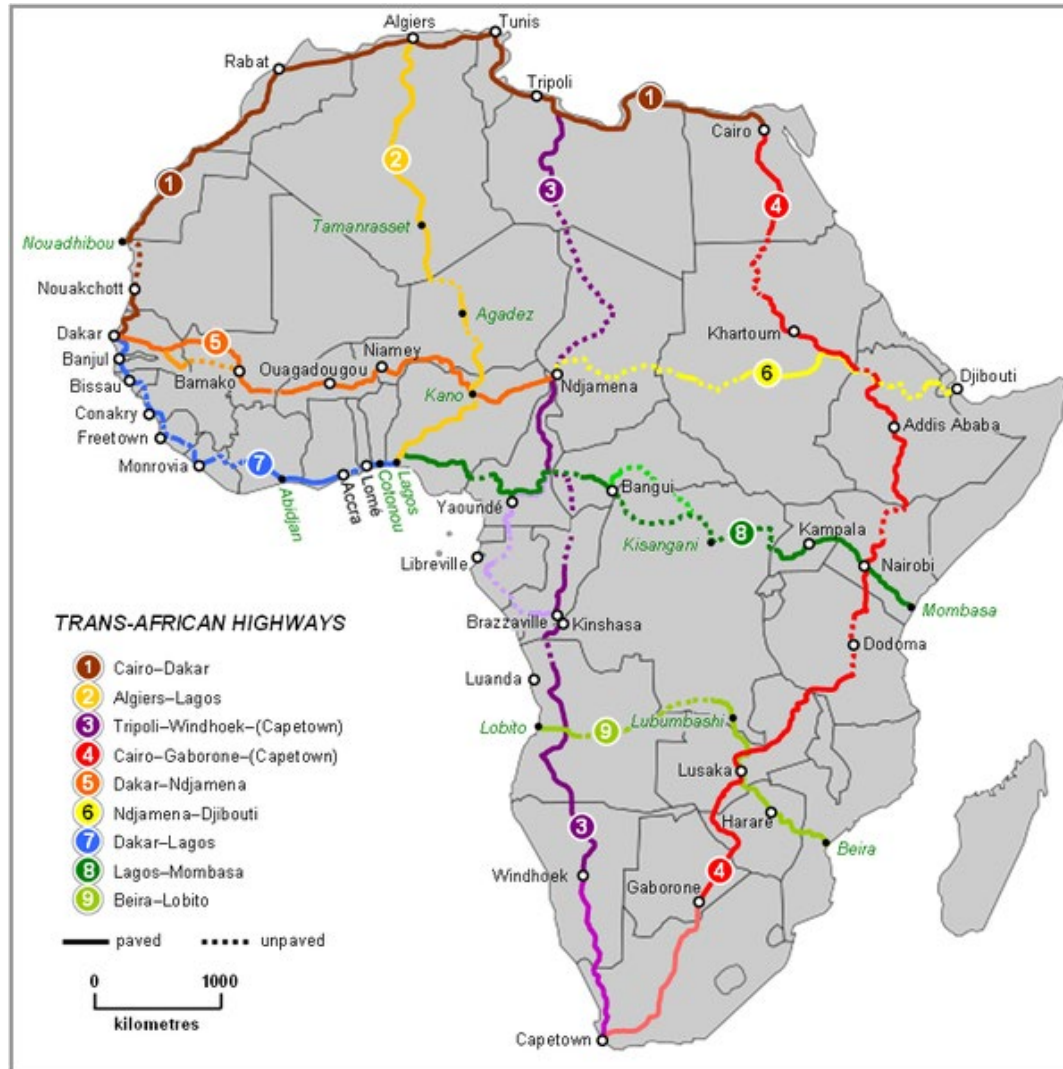


# UNESCAP





# ECA





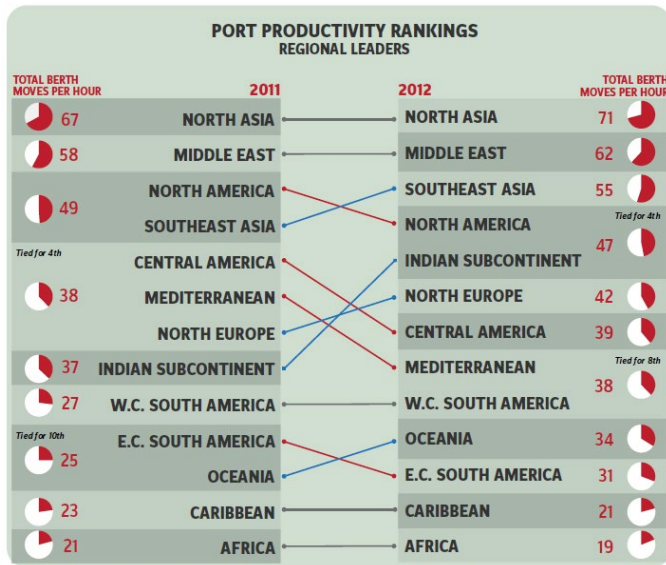


# ECLAC

- Exports of goods by Broad Economic Categories: Transport equipment and parts and accessories thereof
- Maritime World Transport
- Modal distribution of the means of transport  
Transport supply in Latin America and the Caribbean and major routes (deployed vessels)
- Transport Supply in Latin America and the Caribbean and Major Routes (TEU capacity)



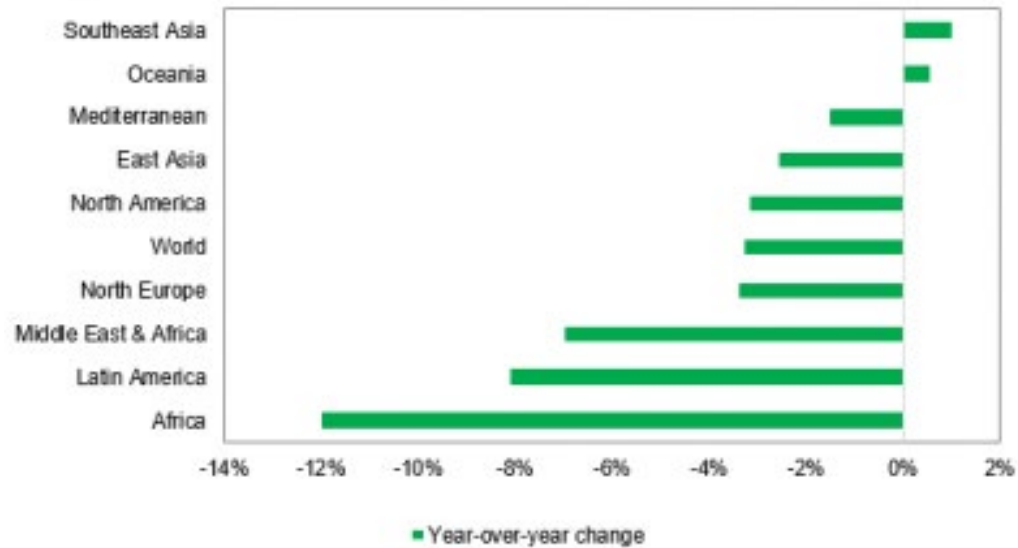
# Private sector analysis



Source: JOC Port Productivity Database; Ocean Shipping Consults

## Africa leads global decline in port productivity

Change in number of container moves per hour of time spent by vessels in port in 2017



Source: IHS Markit

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- Journal of Commerce

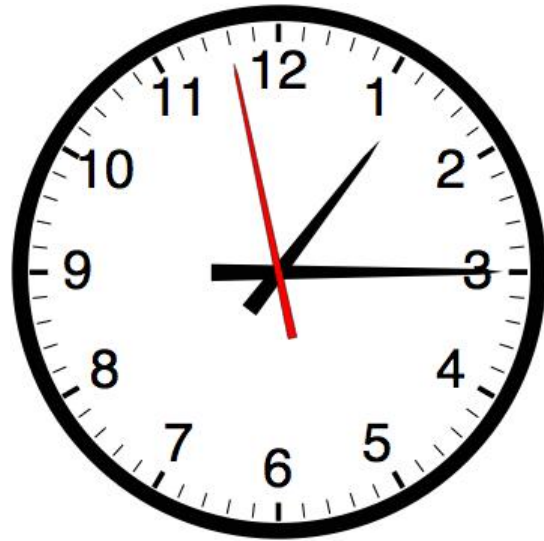


# Operational Efficiency

- E.G.:
  - Cargo dwell time
  - Crane moves ph
  - Loading/discharging volume ph
  - Ship turnaround time
    - Time in port
    - Time at berth

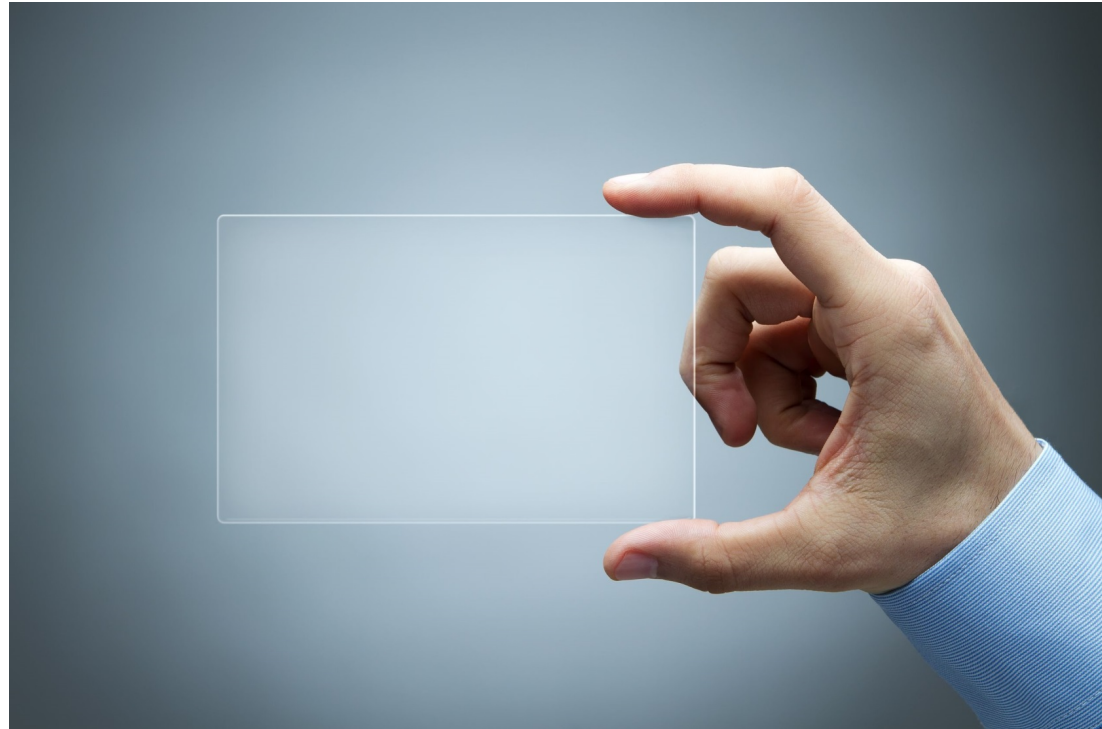


# Two most import things





# Transparency matters



Make a commitment to publish regardless of the numbers

# The data should ideally be in one place



- Raw data should be freely downloadable and open to interpretation by anyone
  - Including academia

- Best practices can quickly be identified



- Investment targets can be identified
- Ports can thus advertise their best light e.g. “the most efficient port in the south west”



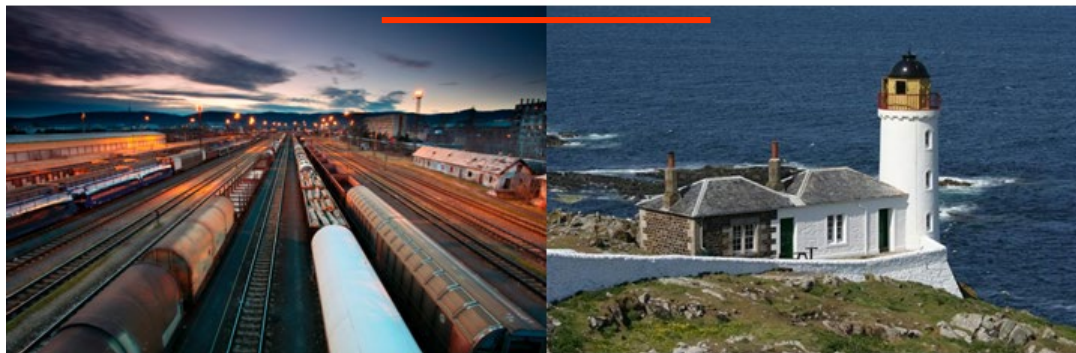
# But it can be global or regional

**"Count what is countable: Measure what is measurable.  
What is not measurable, make measurable."**

**Galileo (1564 – 1642)**

*Ad Hoc Experts Meeting on  
Development of Transport  
Observatories*

*25 October 2013  
Geneva, Switzerland*





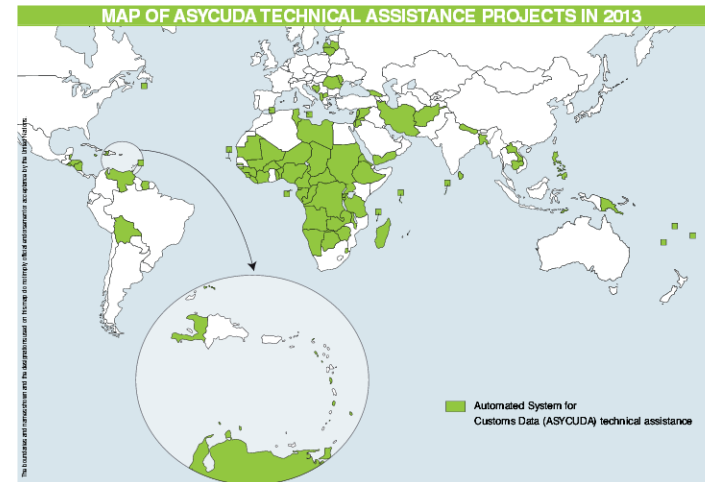
# Why hasn't it been done?

- Ports don't want to be publically compared
- Ports can do their own *ad hoc* private studies when they need.
- The long term benefit of being compared don't outweigh the immediate cost (embarrassment).
  - Similar to sustainable transport issues
- The positive arguments for are too weak: e.g.
  - Lowering transport cost (for port users/end users)
  - Identifying investment areas
  - Identify best practices
- Governments don't want their country rankings shown (e.g. LPI)



# A different approach (controversial)

- Present in 90+ countries ASYCUDA data could be used as a proxy for cargo dwell time....
- This would require a country's agreement... hence it does not exist!



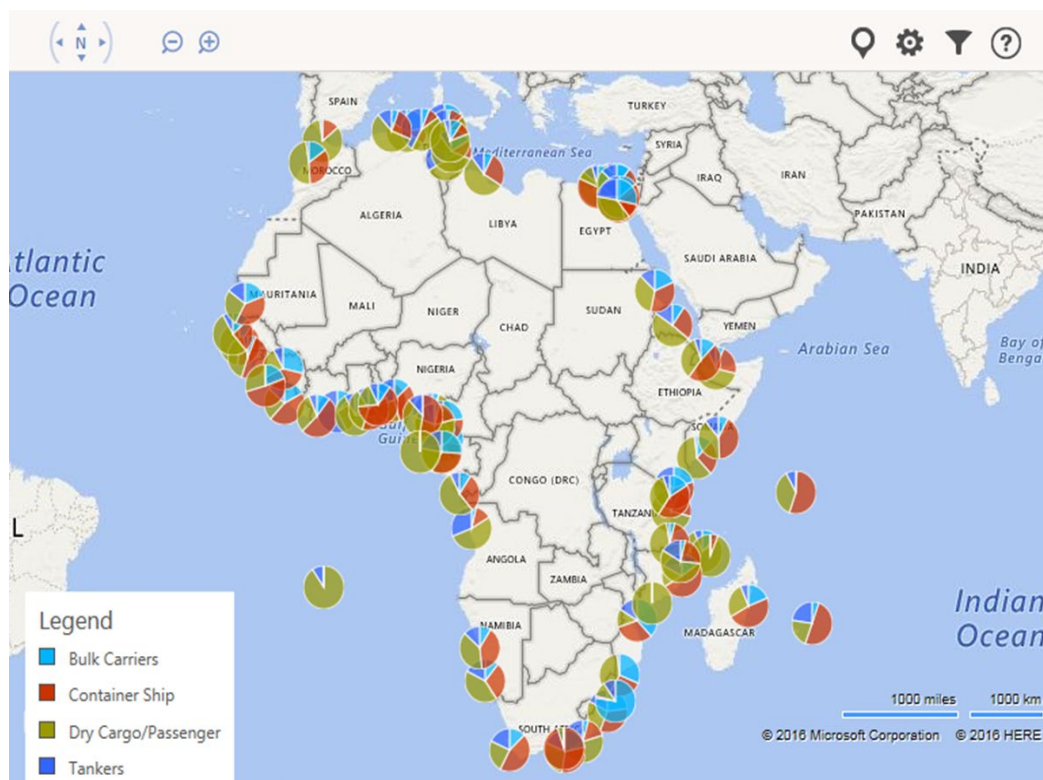
# Average time bulk vessels spend waiting for, and alongside, a berth by country (2015)



Row Labels	2014				2015			
	Sample Size	Quantity (tonnes in '000s)	Average of Waiting Time (days)	Average of Working Time (days)	Sample Size	Quantity (tonnes in '000s)	Average of Waiting Time (days)	Average of Working Time (days)
Australia	4 438	455 907	5.50	10.95	2 461	517 066	4.52	5.55
Brazil	1 533	252 707	6.44	12.08	1 537	258 899	5.17	2.04
Canada	151	17 779	5.08	2.58	36	3 327	2.33	2.69
China	599	76 347	3.73	2.74	1 470	183 976	1.81	2.42
Colombia	48	4 838	1.75	0.82	213	19 304	0.36	1.95
India	2 302	163 729	3.96	10.68	1 865	124 192	2.28	3.63
Indonesia	2 609	182 875	2.55	4.06	281	19 430	2.99	4.05
Korea, Republic Of	..	..	..	..	167	19 145	2.64	3.75
Netherlands	51	7 416	0.12	2.78	72	8 947	1.09	2.59
South Africa	..	..	..	..	994	89 376	2.32	2.33
Taiwan, Republic of China	..	..	..	..	107	8 858	0.68	3.40
United States	188	13 819	4.74	2.31	55	5 129	1.51	1.63
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>11 925</b>	<b>1 176 315</b>	<b>4.53</b>	<b>8.80</b>	<b>9 258</b>	<b>1 257 650</b>	<b>3.46</b>	<b>3.86</b>



# Port Calls in the Africa Region (2015)



The AIS data represents **73** ports located in **37** countries.



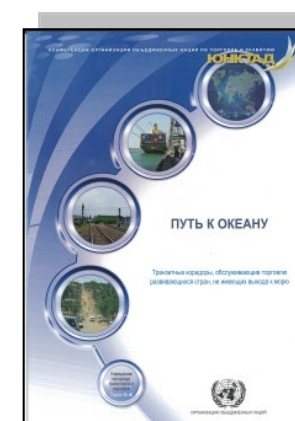
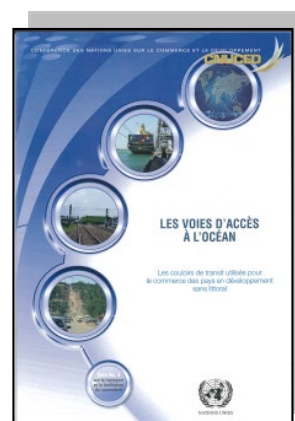
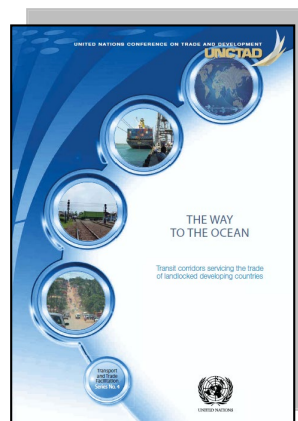
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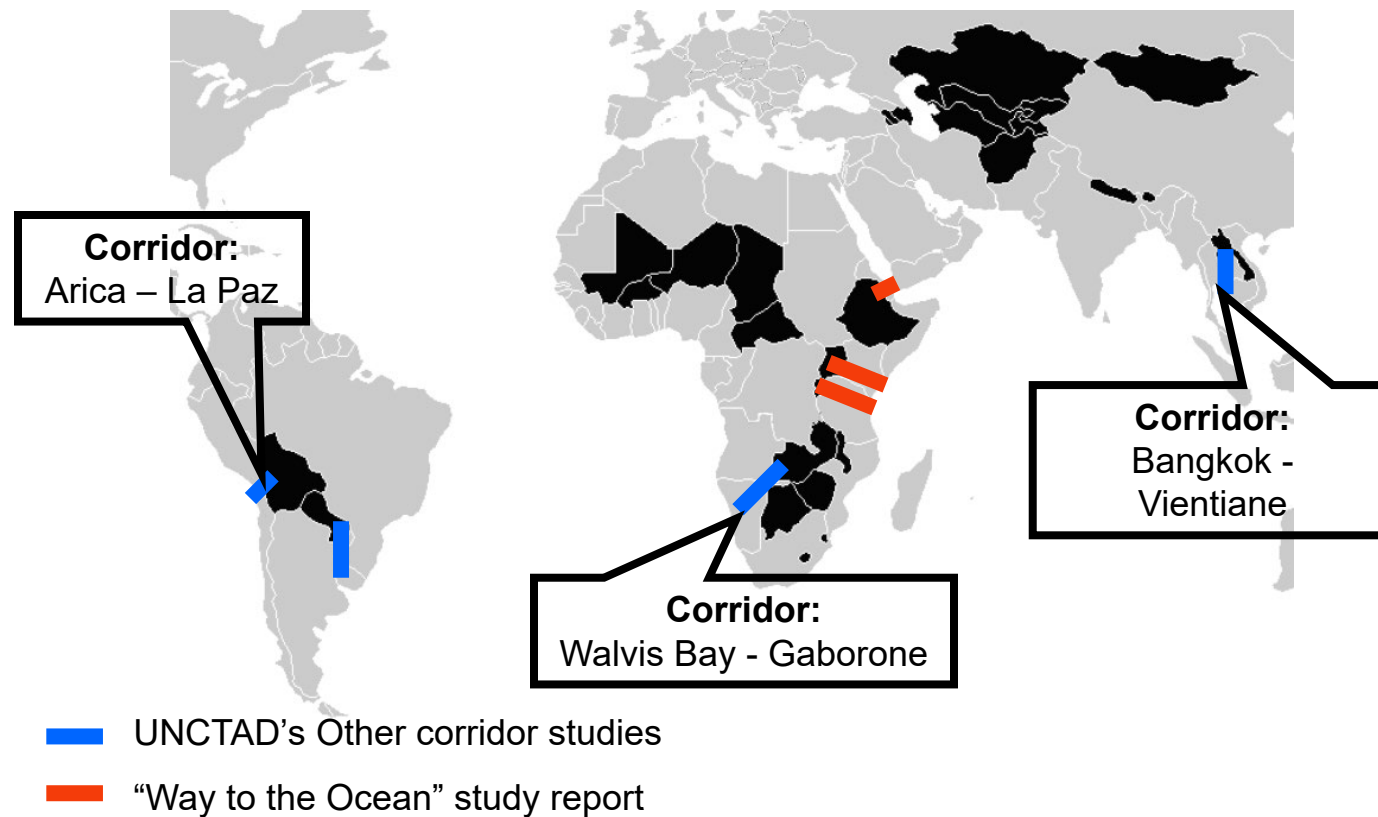
# The way to the Ocean

Transit corridors servicing landlocked developing countries trade



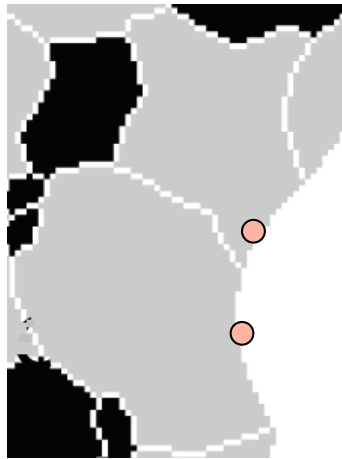
Available in English, French and Russian

# Various corridor studies organising stakeholders into clusters



## Different types of Landlockedness

Long land distance  
and low volumes  
of trade



The LLDC is a small  
customer for the  
port (<5%)

*Versus*

Short land distance  
and high volume of  
trade



LLDC – the main  
customer for the  
port (>85%)

*Versus*



# Examples of other regions

- East Africa- Almost 90 % of the international trade of Burundi, Rwanda, and Uganda is handled by the port of Mombasa, but combined this represents not more than 15 per cent of the port's traffic.
- West Africa - Around 75 % of the international trade of Burkina Faso and Mali transits through Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire), yet this figure represents only 10 per cent of total traffic at the port.
- Asia - The majority of Nepal's foreign trade transits through only one port (Kolkata) and shippers are therefore "captive" customers. [\[1\]](#)





# Trade imbalances

- When trade is imbalanced one party (usually the importer) subsidizes the other (usually the exporter).
- E.G. it costs **twice the price** to import goods from Côte d'Ivoire to the East Coast of the United States than it does to import goods to the West Coast of the United States from Japan (both countries are equidistant from the United States).<sup>[1]</sup>
- Because trade between the United States of America and Japan is more balanced, importers and exporters share more equally the costs of providing liner services.

<sup>[1]</sup> Hummels D and Skiba A (2002). A virtuous circle? Regional tariff liberalization and scale economies in transport. Purdue University, West Lafayette.



# Lessons learned

- The three corridors considered in this report share similarities :
  - They are served by a single major port that accounts for over 90% of the host transit country's imports and exports;
  - LLDCs also rely heavily upon these ports;
  - Import volumes are far greater than export volumes;
  - Rail connections are poor, albeit with improvement plans underway;
  - There is overreliance upon road transport and no inland waterway connection to ports.



# Recommended Course of Action (abridged)

## 1. Reliance and cooperation

- Build trust (e.g. replace ownership with trust)
- Engage with Multiple stakeholders (e.g. build corridor management arrangements)

## 2. Critical mass

- Establish small consolidation centre (LCL)
- Improve finance (e.g. infrastructure, release of bonds, etc.)

## 3. Operational needs and tailored arrangements

- Improve transport reliability and predictability

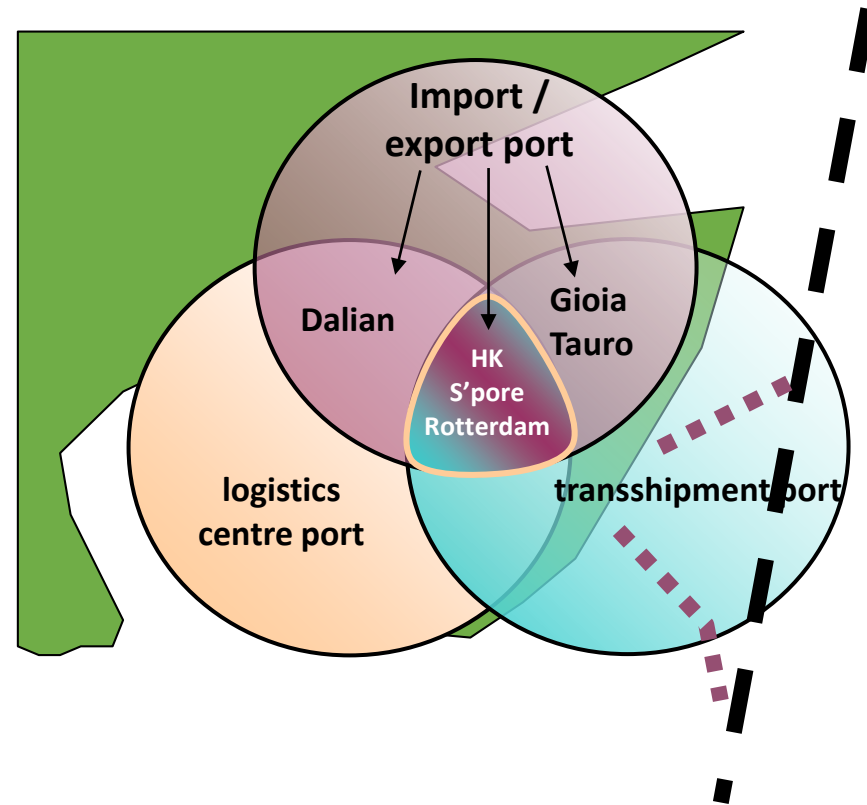


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# Location, location, location...



Source: UNESCAP (2005) *Free Trade Zone and Port Hinterland Development*, ST/ESCAP/2377.



## Dry ports in different locations have differing roles

- Nearby dry ports
  - relieve congestion within seaports thereby allowing more cargo to enter/exit the port/country
- Distant dry ports
  - In addition to relieving congestion by taking cargo from the seaport but their role should also be focused upon feeding cargo to the seaport (exports).
    - Must be located at a transport modal change point (rail/IWT).
    - Must have cargo consolidation facilities



# Tanzania

- The Port of Dar es salaam experienced congestion caused by:-
  - Insufficient container storage space
  - Long container dwell times
  - Sharp increase in container volumes.
  - Roads were not fully paved resulting in long travel times
  - Poor inland transport especially railway systems.
  - Low availability of locomotives and rolling stock



# Local “dry ports”

- 5 local dry ports to ease space within the port
- Cargo (mainly cars) are driven by road
- Import, ownership, tax paid documents and license plates issued here.
- Port area now able to accommodate more cargo

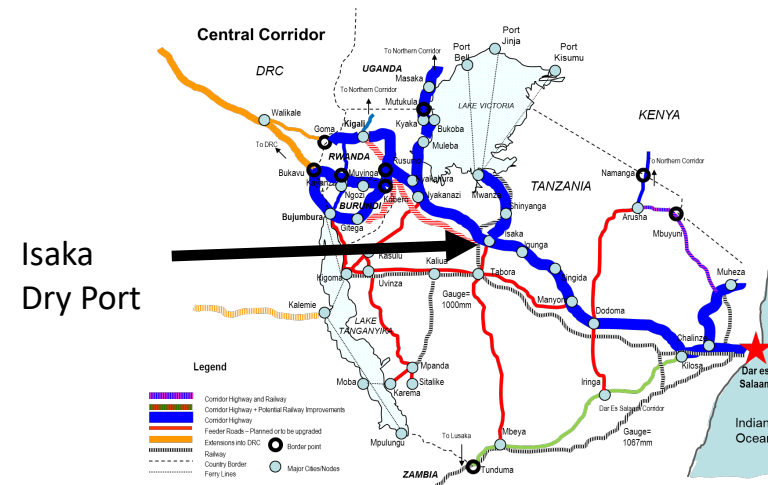






## Distant dry port (Isaka)

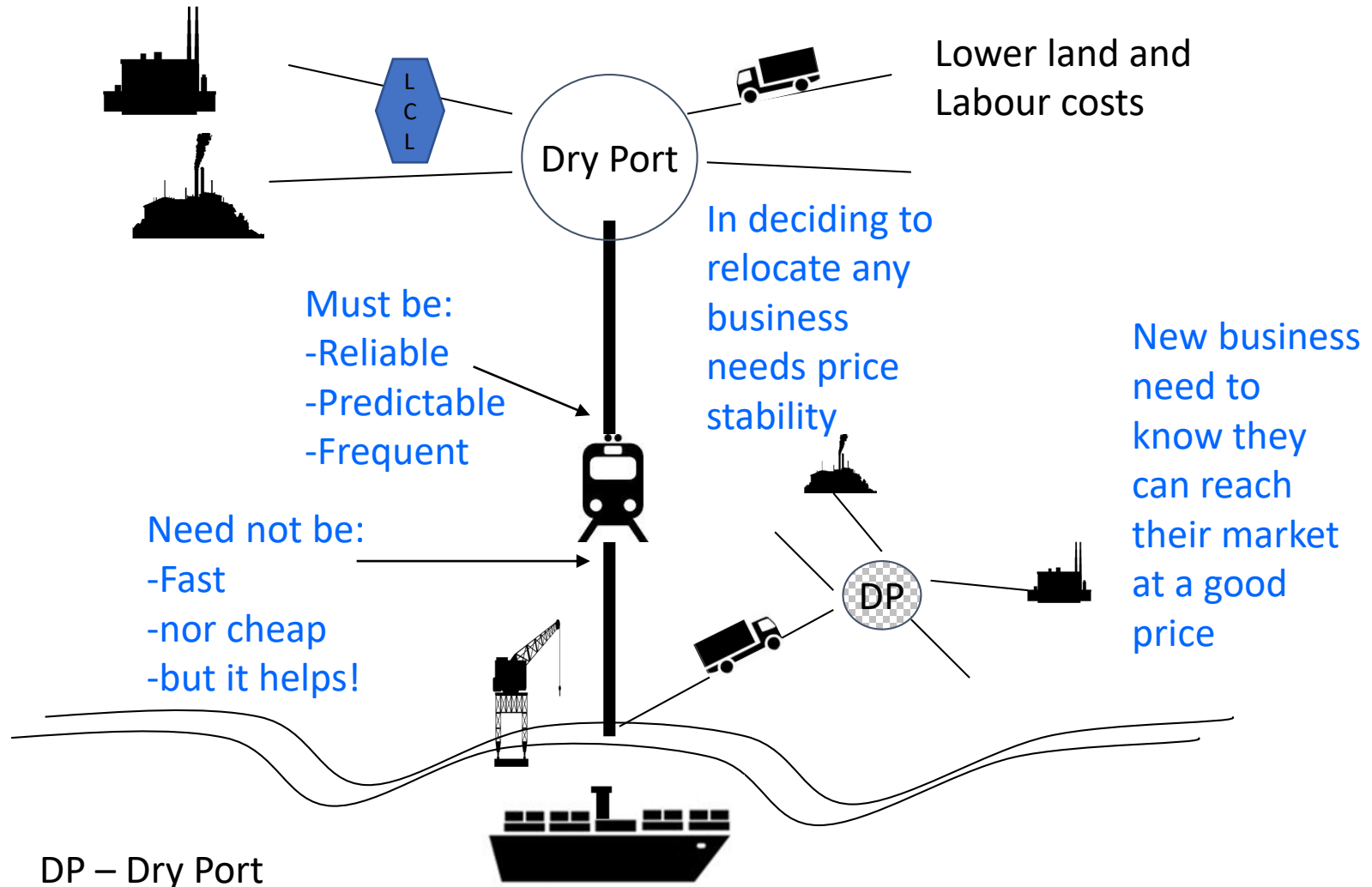
- 982kms by rail from Dar es Salaam with onward road connection to Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda.
- Exports arrive by truck and then loaded on train to be taken to the port.
- Cargo is mainly imports





# Kenya – dry ports

- Eldoret Inland Port
- Inland Container Depot Embakasi (Nairobi – Mombasa by rail)
- Inland Container Depot Kisumu (links lake Vitoria to Mombasa by rail)
- Naivasha dry port



DP – Dry Port

LCL – Less than a container load

Businesses locate close to ports because they want to avoid the uncertainties of overland transport.

Leading to increased employment and greater trade, equality, reduced environmental impact...

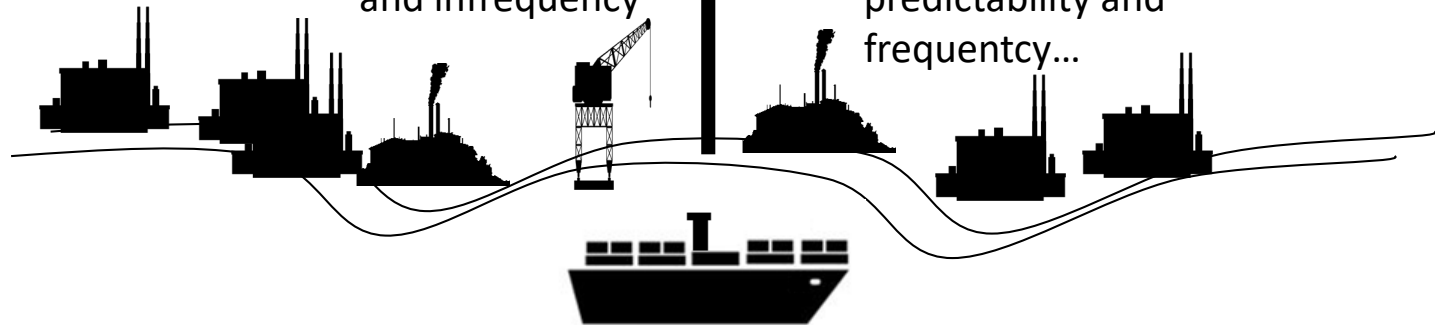


➔ A manufacturer of foodstuff is not in the business of owning a truck fleet - the fleet is simply a tool to remove his exposure to...

➔ The capital released from asset retention can be used to promote further investment...

➔ Unreliability, unpredictability and infrequency

➔ By focusing upon reliability, predictability and frequency...





# How to address unreliability, unpredictability and infrequency ?

- Undertake research
  - Listen to the users concerns
- Understand the underlying issues
  - Competing government demands (public services/private)
  - Cultural change (safety first, record keeping-reviewing)
  - Finance (viability/sustainability)
  - Define priorities (trade/passengers/environment etc.)
- Gather political and institutional support
- Develop a multi-stakeholder plan