Selected Sustainable Development Trends in the LDCs 2019

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This presentation

1. Growth & Structural transformation

2. Means of implementation

3. Outlook
Target 8.1: > 7% GDP growth

GDP growth recovering:

• 2016: 3.6%
• 2017: 4.6%
• 2018: 5.0%
Target 8.1: > 7% GDP growth

LDCs with growth ≥ 7%

5 LDCs met target in 2017
7 LDCs met target in 2018
Target 9.2: Double industry share of employment & GDP

Industry share of GDP unchanged since 2010...
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... but manufacturing employment expanding in some countries
Productive Capacities Index
Change 2000-2016

10 LDCs with PCI change ≥ 3...
... but ≤ 2 in 22 others
Target 17.11: Double LDC share in global exports by 2020

LDC share stagnant in recent years
LDC trade developments

**Means of implementation**

M growth > X growth

↑ Terms of trade
LDC trade developments

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Terms of trade →
LDC current account developments

Current account deficits
Target 17.2:
ODA to LDCs ≥ 0.15-0.2 donors’ GNI

ODA receipts from DAC countries:
$43 billion 2015-2016 ↑ $48.7 billion 2017

7 donors meeting LDC target in 2017...

…but DAC total: 0.09% donor’s GNI
Means of implementation

LDC finance developments

FDI inflows ($ billion)

FDI inflows
LDC finance developments

↑ Foreign debt

Available forecasts

On-going growth in 2019-2020
... with serious downside risks

Has the growth cycle peaked?

- Growth deceleration in major economies
- Weakening financial market sentiment
- Debt accumulation in major economies
... with serious downside risks

- Trade war, Protectionism escalation
- Falling commodity prices
- Heightened risks
- Capital outflows from developing countries
- Geopolitical tensions
Consequence for LDCs

Even more challenged in pursuit of SDGs...

... but strong heterogeneity
Thank you