

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

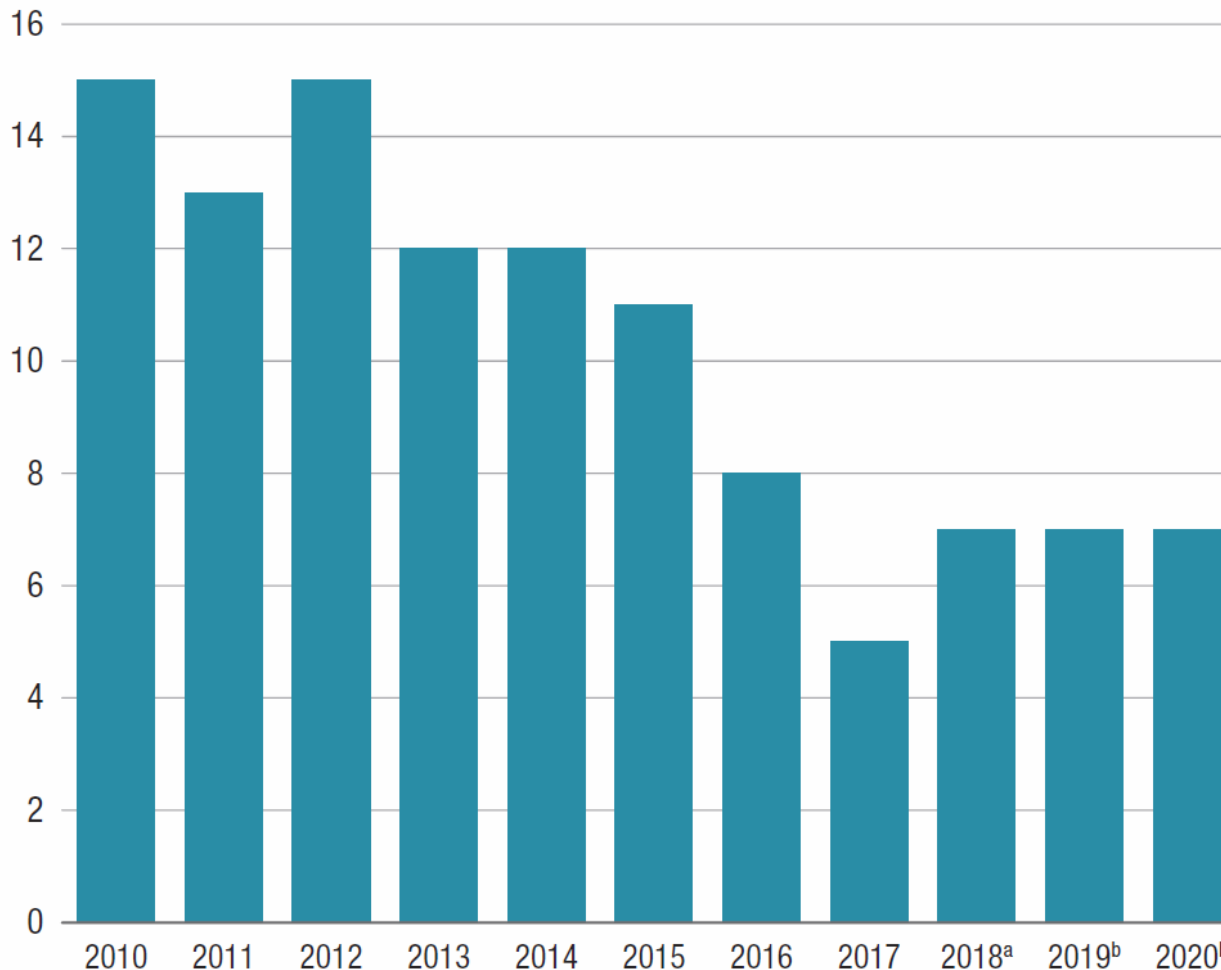
GDP growth recovering:

- 2016: 3.6%
- 2017: 4.6%
- 2018: 5.0%



Target 8.1: > 7% GDP growth

LDCs with growth $\geq 7\%$

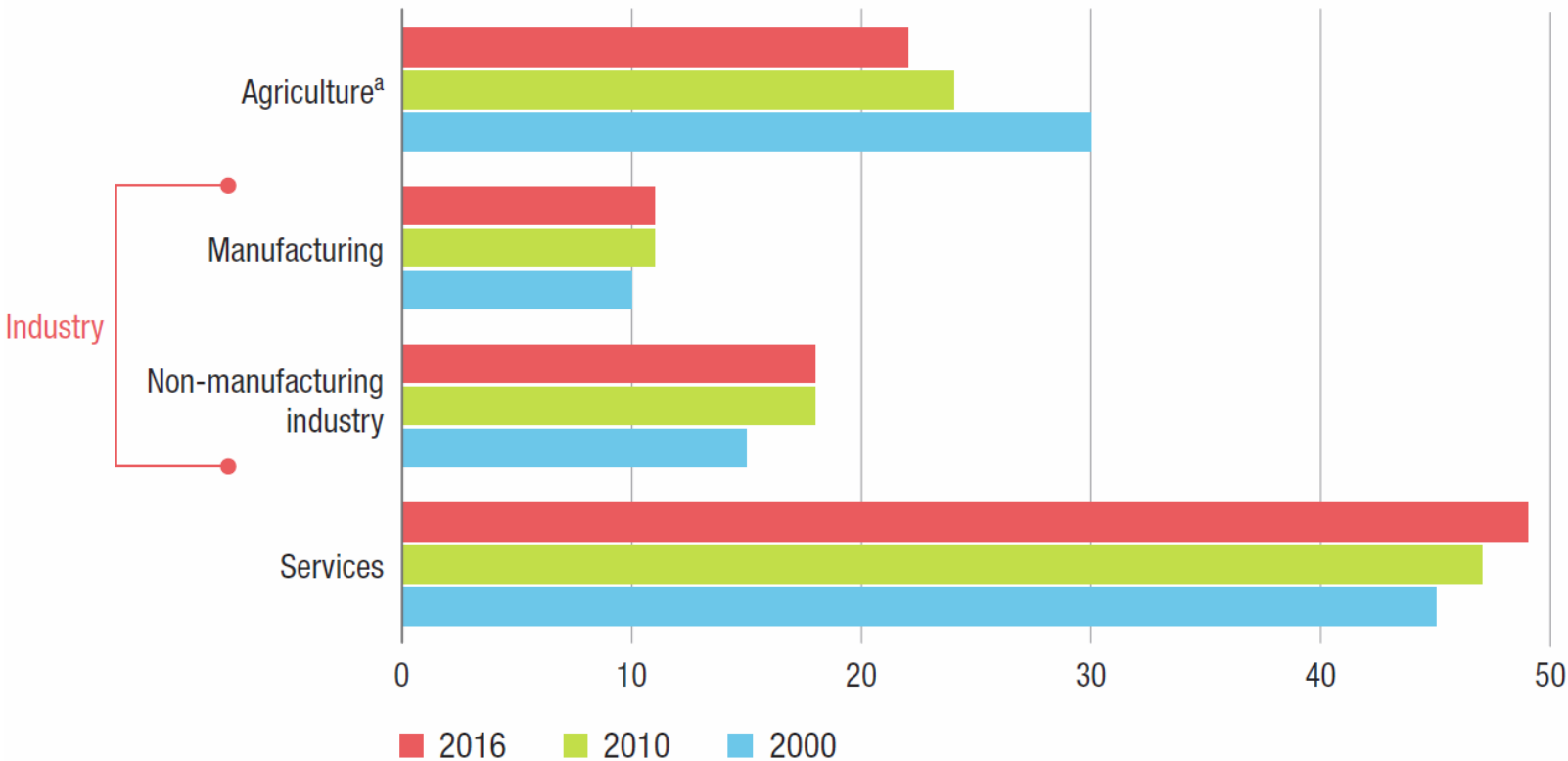


5 LDCs met target in 2017

7 LDCs met target in 2018

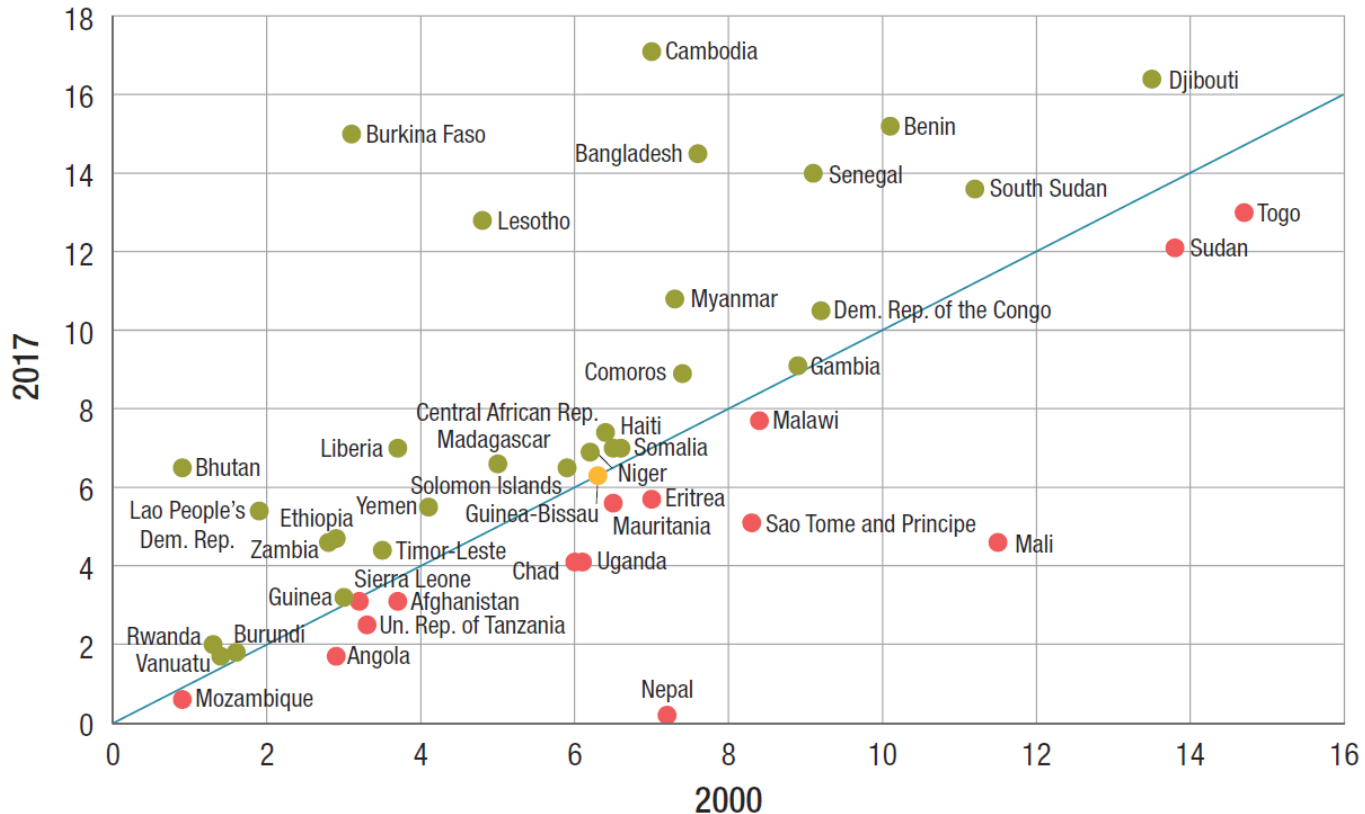


Target 9.2: Double industry share of employment & GDP



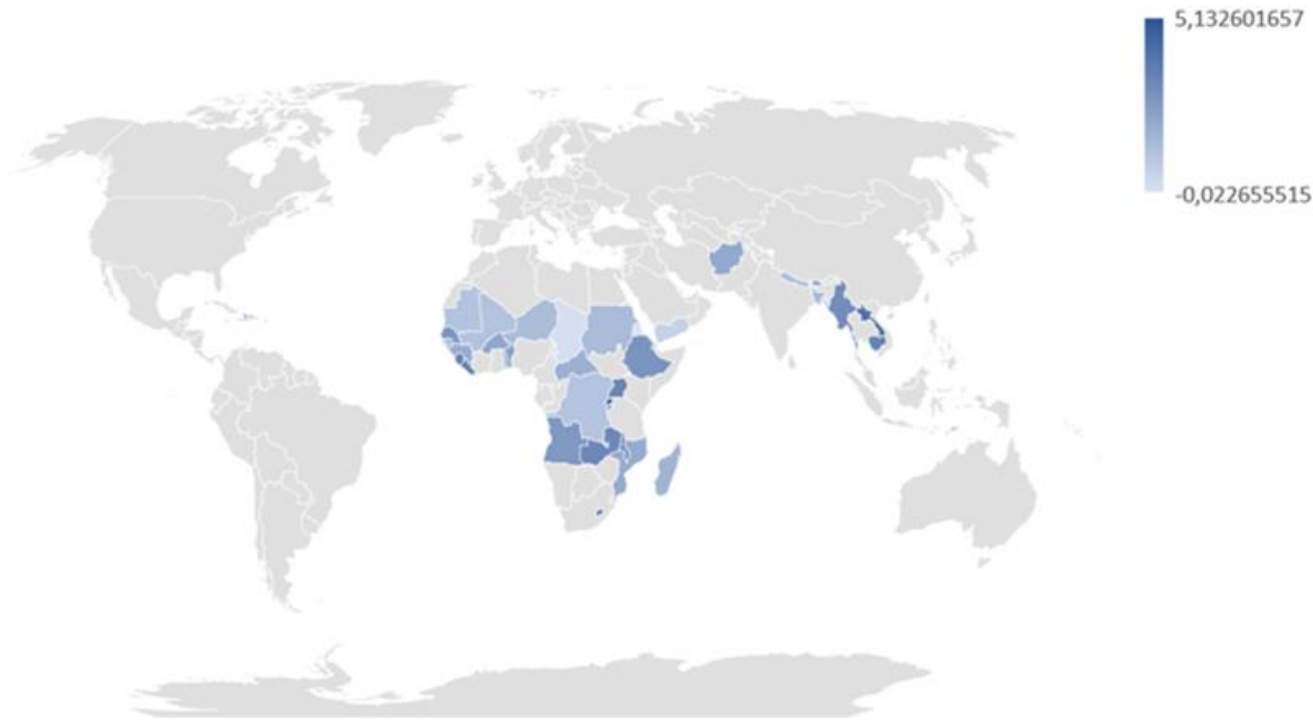
Industry share of GDP unchanged since 2010...

Target 9.2: Double industry share of employment & GDP



... but manufacturing employment expanding in some countries

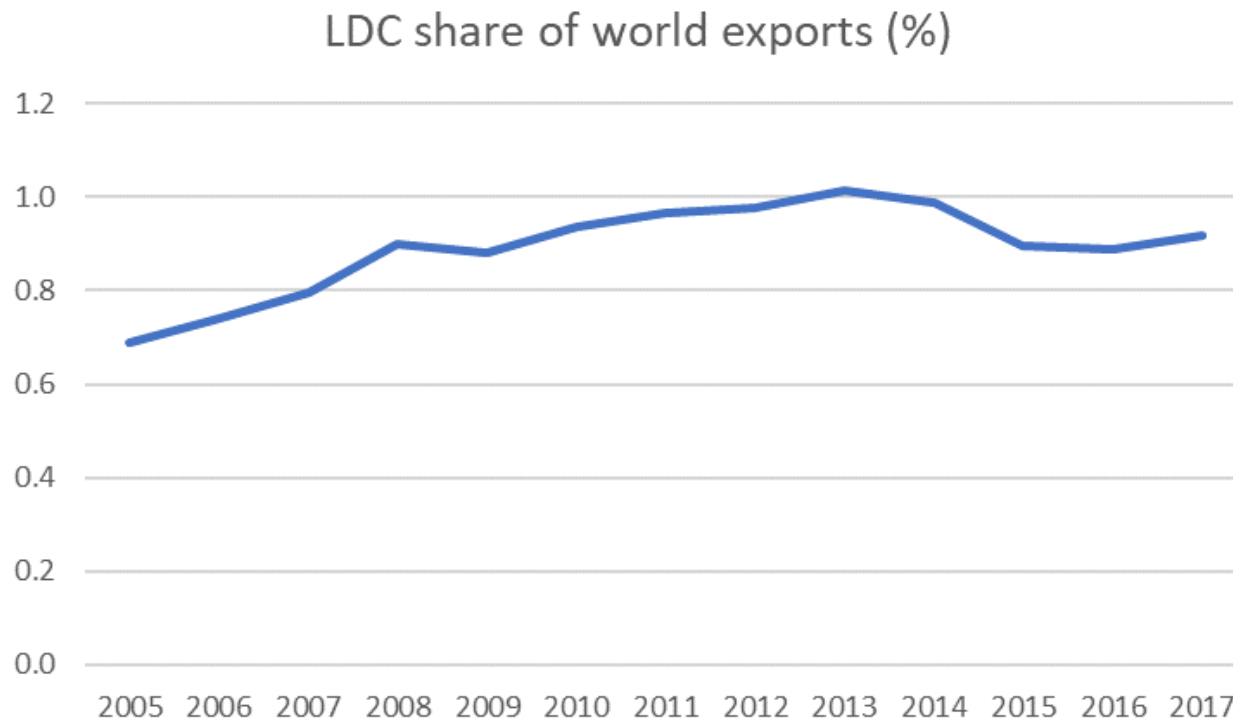
Productive Capacities Index Change 2000-2016



10 LDCs with PCI change ≥ 3 ...
... but ≤ 2 in 22 others



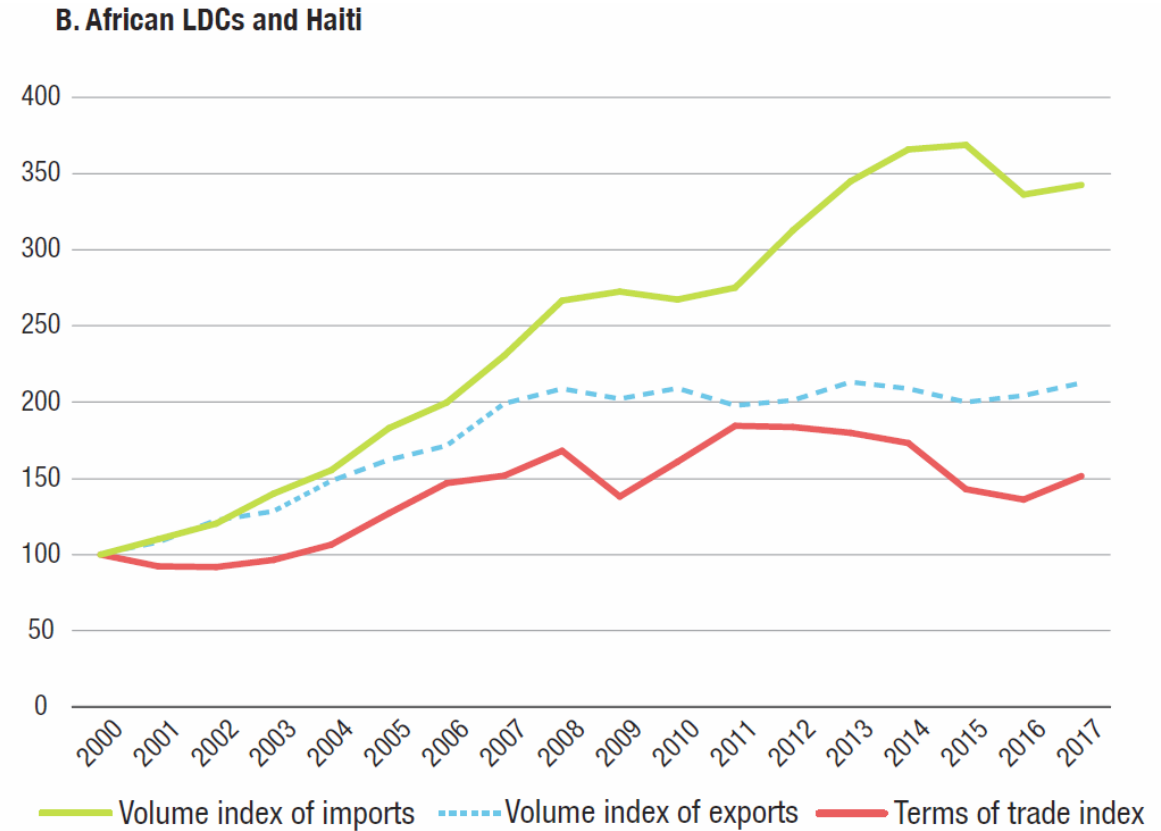
Target 17.11: Double LDC share in global exports by 2020



LDC share stagnant in recent years



LDC trade developments



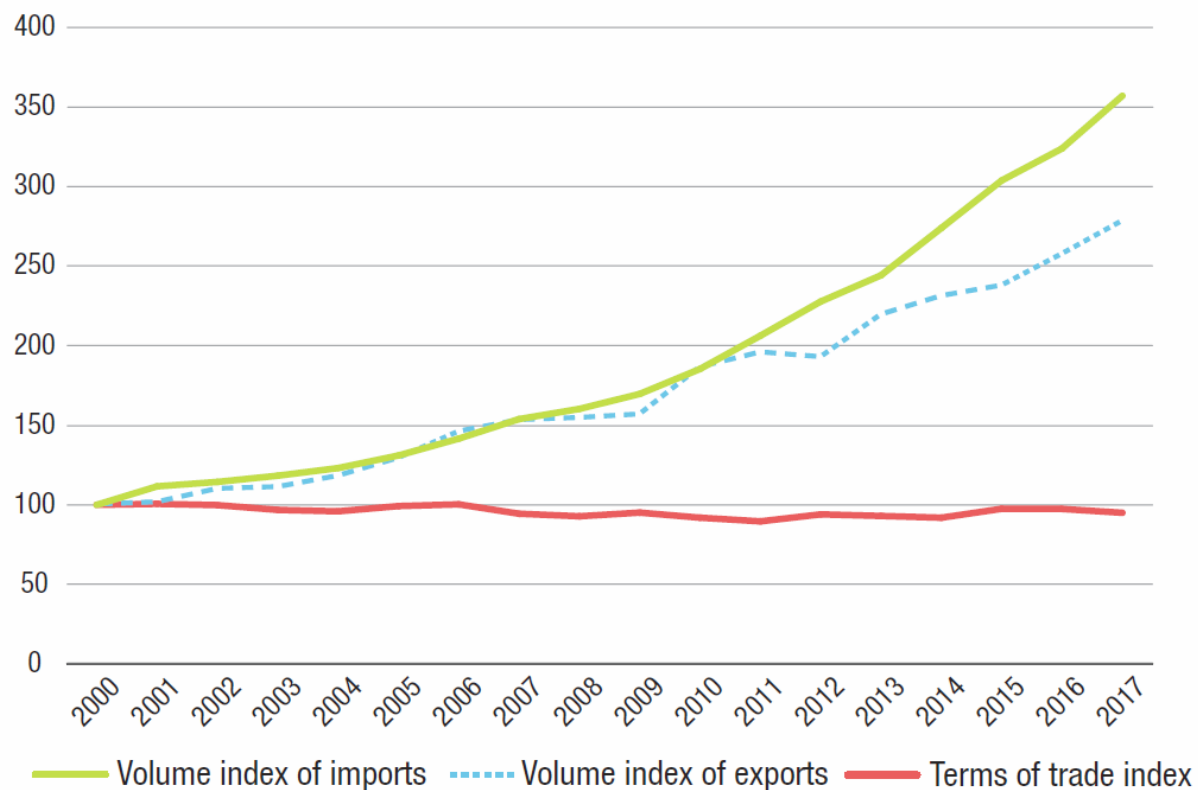
M growth > X growth

↑ Terms of trade



LDC trade developments

C. Asian LDCs

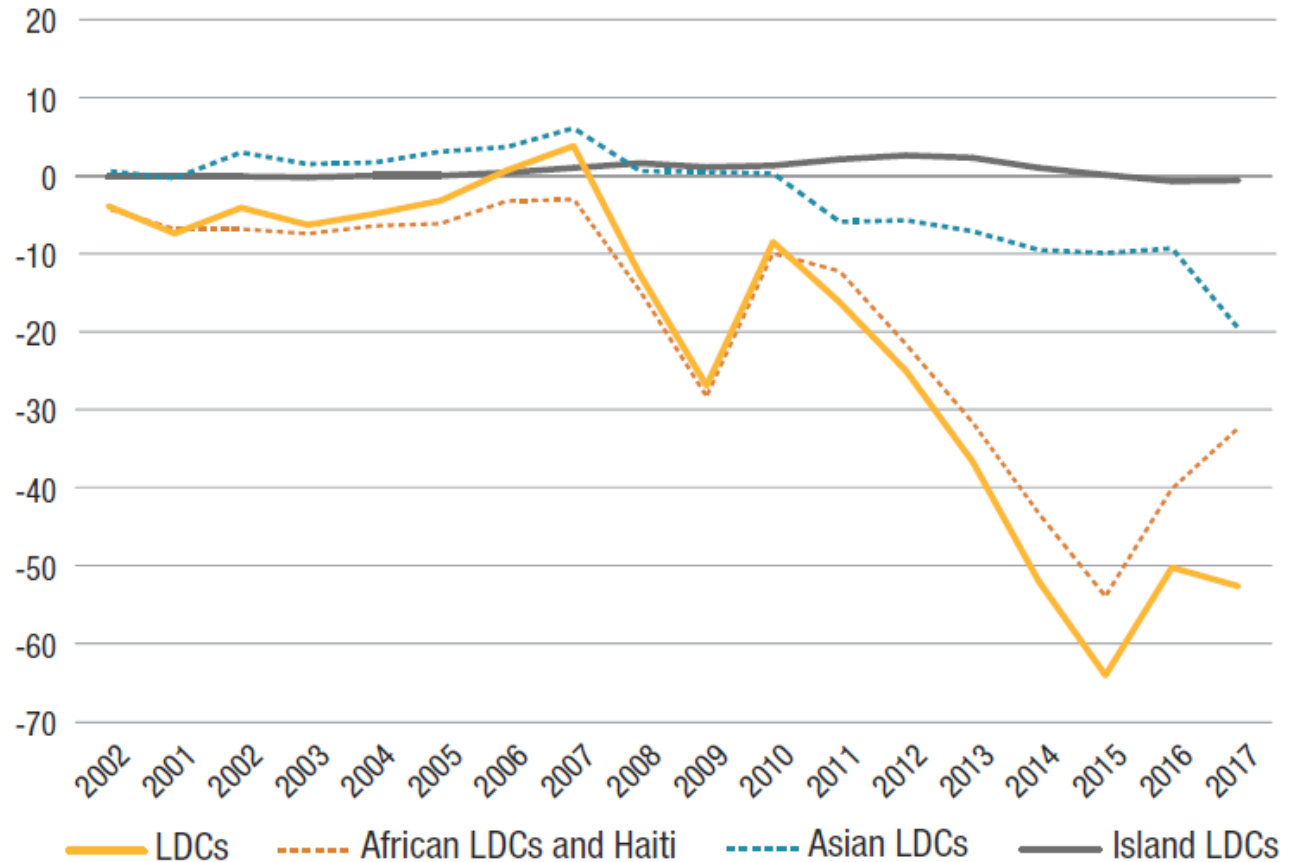


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Terms of trade →



LDC current account developments



↑ Current account deficits



Target 17.2:

ODA to LDCs \geq 0.15-0.2 donors' GNI

ODA receipts from DAC countries:

\$43 billion 2015-2016 \uparrow \$48.7 billion 2017

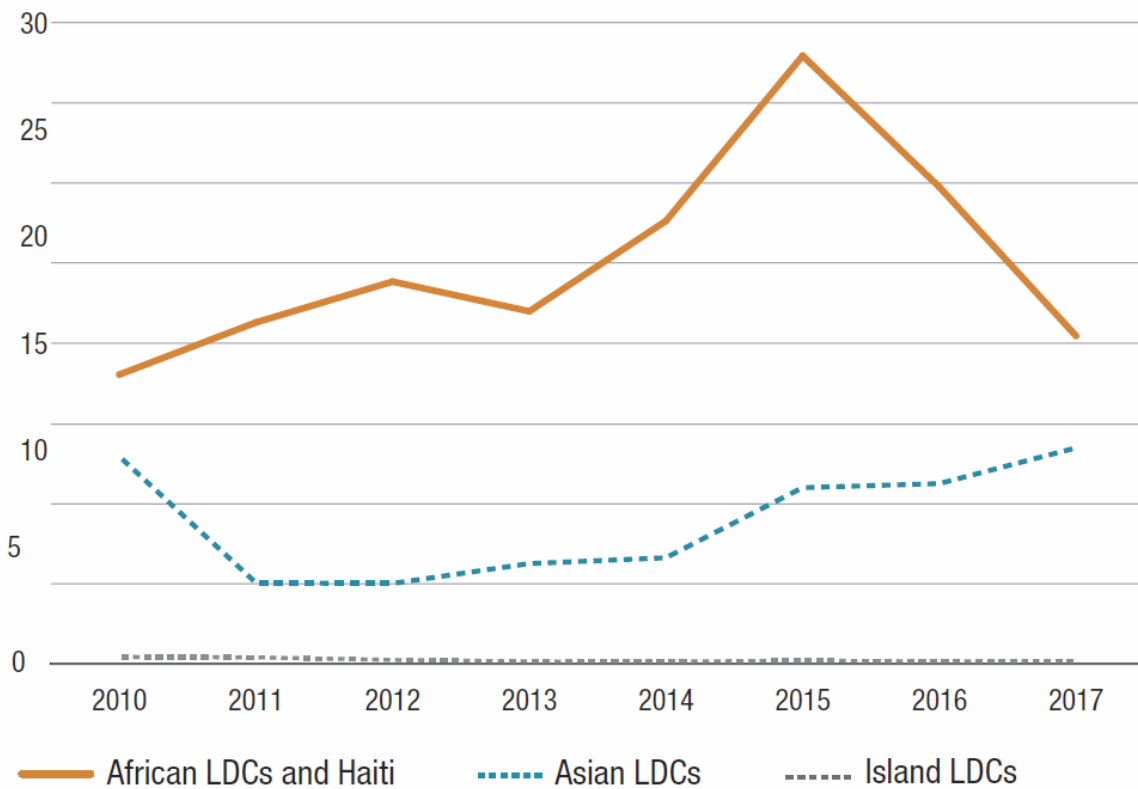
7 donors meeting LDC target in 2017...

...but DAC total: 0.09% donor's GNI



LDC finance developments

FDI inflows (\$ billion)



↓ FDI inflows



LDC finance developments

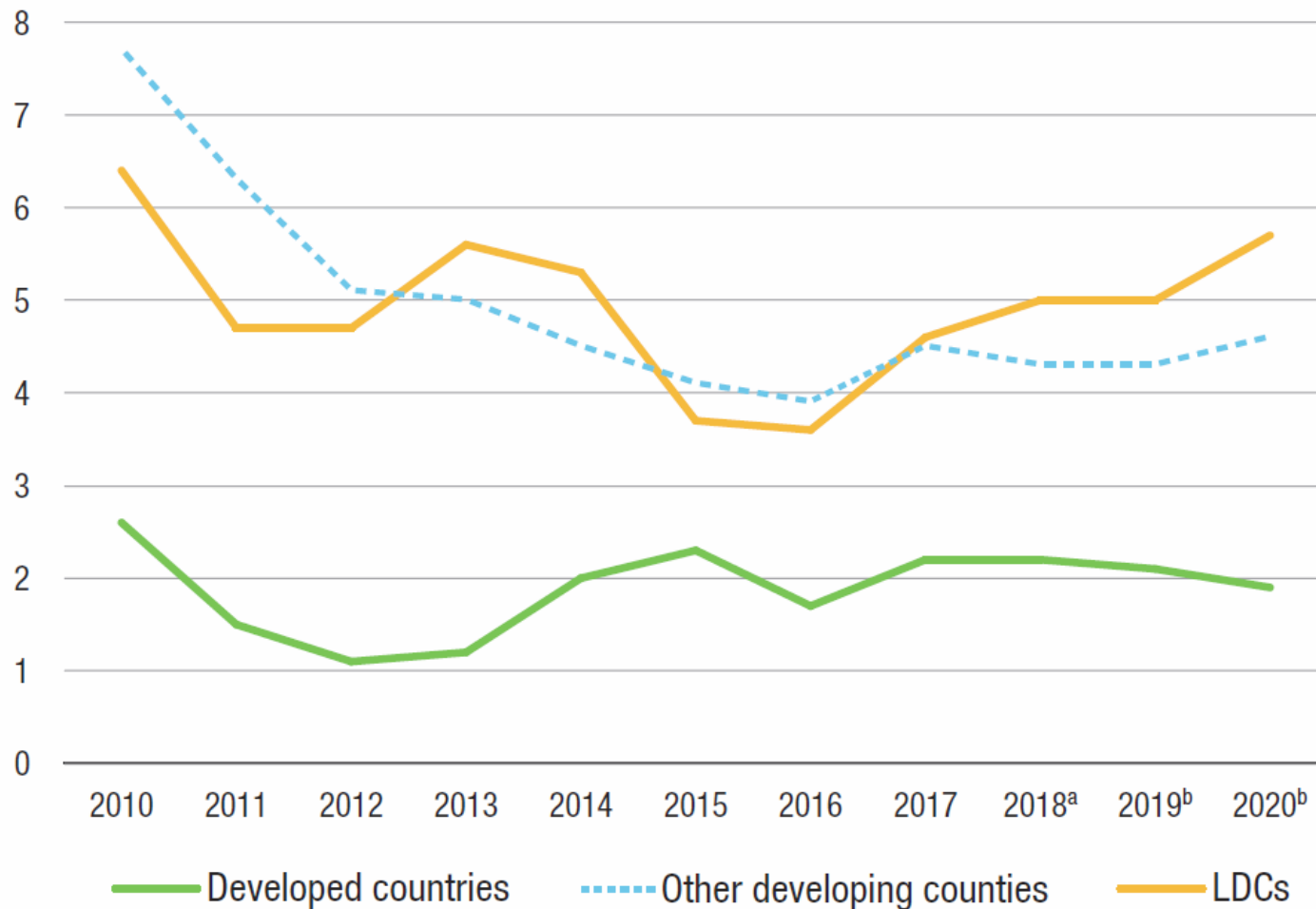
↑ Foreign debt

Debt / Exports: 142 (2015) ↑ 173 (2017)



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



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