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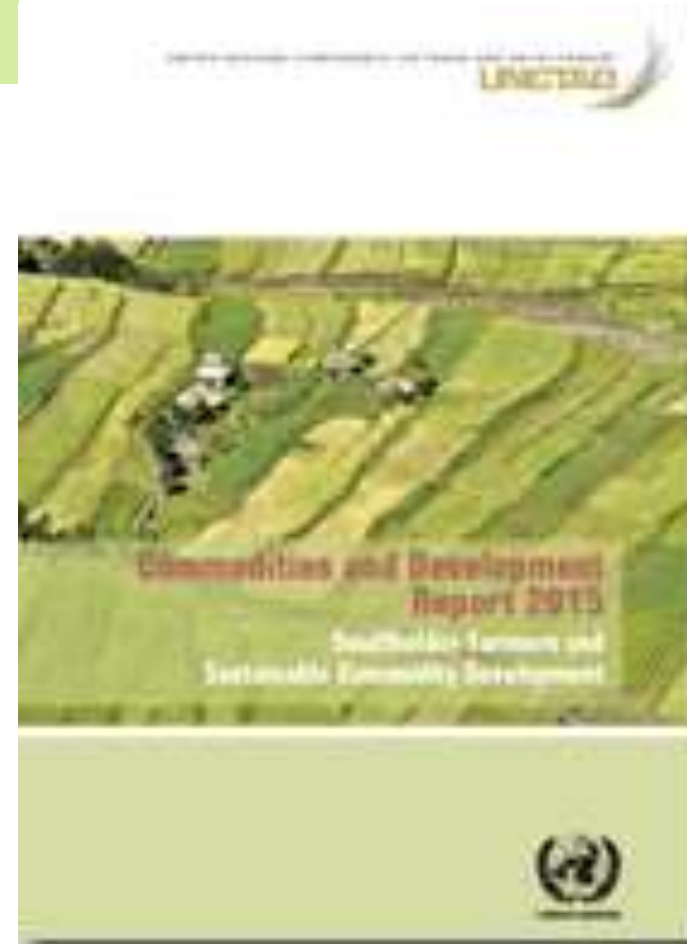
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Smallholders in agriculture

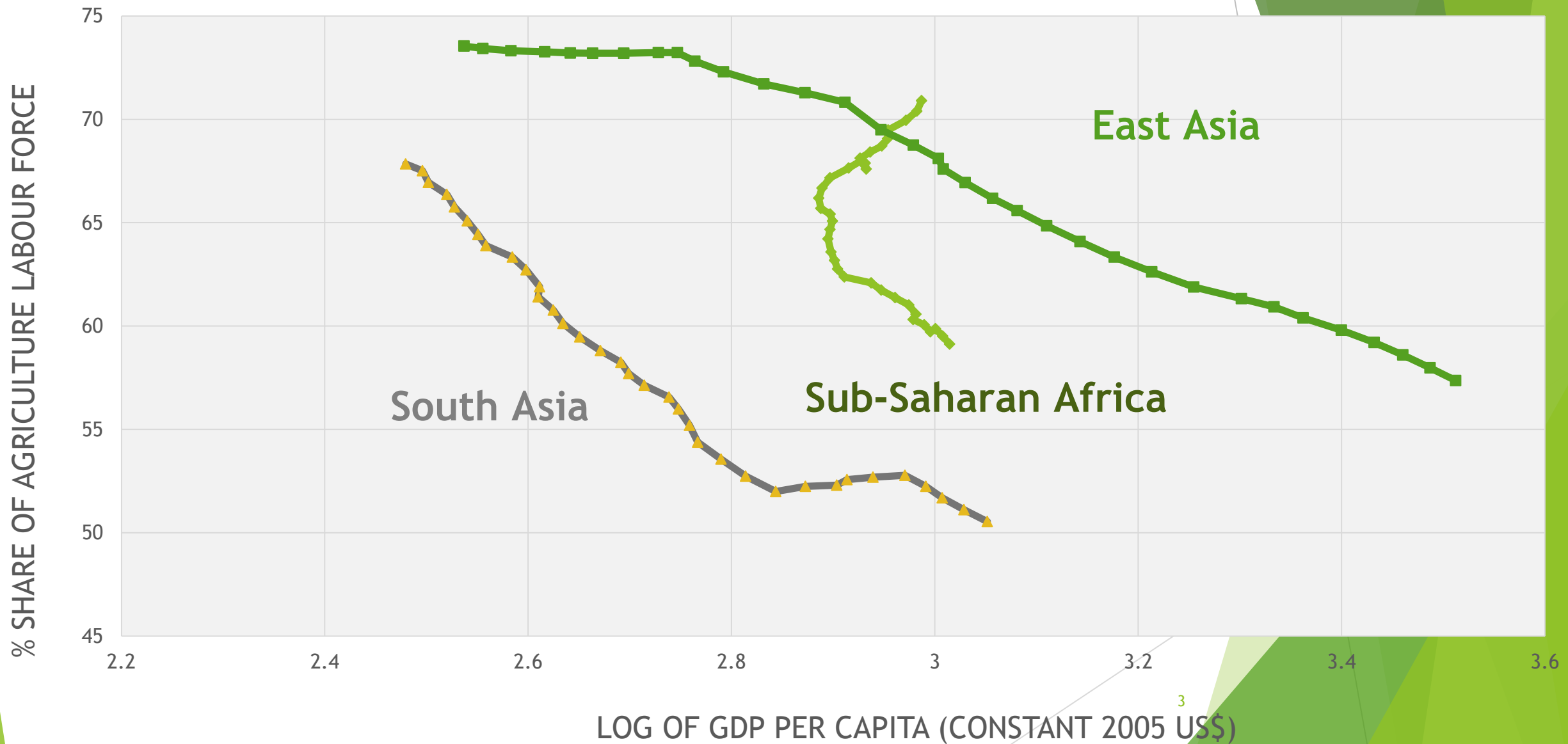
With rising land productivity

- ▶ Less poverty
- ▶ More employment, on and off farm
- ▶ Household, local and country food security
- ▶ Rising demand, higher growth

With stagnant land productivity

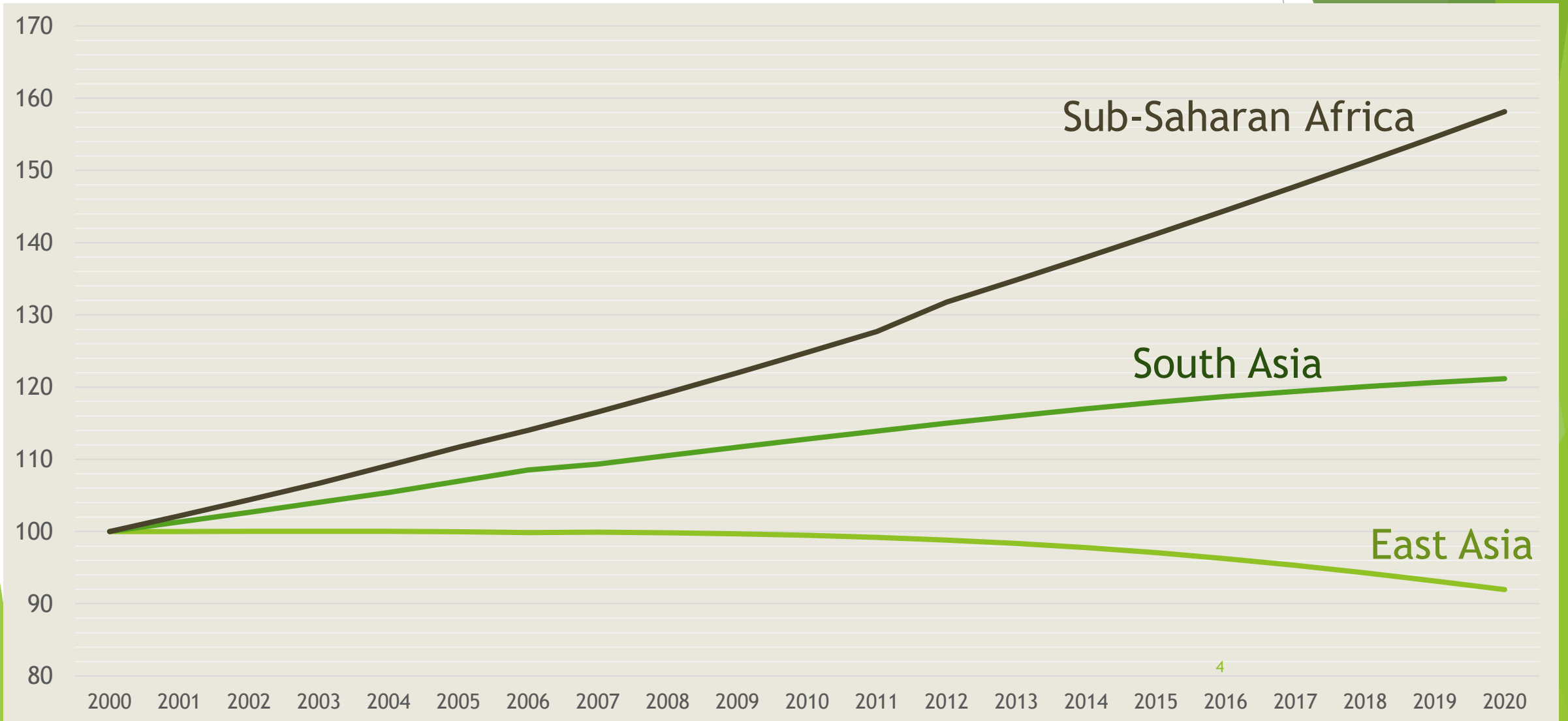
- ▶ Persistent high poverty
- ▶ Under-employment, rural to urban migration
- ▶ Food insecurity, rising food imports
- ▶ Weak economic growth ²

Structural transformation 1980-2014



Agriculture labour force 2000-2020

(2000=100)



Governance of policies for agriculture and rural development

- ▶ Support to representative peasant organisations
- ▶ Regular consultations on public policies
- ▶ Representation on sectoral public bodies
- ▶ Technical consultations with sectoral bodies (water, roads, extension services, inputs)
- ▶ Participation in monitoring of policy implementation

Smallholder farmer organisations: advocacy, information-sharing, group-actions, learning

Key actions

- ▶ Advocacy, public investment, access to credit, extension services
- ▶ Better market information
- ▶ Lower transaction costs
- ▶ Coping strategies for price and climate volatility

Impact on

- ▶ Yields
- ▶ Prices
- ▶ Costs
- ▶ Risk management

Credit to agriculture: working with peasant organisations

- ▶ High risks
- ▶ Dispersed clients
- ▶ Long production cycles
- ▶ Little to no collateral
- ▶ Peasant organisations as intermediaries between clients and credit institution
- ▶ Credit selection criteria
- ▶ Establishing a risk fund managed by peasant organisations
- ▶ Group collateral
- ▶ Use of partial bank guarantee funds (international, national, local)

Cooperation with UNCTAD on follow-up to 2015 Commodities and Development report

- ▶ Strengthening of cooperation with peasant organisations
- ▶ Exchange and learning opportunities for leaders of peasant organisations
- ▶ User-friendly version of 2015 report
- ▶ Support to regional and international exchanges between peasant organisations and United Nations and related institutions