Building productive capacities in LDCs through FDI and domestic enterprise development

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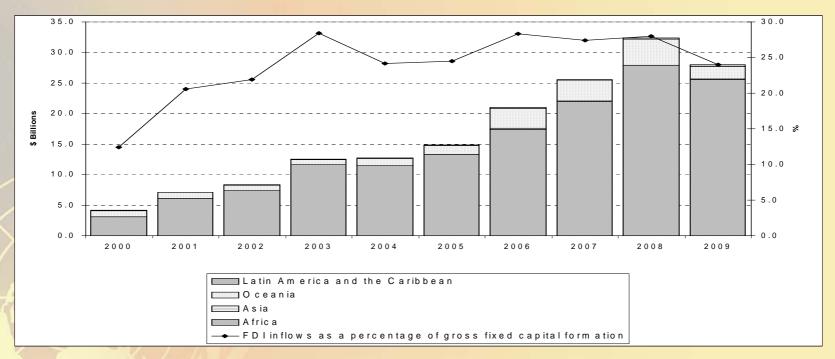
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FDI in LDCs on the rise...

- Inflows to LDCs: more important source of financing \$8 billion in 2002 about \$28 billion in 2008 (although declined in 2009)
- They account for a significant share of domestic capital formation (between 23-28%)

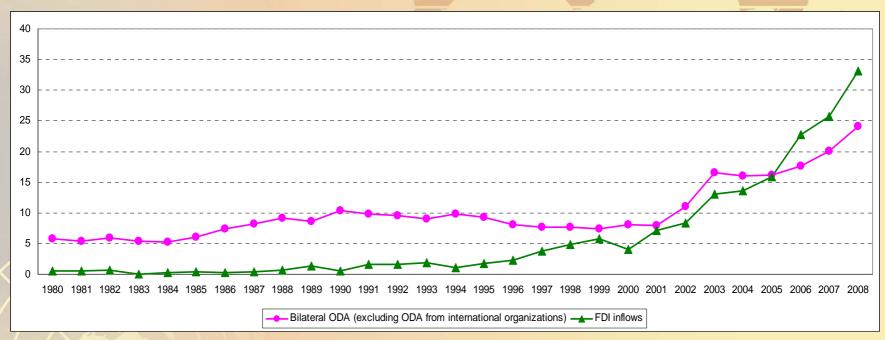
FDI inflows into the LDCs and their share in gross fixed capital formation, 2000-2009



FDI inflows have grown over the years, and since 2004 constitute the most important resource flow to LDCs

FDI inflows and bilateral ODA flows to LDCs, 1980-2008

(Billions of dollars)



Source: UNCTAD FDI/TNC database and OECD.

... but the distribution remains uneven

Distribution of FDI flows among economies by range*

(Millione of dollars)

•	High concentration in
	few natural-resource-
	rich countries, driven
	by high global oil and
	gas demand

- Bulk of FDI is aimed at extracting activities in particular in Africa
- In Asian LDCs, FDI is also occuring in services
 (telecommunications, utilities)

		(Millions of do	onars)
	Range	Inflows	Outflows
	Above \$10.0 billion \$2.0 to \$9.9 billion	Angola Sudan	
	\$1.0 to \$1.9 billion	Equatorial Guinea	
	\$0.5 to \$0.9 billion	Zambia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique, Uganda, Niger, Bangladesh, United Republic of Tanzania, Madagascar and	
	\$0.2 to \$0.4 billion	Chad, Liberia, Myanmar and Senegal	Liberia
	Below \$0.1 billion	Afghanistan, Solomon Islands, Burkina Faso, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Yemen, Rwanda, Mali, Somalia, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Benin, Malawi, Togo, Lesotho, Gambia, Central African Republic, Nepal, Haiti, Bhutan, São Tomé and Principe, Sierra Leone, Vanuatu, Timor-Leste, Guinea- Bissau, Burundi, Maldives, Comoros, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Samoa, Eritrea and Mauritania	Yemen, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Bangladesh, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Rwanda, Niger, Angola, São Tomé and Principe, Mali, Mozambique, Samoa, Malawi, Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, Vanuatu, Cambodia, Benin and Togo

^{*} Ranked on the basis of 2009 FDI inflows.

Greenfield FDI projects in LDCs, by investor/region, 2007-2009

(Number)

Investor region/economy	2007	2008	2009
World	110	327	269
Developed countries	4 9	124	106
European Union	28	7 8	77
Japan	3	5	5
United States	10	2 1	15
Developing economies	6 1	201	1 6 1
Africa	10	7 7	6 6
Latin America and the Caribbean	4	3	5
Asia	47	121	90
W est Asia	13	3 5	12
South, East and South-East Asia	3 4	8 6	78
China	10	1 2	16
In dia	7	1 8	12
Malaysia	2	1 6	17
Viet Nam	6	1 9	9
Transition economies	-	2	2
Russian Federation	-	1	2

Investments from developing countries account for more than half of the total

Greenfield FDI projects (dominant mode of investment) in LDCs, by sector/industry, 2007-2009

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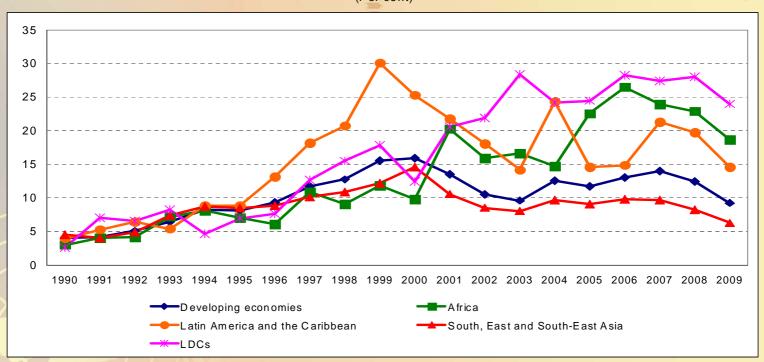
Sector/industry	2007	2008	2009
Total sectors	110	327	269
Primary	20	55	26
Coal, oil and natural gas	12	29	17
Manufacturing	45	113	97
Food, beverages and tobacco	10	33	30
Textiles	6	5	4
Chemicals and chemical products	1	7	4
Non-metallic minerals	2	12	8
Metals	18	30	15
Machinery and equipment	1	5	6
Electrical and electronic equipment	2	3	4
Motor vehicles & other transport equipment	4	8	18
Services	45	159	146
Hotels and tourism	9	16	10
Transport, storage and communications	12	26	30
Financial services	14	93	76
Business activities	9	22	27

Manufacturing and services are important recipient sectors:

- •Agro-business accounts for one third of manufacturing investments
- In the services sector, financial services account for the bulk of investments, followed by transport and communications

The share of FDI in capital formation is higher in LDCs than in other developing regions

FDI inflows as a percentage of gross fixed capital formation, 1990-2009
(Per cent)



Due to the predominance of FDI in extractive industries, the labour intensity of FDI projects in LDCs is relatively low

Sales, employment and labour intensity, by region, 2007

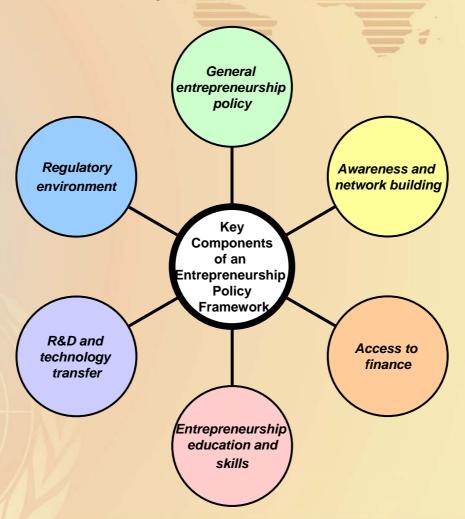
Host region	Sales (\$ million)	Employment (thousand employees)	Share of foreign affiliates in total sales in host economies	Share of foreign affiliates in total employment in host economies	employees per \$1
Sub-saharan Africa	236 454	698	14.9	0.2	3.0
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World	20 862 156	67 041	18.7	2.3	3.2
Developed countries	15 842 663	30 103	20.3	6.3	1.9
Developing economies	4 753 877	35 433	15.9	1.5	7.5
Latin America and the Caribbean	1 620 600	7 365	21.7	3.0	4.5
South, East and South-East Asia	2 510 480	26 046	15.3	1.5	10.4

Source: UNCTAD.

Issues for discussion (based on the findings)

- Follow a sector specific approach: focus on agriculture, infrastructure and manufacturing and on development of productive capacities in LDCs
- Promote public-private partnerships to harness FDI for infrastructure and agricultural development
- Develop synergies between FDI and ODA to complement respective advantages
- Maximize the benefits of South-South FDI

Key Components of an Entrepreneurship Policy Framework



Enhancing capacity building of domestic firms: UNCTAD Business Linkages Programme

- Connects large companies with domestic suppliers in developing countries.
- Currently operational in Argentina, Brazil, Mozambique, Peru, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

Key activities:

- Upgrading local businesses to meet international standards;
- Strengthening small businesses to become dependable partners for large companies;
- Providing policy advice on improving the environment for sustainable business linkages;
- Sharing effective international business linkage strategies with the various stakeholders;
- Involving companies in cost—sharing with a view to operational sustainability.

