



## UNCTAD15 pre-event

Date **September 20, 2021**

# GVCs in transition: what opportunities and challenges for developing countries in the new landscape?

Event co-organized with the OECD Development Centre

Global value chains (GVCs) will undergo substantive transformation in the decade ahead, reshaping the global trade and investment landscape. This webinar puts together international experts, high-level policy makers and academics to examine the critical characteristics of this transformation and the way in which it will affect developing countries' participation to international production networks and the policy toolset at their disposal.

### Background

UNCTAD through its Unit on Economic Cooperation and Integration among Developing Countries (ECIDC) in the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies assist developing economies to strengthen their linkages through trade and productive integration along global and regional value chains. It also encourages the sharing of successful policy experiences among economies of the South. ECIDC has been participating to the OECD Initiative for Policy Dialogue on GVCs, Production Transformation and Development since its inception in 2013 providing forward-looking contributions to the global debate on trade and development and developing novel insights on analyzing GVCs participation opportunities and risks for developing countries.

### Purpose and key objectives

This webinar will offer an opportunity to discuss the scenarios of value chains reconfiguration occurring as a response to the pandemic, the multiple forces pushing to reorganize supply chains across the globe, and the impacts these changes can have on developing countries. The webinar will help to clarify the fragilities of GVCs exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the new opportunities which could ensue by a renowned global division of labor. The webinar will also contribute to support developing countries in updating their national and regional policy frameworks in a strategic way, in terms of industries, typology of policy measures, partnerships and financing for production development, taking into account the new technologies and the global reorganization of trade and production.





The webinar brings together policymakers, academics and international experts in an attempt to offer to the audience both a snapshot of developing countries' policy experience in the current scenario and a more general and global perspective.

### Questions for discussion

The key objectives and expected outcomes of the event are the following:

- To examine the main changes in the global scenario which may affect the functioning of international production networks.
- To discuss the challenges and opportunity faced by developing countries and the different policy options available.
- To create an open dialogue in which member states can learn from different experiences in trade and industrial policy in the current difficult historical juncture.

### Programme :

#### 10.00–11.00 : Welcome and Introductory Remarks

##### Introduction:

**Piergiuseppe Fortunato**, Economist, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, (UNCTAD)

##### Moderator:

**Annalisa Primi**, Head of the Division on Economic Transformation and Development of the OECD Development Centre

##### Roundtable:

- ❖ Adnan Seric, Research Manager, Department of Policy Research and Statistics, UNIDO
- ❖ Fiona Tregenna, DST/NRF South African Research Chair in Industrial Development, University of Johannesburg
- ❖ Tauhid Ahmad, executive director at INDEF
- ❖ Francesco Prota, Professor of Economics, University of Bari

#### 11.00–11.30 : Question & Answer Session

##### Closing remarks:

- ❖ Annalisa Primi, Head of the Division on Economic Transformation and Development of the OECD Development Centre





- ❖ Piergiuseppe Fortunato, Economist, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, (UNCTAD)

The discussion will be moderated and take place through zoom. Online registration is required.

Register in advance for this webinar:

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