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Continued issue of commodity dependence

Commodity-dependent countries and their main dependency, 2019–2021

Note: In the case of two countries (Togo and United Arab Emirates), it was not possible to consistently identify the dominant commodity group due to the presence of large volumes of exports of manufactured products that may partially or totally be re-exports. The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

Source: UNCTAD calculations
Diversification associated with high emission of GHGs: CDDCs need to diversify through a new low carbon-path

Note: Diversification shows the number of products exported based on the HS 6-digit classification, further disaggregated by unit value.
A just transition critical to addressing inequalities

1. Ensure diversification benefits society broadly
2. Align education with skills required for diversification
3. Soften the negative effects of the transition
4. Ensure universal energy access using all available sources
Green industrial policies: Tailoring actions to local contexts

1. Create opportunities for technological upgrading and innovation
2. Prioritize job creation
3. Ensure inclusivity
4. Promote priority sectors for diversification based on country’s context
Global support vital for inclusive and low-carbon diversification

1. Support green industrial policies in CDDCs
2. Provide market access for new products from CDDCs
3. Provide access to affordable and sufficient financial services and technologies
4. Provide technical capacity-building
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