



Gender-related Provisions in Regional Trade Agreements

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Analytical Framework

- Gender-related provisions:
 - **Explicit** reference to gender and women
 - **Implicit** reference to gender by referring to human rights, minorities, sustainable development or labour discrimination but without any direct reference to gender
- Analysis of 560 RTAs (including 298 RTAs in force and notified to the WTO)

RTAs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preamble• Non-specific article• Specific article• Specific chapter• Annex

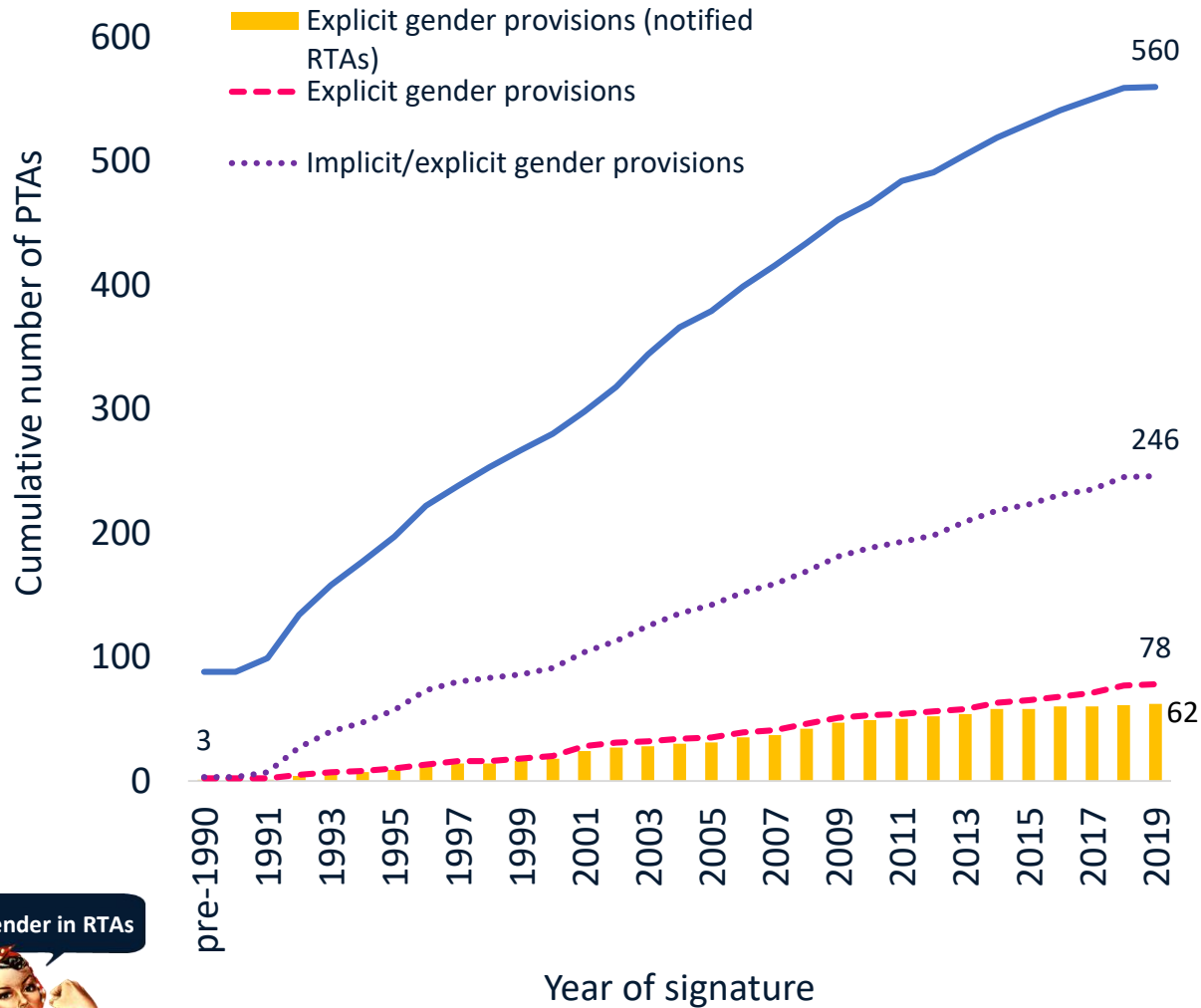
Side document(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Side letter• Joint declaration• Memorandum• Protocol• Agreement

Post-RTA document(s)
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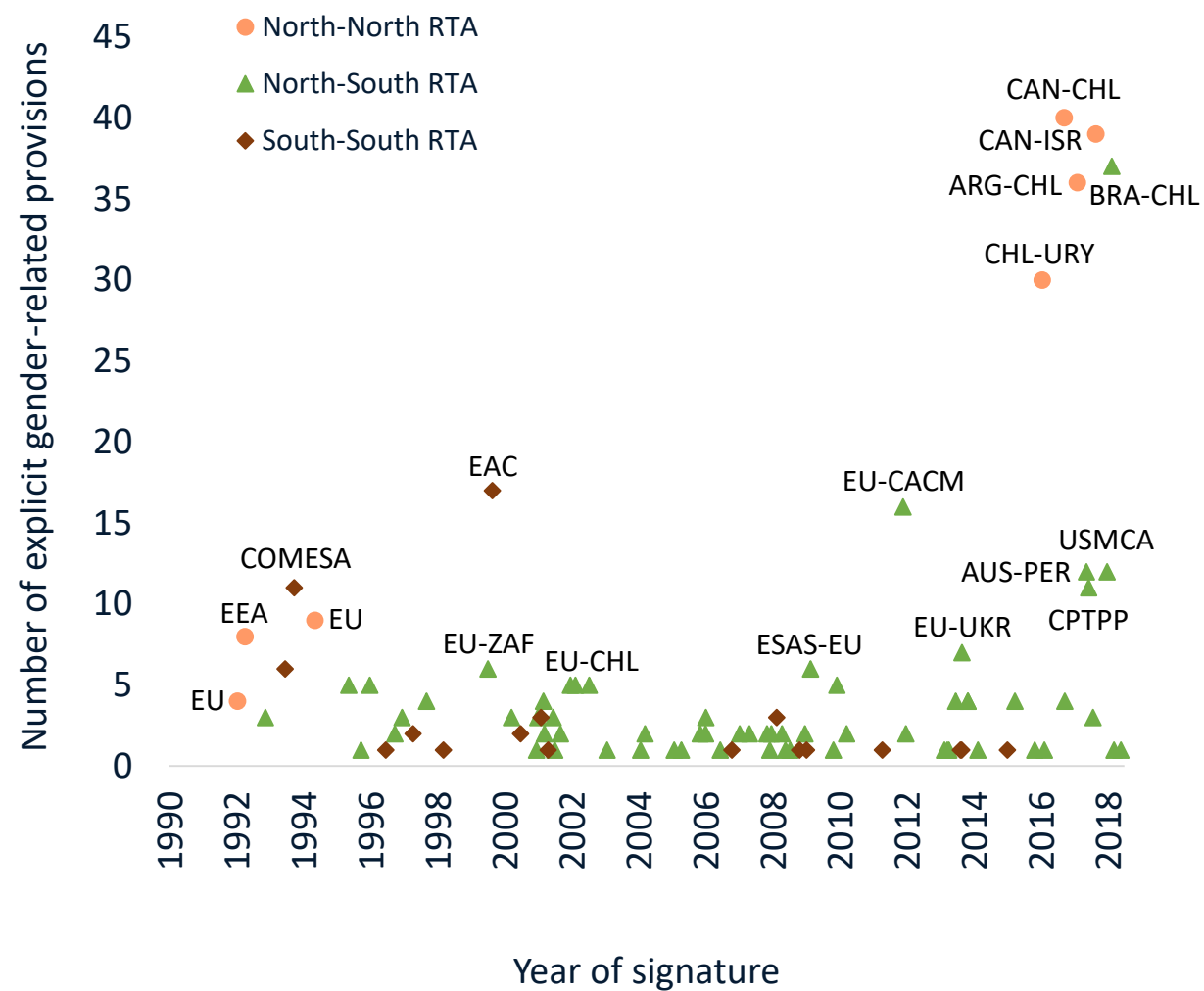
Gender in RTAs



Inclusion of gender-related provisions is not a recent phenomenon ...



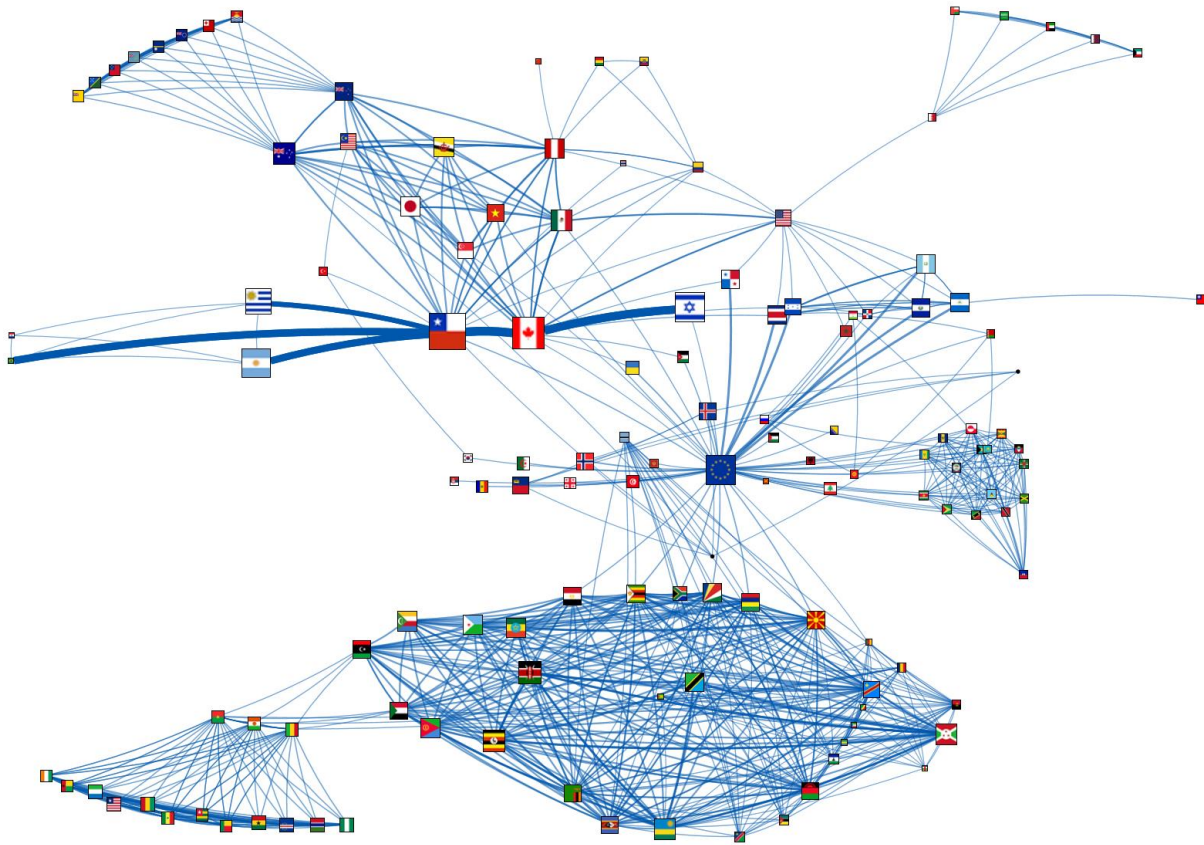
... but the scope of gender-related provisions has expanded only recently



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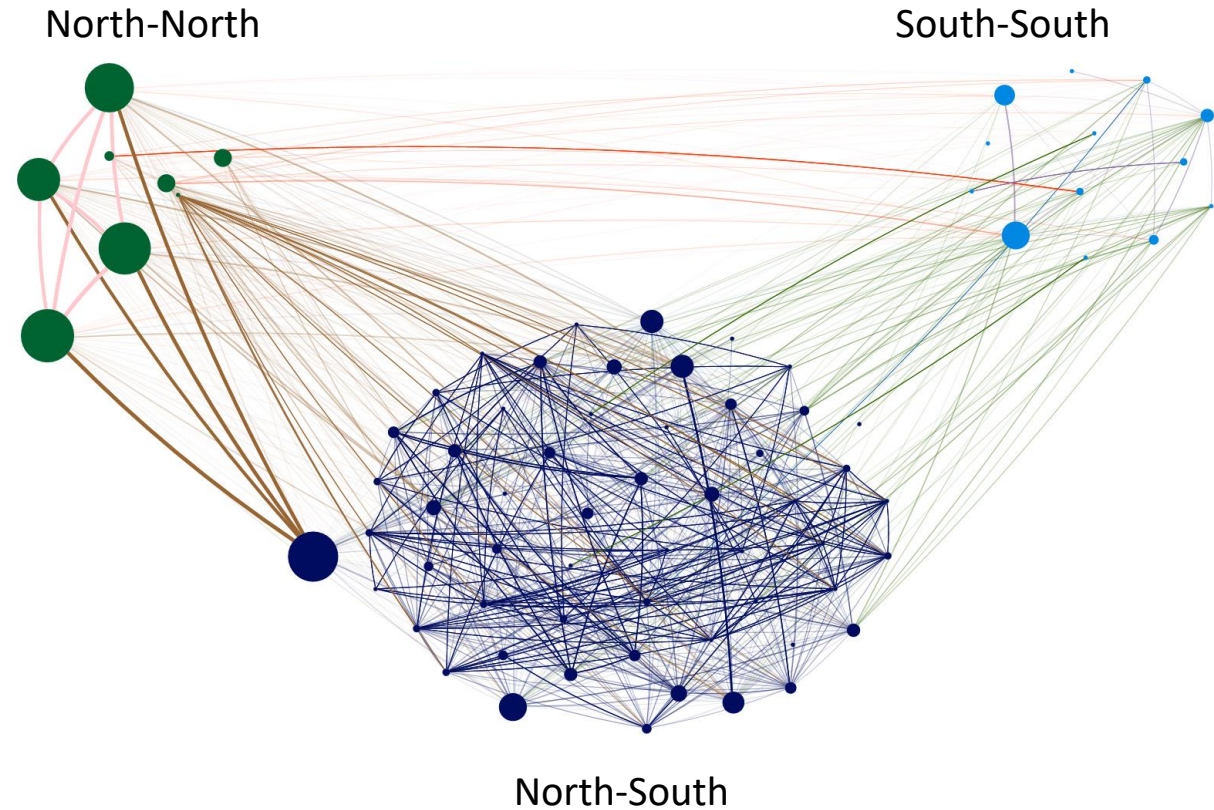


Gender-related provisions do not follow a specific and unique template...



Note: Node size represents the average number of gender-related provisions in RTAs by country

... but most PTAs share at least one common type of gender-related provisions

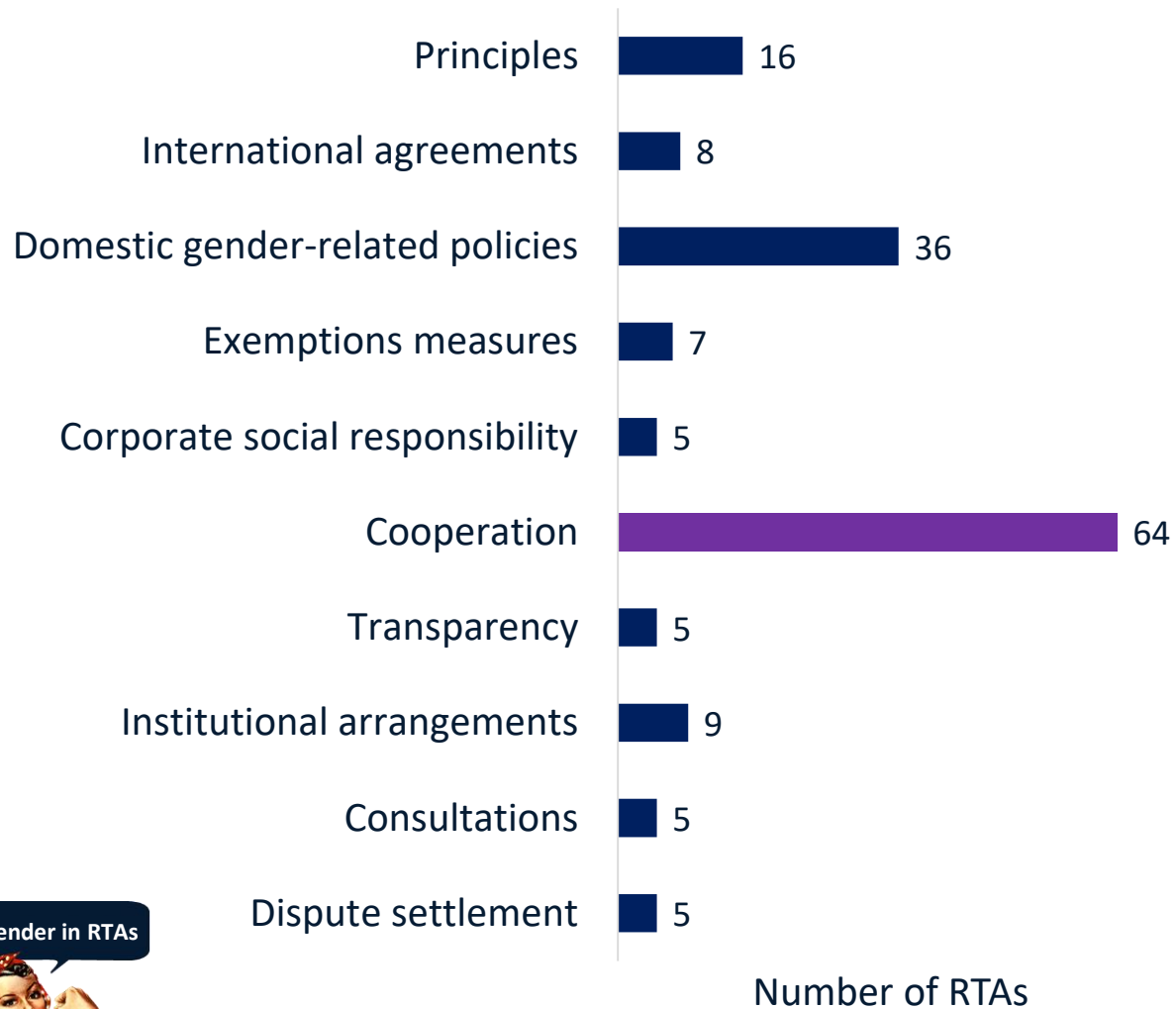


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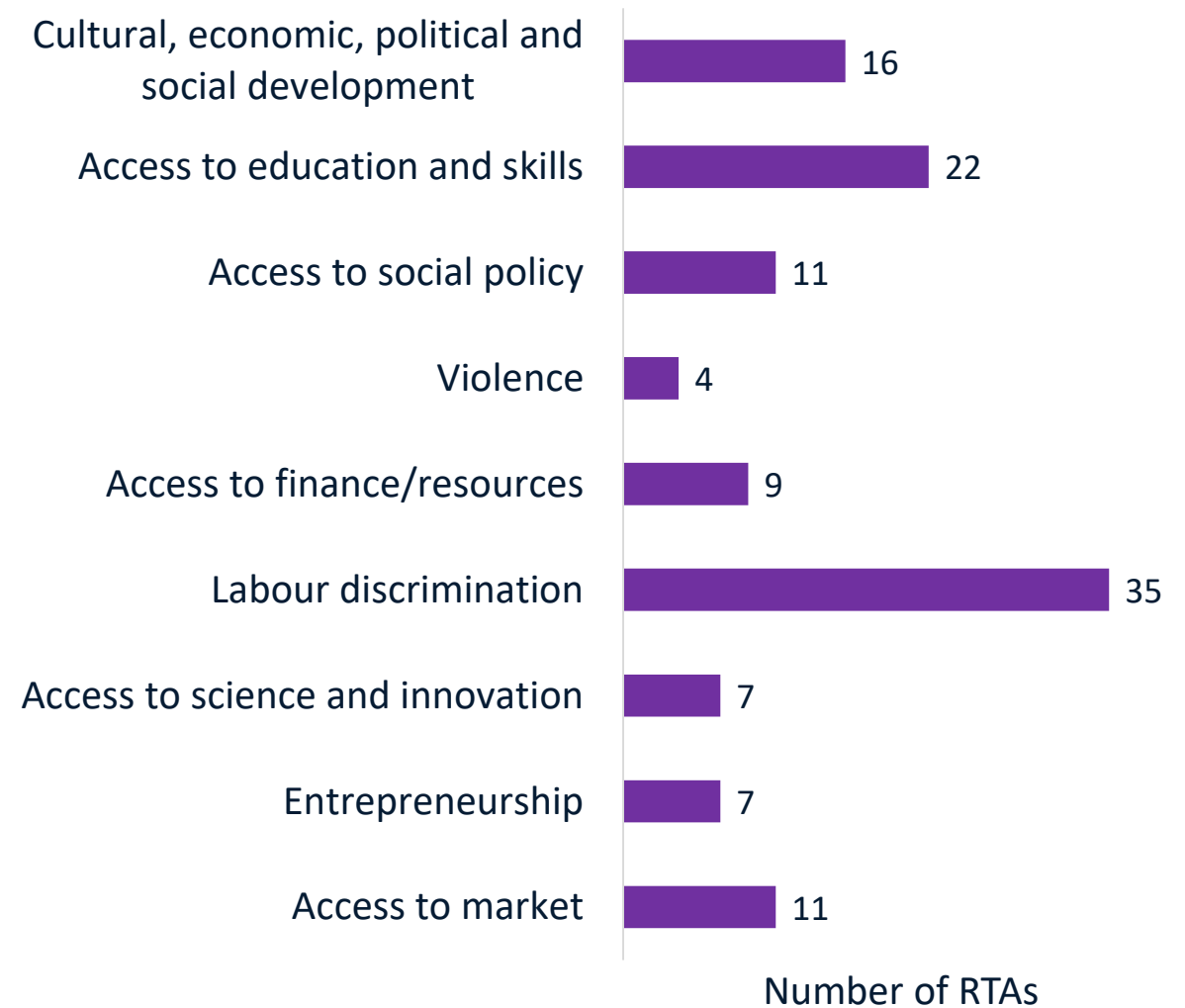
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Cooperation provisions are the most common gender-related provisions ...



... with gender-based labour discrimination being the most common cooperation area

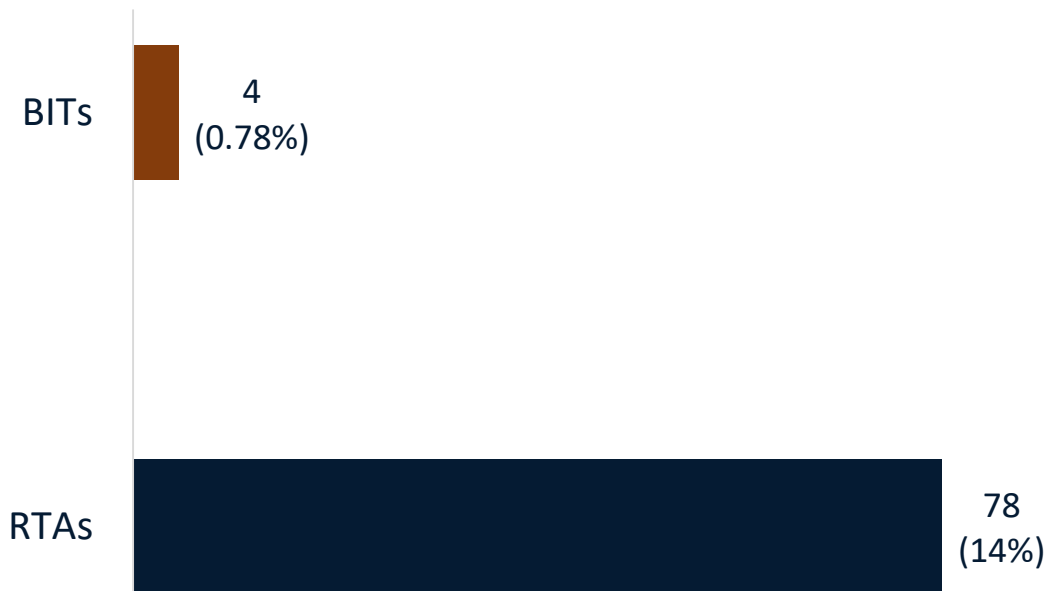


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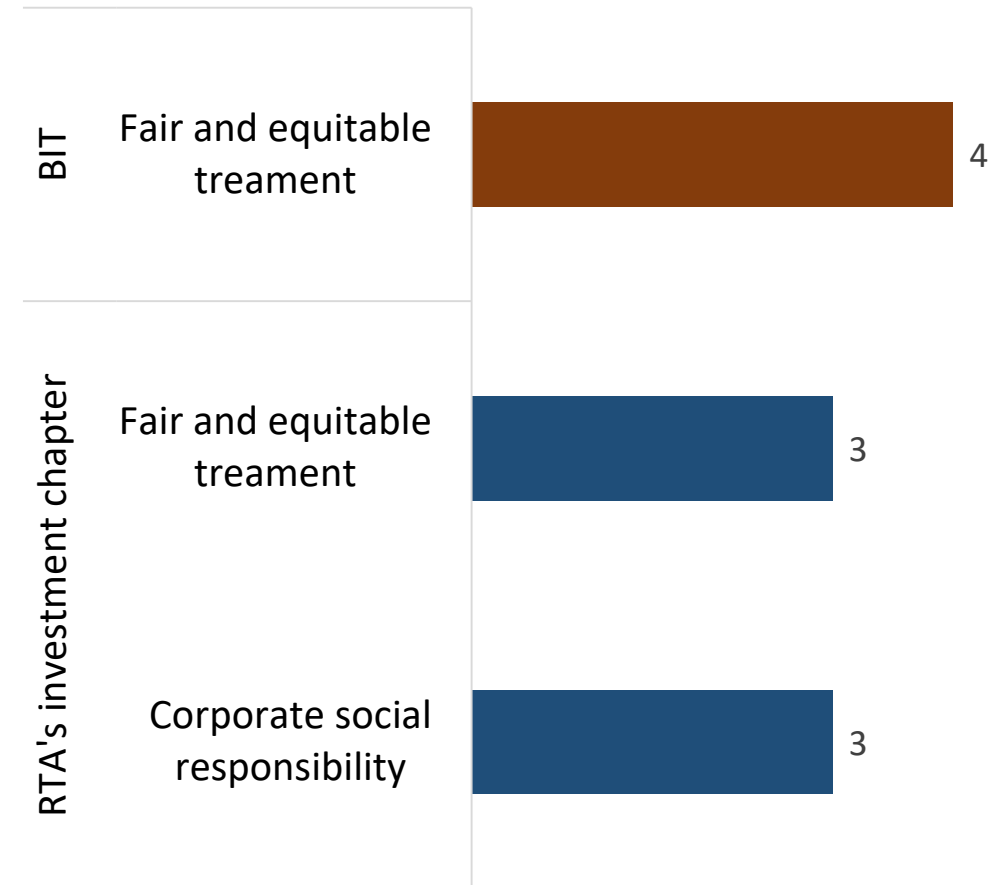


Sporadic inclusion of gender-related provisions in bilateral investment treaties...

... but similar type of gender-related provisions found in RTA's investment chapter



Number of agreements/treaties with explicit gender-related provisions



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Conclusion

- Explicit gender-related provisions in PTAs are not a recent phenomenon...
- ... but their scope have only expanded significantly in the last three years
- Inclusion of gender-related provisions is a dynamic process...
- ... but gender-related provisions do not follow a specific and unique template
- Cooperation is the most common type of gender-related provisions
- But gender-related provisions are likely to keep evolving



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