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Persistent slow growth in developed countries undermine export-led strategies oriented to those markets— Need for more balanced development strategies with greater role for domestic and regional demand

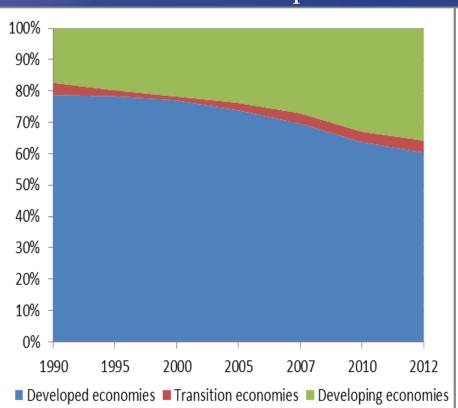
Key challenges:

- Economic size: some of the most populous countries likely to have large enough domestic markets others will need to rely more on regional markets
- To realize growth potential of domestic markets, domestic purchasing power must be created, not through increased household debt, but through wage growth and policies that favour the domestic low and middle classes
- Investment by domestic firms must adapt the structure of supply to new demand patterns, in order to benefit from expansion of domestic/regional demand and make it sustainable (employment, income, balance of payments)

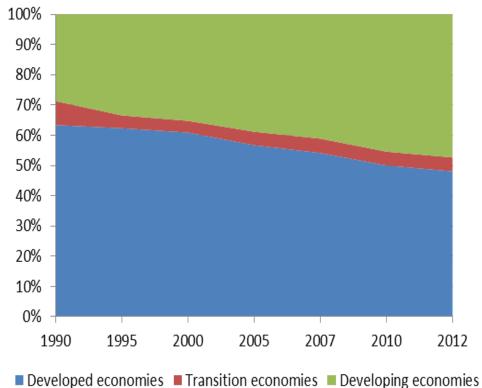
The structure of world economy is changing

Shares in global GDP, 1990-2012



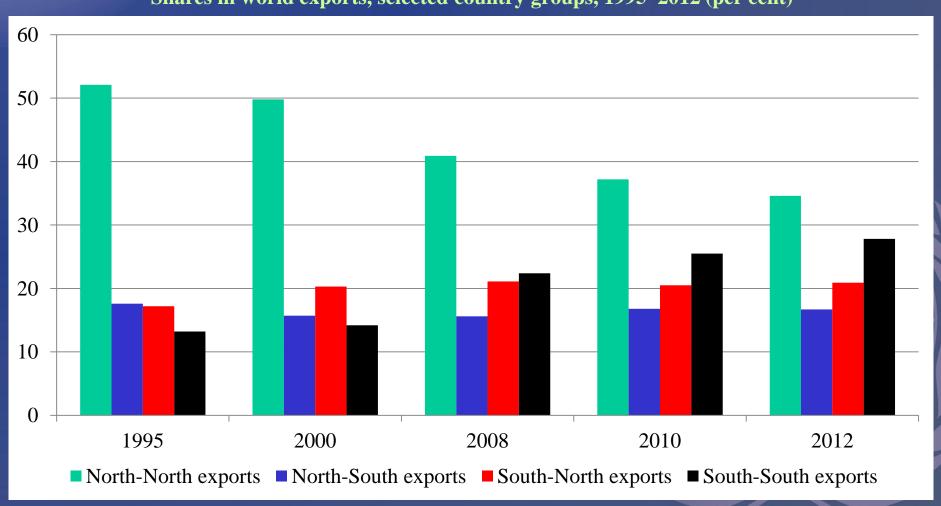


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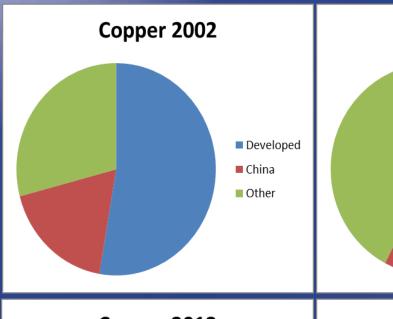


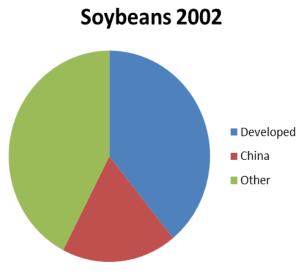
The direction of global trade has shifted towards a greater importance of South-South trade

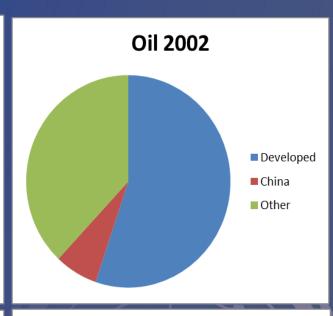
Shares in world exports, selected country groups, 1995–2012 (per cent)

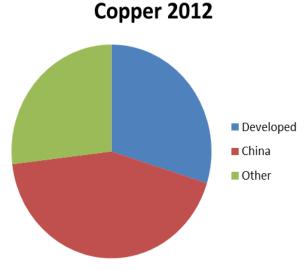


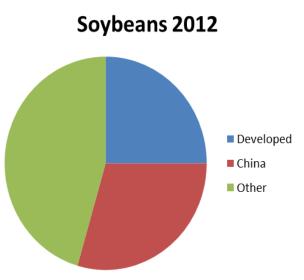
Consumption of selected commodities by region, 2002 and 2012

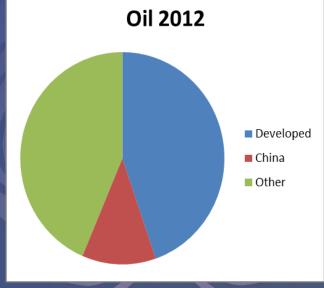


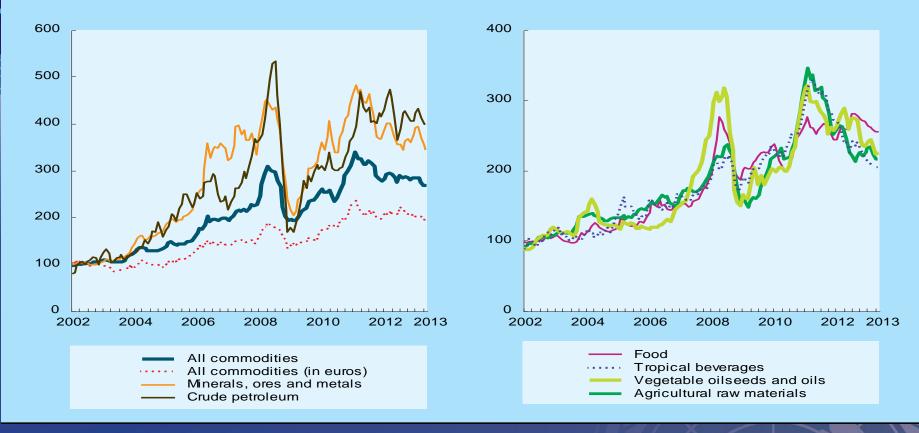












- The rapid rise of commodity prices starting in 2002 has boosted economic growth in commodity producing countries
- The expansionary phase of the commodity price supercycle may have come to an end, but a price collapse is unlikely to occur in the next few years
- The main challenge for commodity producing countries remains appropriating a fair share of the resource rents and using the revenues to reduce income inequality and spur industrial production



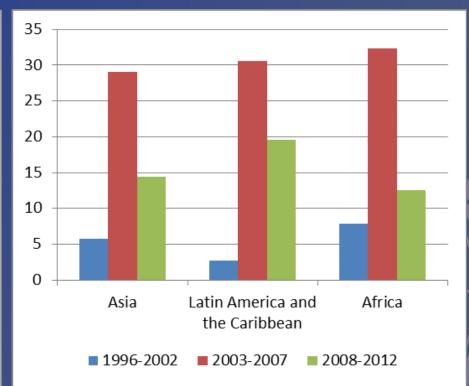
South-South exports by region

(Average annual percentage growth)

Intra-regional exports

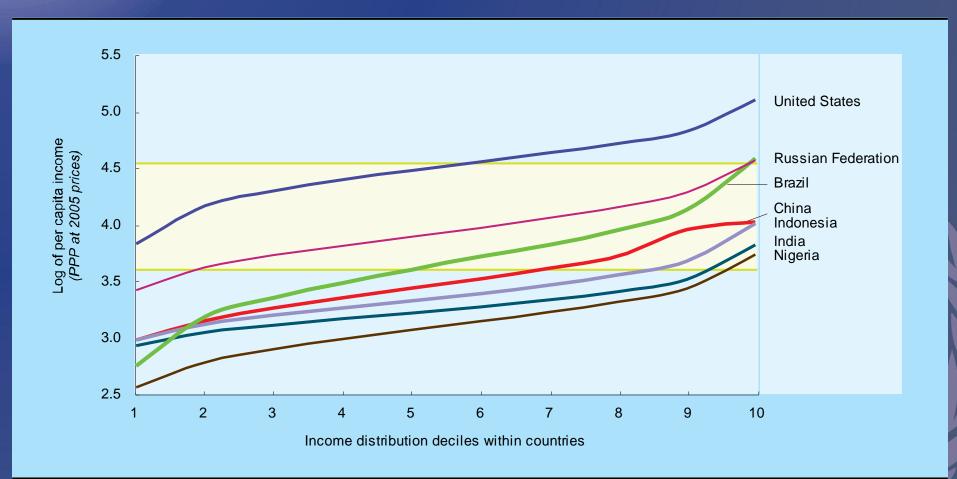
30 25 20 15 10 5 Asia Latin America and Africa the Caribbean **1996-2002 2003-2007** 2008-2012

Exports to other developing countries





Per capita income and different income classes, selected countries, 2005



Financing the real economy for meeting the new patterns of demand

A redesign of development strategies involves an expansion of productive capacities and their adaptation to new demand patters, all of which requires investment and its financing

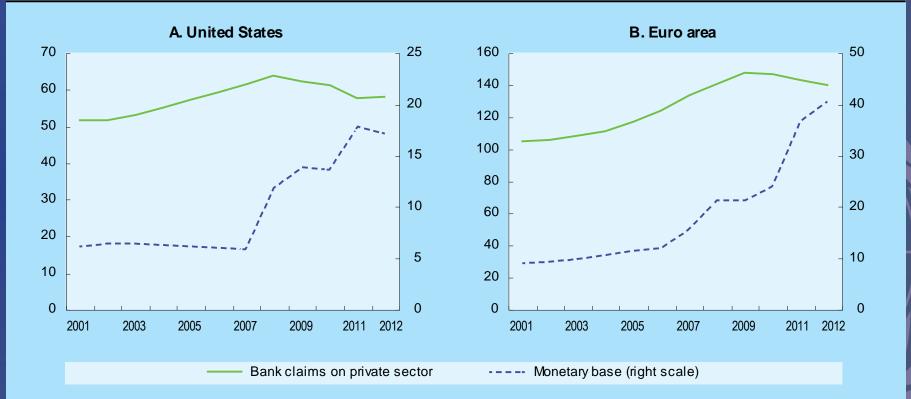
Key challenges:

- Capital flows management: pragmatic exchange-rate management and capital-account management needed to reduce vulnerability to external financial shocks
- Domestic financial systems need to channel credit towards productive investment in the real sector: central banks should pursue a credit policy, rather than just a monetary policy

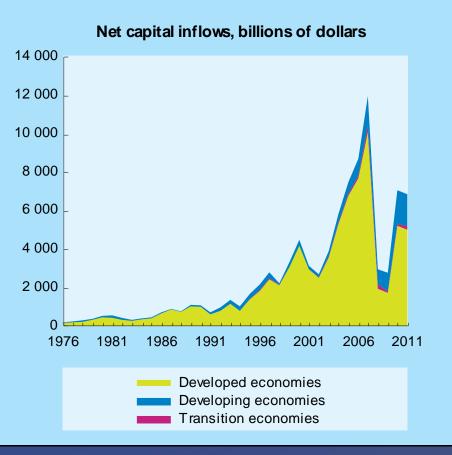
Monetary policies in developed countries did not lead to more domestic credit, but contributed to international financial instability

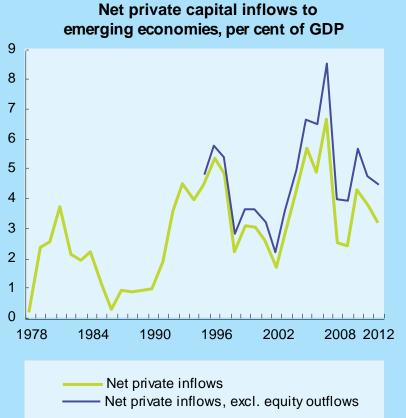
MONETARY BASE AND BANK CLAIMS ON THE PRIVAT SECTOR, 2001–2012

(Per cent of GDP)



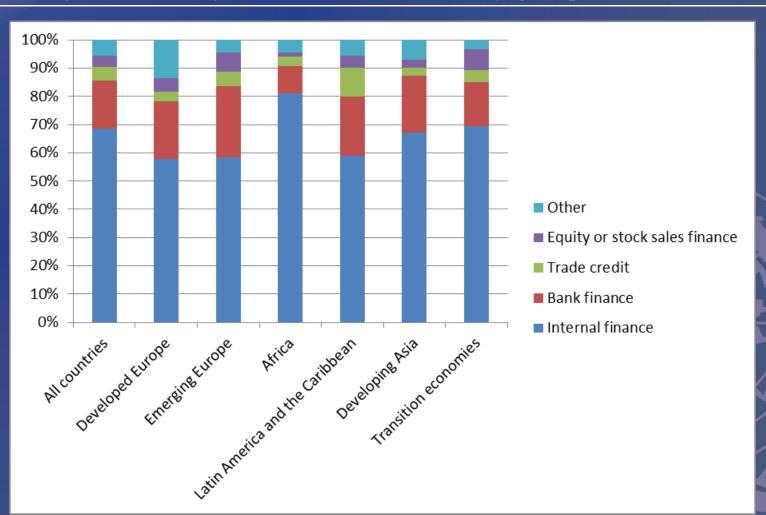
International capital flows are highly volatile





Developing countries should rely mainly on domestic sources of finance, especially retained profits and bank credit

Sources of investment finance, selected country groups, 2005-2012, in %





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Policy conclusions

- Monetary policy alone is not sufficient to stimulate investment
- Central banks should play an active role in the implementation of a growth and development strategy through a credit (and not only monetary) policy
- Reform at the national and global levels is needed not only to improve financial and economic stability but to ensure that sufficient investment finance goes into productive activities and helps developing countries address the new development challenges