

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' PARTICIPATION IN **GLOBAL VALUE CHAINS—** IMPLICATIONS FOR TRADE AND TRADE RELATED POLICIES

SELECTED PRELIMINARY RESULTS

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Purpose

- Present first results of OECD empirical work on GVCs in developing countries
- Solicit feedback on: approach, methodology and usefulness for policymaking
- · Learn about related work at the ADB and in the region
- Explore potential for collaboration

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What is different with our work?

- Comparative cross-country cross-sector empirical exploration of indicators on value added trade
- Focus on developing countries
- Comparative assessment of : SEA, SAS, MENA, WCA, ESA
 - Evidence on RVCs, GVCs and cross-regional lessons
- · Combining ICIO approach with detailed trade data
 - ICIO: connectivity and "use" across countries, regions and broad sectors
 - Detailed trade data on intermediates: dynamics, diversification, survival, process upgrading (intensive margin), product upgrading (extensive margin)

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Overview: objectives of the project

- Understanding patterns of GVC participation
- Understanding the drivers
- Measuring the influence of trade and investment policies
- Proposing meaningful recommendations for developing countries in five regions in Asia and Africa/Middle East

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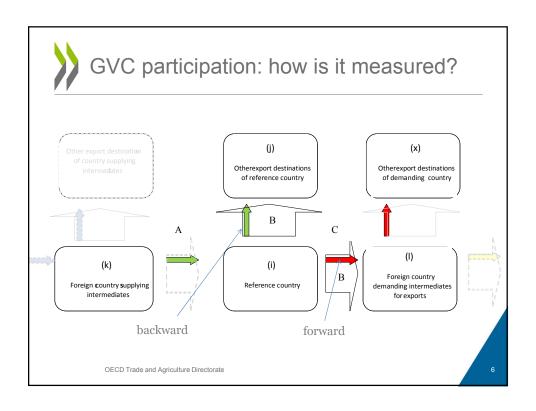


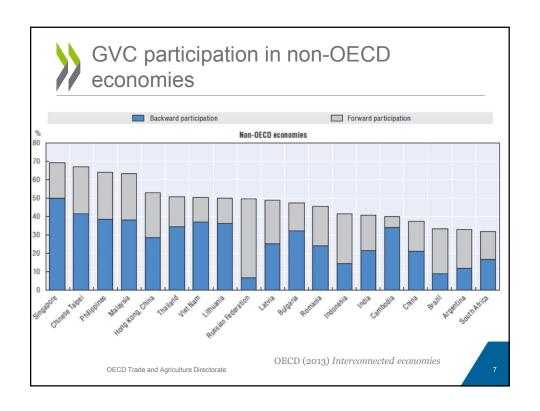
Data is not always available for developing countries

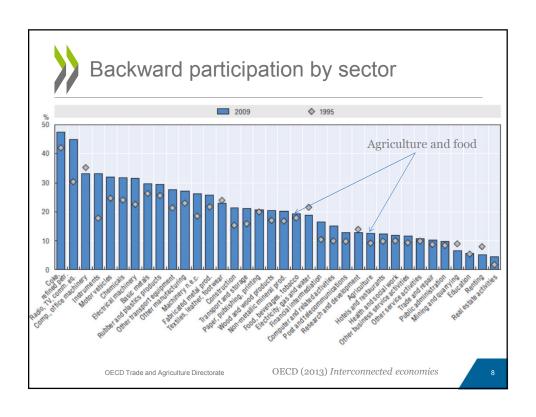
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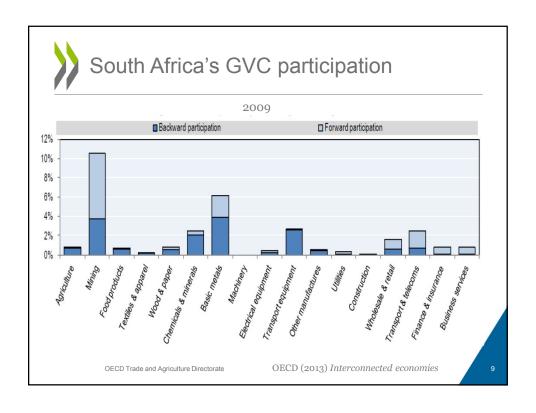
- OECD Trade in Value Added database: 57 countries, 18 broad sectors and 5 years (latest in 2009).
- Trade flows of processed intermediates: 5,000 products, more than 200 countries, 1998-2011 (BACI based on the official data by UNSD)

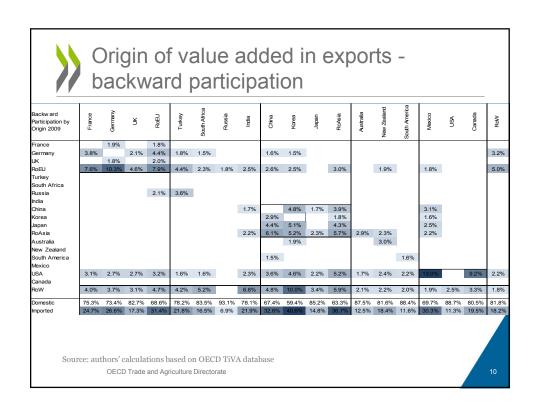
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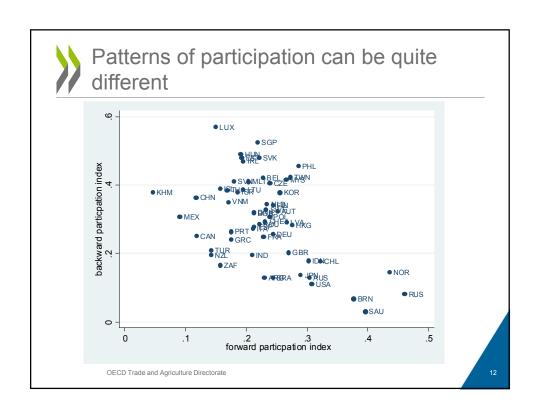








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Explaining the differences in countries' GVC participation

· A simple econometric approach:

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where: $(NPOL_i^1, ..., NPOL_i^N)$ and $NPOL_j^1, ..., NPOL_j^N)$ are country-specific indicators of non-policy characteristics of country i in year t and $(POL_i^1, ..., POL_i^M)$ and $POL_j^1, ..., POL_j^M)$; are the country-specific indicators of policy determinants of GVC trade; and (ε_{ij}^K) is the error term.

- Clustering standard errors to correct for country and year-specific omitted factors
- Reiterating the exercise for four broad types of activities
- Quintile regressions

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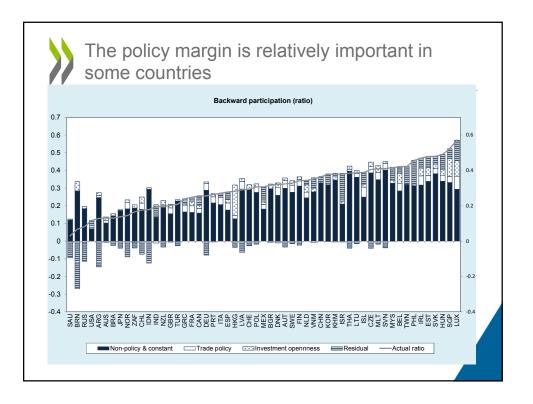


Structural and policy characteristics explain significant variation in GVC participation

- The "buying" part of GVCs is explained better than the "selling" part
- Structure and geography accounts for a significant part
 - Market size [backward (-) / forward (+)]
 - Level of development [forward (+)]
 - Degree of industrialisation [backward (+)/forward (-)]
 - Distance to main manufacturing hubs in Europe, North America and Asia [backward (-)]

Trade and FDI policies also play a role:

- Import tariffs, tariffs faced in export markets, engagement in RTAs [backward (+)/forward (+)]
- Openness to inward FDI [backward (+)/forward (-)]





Drivers of GVC participation vary significantly by sector

- **Market size** plays less of a role in backward and forward integration in agriculture and mining
- Level of development is a differentiating factor of integration across sectors:
 - E.g. the higher the GDP per capita the lower the backward engagement in agriculture and the higher the forward engagement in manufacturing
- **FDI openness** has a more pronounced impact in mining and services as compared to manufacturing or agriculture
- **Tariffs and RTAs** seem to impede GVC integration more in manufacturing than in agriculture or mining and extractive industries



"Out of sample" implications for developing countries in Africa and Asia

Characteristics

- South-East Asian countries exhibit large domestic markets, but also high degree of industrialisation and proximity to manufacturing hubs (China, Japan)
- MENA countries characterised by non-manufacturing activities, proximity to Europe, and relatively high GDP per capita

Policies

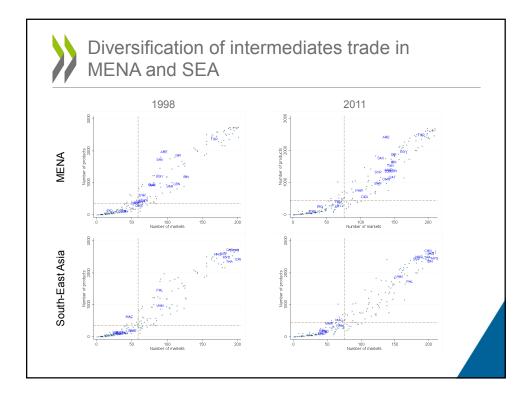
• South-East Asian countries tend to charge the lowest tariffs, display highest shares of imports covered by an RTA, but are relatively closed to inward FDI. Western Central Africa and MENA display higher degrees of FDI openness.



Evidence from detailed data on trade in processed intermediates

- African regions' trade mostly extra-regional while that of Asian regions, and particularly SEA, intraregional
 - no sign of the "factory Africa" emerging along the lines of "factory Asia"
 - what is the role of RTAs in promoting value chain integration?
- Exports of processed intermediate products by African countries are much less diversified
 - good progress towards diversification is being observed in some countries (e.g. Vietnam and the Philippines in Asia and Egypt and Tunisia in Africa).
 - but, there are **growing intra-regional divisions**: some heavily natural resource-dependent and smaller countries are becoming less diversified (two track integration)

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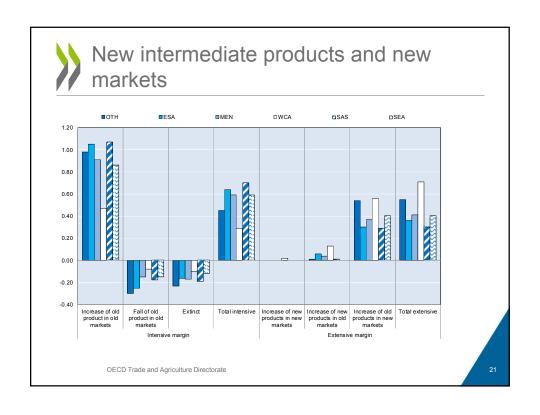


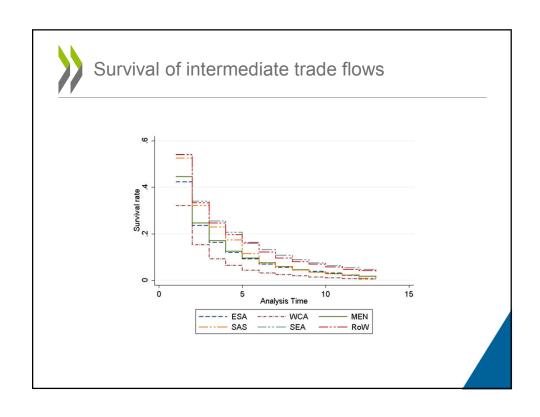


Evidence from data on trade in processed intermediates (2)

- Some positive signs of diversification or, possibly even upgrading, are visible in certain countries in Africa where the extensive margin of trade (new products) can account for as much as 60% of growth of intermediate exports
 - Yet, again mostly trade with countries outside of the region
- Survival rates of intermediates trade in Asian regions can be as much as double those in African regions
 - For example, while in SEA on average 25-30% of exports of processed intermediates remain active after 3 years, in WCA the survival rate is only 10%

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Next steps

- other developing countries and LDCs using supplementary sources of inter-country input-output data
- "upgrading"
- **other policy factors** (infrastructure, NTBs, business environment, logistics e and border-related procedures)
- which products are responsible for some of the positive and negative trends ('key' value chains for further analysis)
- Country and region "profiles"
- merging insights from trade data with the inter-country input-output analysis
- potential to participate and constraining factors

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