

**Annex Table 1** Merchandise export values, export growth and trade balance

	Exports (US\$ million)			Growth per annum (%)			Trade balance (US\$ million)		Export- import ratio
	2011	2019	2020	2011-2019	2020	2011-2020	2011	2020	2020
World	17,904,874	18,495,133	17,069,591	0.41	-7.7	-0.53	-	-	-
LDCs	189,167	192,519	172,650	0.22	-10.3	-1.01	-13,462	-74,624	70
Afghanistan	376	864	783	11.0	-9.4	8.5	-6,139	-5,692	12.1
Angola	67,310	34,726	20,978	-7.9	-39.6	-12.2	47,082	11,262	216
Bangladesh	24,439	39,337	33,605	6.1	-14.6	3.6	-11,775	-18,805	64
Benin	1,410	3,053	2,606	10.1	-14.6	7.1	-719	-954	73
Bhutan	675	594	433	-1.6	-27.1	-4.8	-369	-335	56
Burkina Faso	2,399	3,239	4,491	3.8	38.7	7.2	-7	605	116
Burundi	123	180	205	4.8	14.2	5.8	-629	-709	22.5
Cambodia	6,704	14,825	17,069	10.4	15.1	10.9	-2,596	-2,104	89
Central African Republic	190	147	120	-3.1	-18.5	-5.0	-120	-440	21.5
Chad	4,800	3,205	2,155	-4.9	-32.8	-8.5	1,500	-336	87
Comoros	26	39	26	5.4	-33.8	0.1	-251	-191	11.9
Democratic Republic of the Congo	6,600	6,900	9,200	0.6	33.3	3.8	1,100	2,800	144
Djibouti	93	3,996	2,837	60.1	-29.0	46.2	-418	-477	86
Eritrea	430	768	556	7.5	-27.6	2.9	-520	-409	58
Ethiopia	2,875	2,788	3,476	-0.4	24.7	2.1	-6,021	-10,659	24.6
Guinea	1,433	3,945	4,900	13.5	24.2	14.6	-673	1,645	151
Guinea-Bissau	242	249	171	0.3	-31.3	-3.8	2	-172	49.8
Haiti	767	1,200	721	5.8	-39.9	-0.7	-2,253	-2,250	24.3
Kiribati	9	12	12	4.5	-1.8	3.8	-83	-172	6.5
Lao People's Democratic Republic	2,190	5,806	6,050	13.0	4.2	12.0	-215	810	115
Lesotho	1,172	1,063	934	-1.2	-12.1	-2.5	-1,328	-950	49.6
Liberia	367	528	411	4.7	-22.1	1.3	-677	-317	57
Madagascar	1,590	2,696	1,987	6.8	-26.3	2.5	-1,315	-1,237	62
Malawi	1,425	913	788	-5.4	-13.6	-6.4	-1,002	-1,855	29.8
Mali	2,374	3,693	4,212	5.7	14.1	6.6	-977	-930	82
Mauritania	2,749	2,325	2,396	-2.1	3.1	-1.5	282	-641	79
Mozambique	3,604	4,669	3,585	3.3	-23.2	-0.1	-2,708	-2,886	55
Myanmar	9,238	18,118	16,795	8.8	-7.3	6.9	219	-1,156	94

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	2011	2019	2020	2011-2019	2020	2011-2020	2011	2020	2020
Nepal	919	968	818	0.6	-15.5	-1.3	-4,855	-9,861	7.7
Niger	1,250	1,126	925	-1.3	-17.9	-3.3	-940	-1,327	41.1
Rwanda	464	1,166	1,400	12.2	20.1	13.1	-1,575	-2,010	41.1
Sao Tomé and Príncipe	11	13	16	2.2	20.5	4.1	-123	-120	11.6
Senegal	2,542	4,179	4,091	6.4	-2.1	5.4	-3,367	-3,790	52
Sierra Leone	350	619	367	7.4	-40.7	0.5	-1,367	-889	29.2
Solomon Islands	418	461	366	1.2	-20.6	-1.5	-50	-111	77
Somalia	520	470	360	-1.3	-23.4	-4.0	-680	-810	30.8
South Sudan	–	1,610	915	–	-43.2	–	–	13	101
Sudan	10,193	3,735	3,775	-11.8	1.1	-10.5	958	-5,429	41.0
Tanzania	4,735	5,005	4,964	0.7	-0.8	0.5	-6,064	-3,455	59
The Gambia	102	133	100	3.4	-24.7	-0.2	-238	-595	14.4
Timor-Leste	13	154	43	35.9	-72.3	13.9	-306	-457	8.5
Togo	1,179	1,050	638	-1.4	-39.2	-6.6	-1,009	-1,388	31.5
Tuvalu	0.3	0.3	0.1	1.4	-69.8	-11.3	-27	-46	0.2
Uganda	2,159	3,472	3,636	6.1	4.7	6.0	-3,472	-3,844	48.6
Yemen	9,700	1,434	927	-21.3	-35.3	-23.0	-1,560	-6,441	12.6
Zambia	9,001	7,047	7,805	-3.0	10.7	-1.6	1,823	2,489	147

Source: WTO and United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

**Annex Table 2** Commercial services exports and share in goods and services exports

	Exports (US\$ million)			Growth per annum (%)			Trade balance (US\$ million)	
	2011	2019	2020	2011-2019	2020	2011-2020	2011	2019
World	4,389,745.0	6,065,637.0	4,909,843.0	4.1	-19.1	1.3	19.6	24.6
LDCs	25,708.0	43,409.0	25,965.0	6.8	-40.2	0.1	12.1	18.4
Afghanistan	2,571.0	600.0	597.0	-16.6	-0.5	-15.0	84.8	42.7
Angola	732.0	559.0	84.0	-3.3	-85.0	-21.4	1.1	1.6
Bangladesh	1,419.0	3,207.0	3,451.0	10.7	7.6	10.4	5.5	7.6
Benin	391.0	395.0	-	0.1	-	-	23.8	10.6
Bhutan	80.0	144.0	-	7.6	-	-	10.8	20.5
Burkina Faso	394.0	491.0	-	2.8	-	-	14.1	-
Burundi	20.0	21.0	-	0.6	-	-	13.9	-
Cambodia	2,603.0	6,027.0	1,811.0	11.1	-70.0	-4.0	34.1	29.5
Central African Republic	17.0	53.0	-	15.3	-	-	7.5	-
Chad	478.0	319.0	-	-4.9	-	-	9.1	-
Comoros	64.0	100.0	-	5.7	-	-	71.9	-
Democratic Republic of the Congo	326.0	110.0	-	-12.7	-	-	3.3	-
Djibouti	152.0	758.0	-	22.2	-	-	62.0	16.9
Ethiopia	2,562.0	4,536.0	4,020.0	7.4	-11.4	5.1	45.8	62.0
The Gambia	135.0	229.0	-	6.8	-	-	54.0	60.9
Guinea	71.0	132.0	-	8.1	-	-	4.7	3.2
Guinea-Bissau	43.0	36.0	-	-2.2	-	-	15.3	9.4
Haiti	487.0	395.0	-	-2.6	-	-	38.8	25.0
Kiribati	12.0	8.0	-	-4.9	-	-	52.2	-
Lao People's Democratic Republic	526.0	1,101.0	346.0	9.7	-68.6	-4.5	22.1	16.0
Lesotho	41.0	28.0	11.0	-4.7	-60.7	-13.6	3.4	2.7
Liberia	273.0	9.0	11.0	-34.7	22.2	-30.0	49.8	1.7
Madagascar	1,155.0	1,381.0	679.0	2.3	-50.8	-5.7	43.9	35.4
Malawi	81.0	172.0	-	9.9	-	-	5.1	15.1
Mali	379.0	469.0	-	2.7	-	-	13.7	11.7
Mauritania	185.0	135.0	-	-3.9	-	-	6.5	-
Mozambique	366.0	923.0	763.0	12.3	-17.3	8.5	10.5	16.4
Myanmar	727.0	6735.0	-	32.1	-	-	8.6	39.6

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	2011	2019	2020	2011-2019	2020	2011-2020	2011	2019
Nepal	775.0	1,512.0	830.0	8.7	-45.1	0.8	43.7	57.5
Niger	64.0	221.0	-	16.8	-	-	4.8	14.9
Rwanda	316.0	705.0	325.0	10.6	-53.9	0.3	40.5	38.5
Sao Tomé and Príncipe	18.0	43.0	19.0	11.5	-55.8	0.6	62.1	72.9
Senegal	1,030.0	1,213.0	-	2.1	-	-	28.2	22.5
Sierra Leone	157.0	224.0	-	4.5	-	-	29.2	-
Solomon Islands	108.0	122.0	53.0	1.5	-56.6	-7.6	20.5	21.0
Somalia	-	415.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Sudan	-	169.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sudan	300.0	1,353.0	1075.0	20.7	-20.5	15.2	2.9	25.4
Tanzania	2,256.0	4,104.0	2345.0	7.8	-42.9	0.4	30.7	42.4
Timor-Leste	26.0	76.0	33.0	14.3	-56.6	2.7	48.1	74.5
Togo	465.0	607.0	-	3.4	-	-	28.3	34.8
Tuvalu	3.0	5.0	-	6.6	-	-	21.4	-
Uganda	1,615.0	1,752.0	866.0	1.0	-50.6	-6.7	39.1	30.0
Vanuatu	279.0	395.0	-	4.4	-	-	80.6	-
Zambia	665.0	1,014.0	440.0	5.4	-56.6	-4.5	7.1	12.3

Source: WTO and UNCTAD.

**Annex Table 3** Aid for Trade disbursements to LDCs

(US\$ million, constant prices)

	2011-2014 average	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
AFT commitments, total	147,932.14	42,091.59	40,905.38	44,851.56	45,303.95	45,768.02
LDCs, total	38,654.81	11,089.15	10,325.02	12,583.37	13,557.08	13,934.97
Afghanistan	5,481.9	889.8	844.8	840.2	703.3	761.7
Angola	140.2	235.2	18.6	12.9	42.1	30.8
Bangladesh	3,058.7	995.2	1,115.5	1,968.1	2,104.1	1,936.6
Benin	762.7	178.9	159.0	214.3	158.7	215.1
Bhutan	266.9	60.6	31.6	55.1	52.3	86.9
Burkina Faso	1,258.3	312.5	301.1	329.3	343.9	247.8
Burundi	563.9	94.4	86.0	89.0	99.4	189.3
Cambodia	1,037.8	226.3	240.0	343.9	329.5	382.3
Central African Republic	178.4	19.4	24.9	11.7	70.2	57.8
Chad	194.5	91.8	80.9	36.1	82.4	53.7
Comoros	40.7	14.2	12.1	23.4	37.9	35.1
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1,941.9	478.7	494.5	439.5	431.2	314.5
Djibouti	88.9	59.2	76.1	58.2	47.2	100.8
Eritrea	27.7	11.2	12.1	10.5	13.2	17.6
Ethiopia	2,723.9	793.0	957.9	943.0	1,665.6	1,324.2
Gambia	178.9	46.1	36.4	92.2	90.2	96.4
Guinea	272.6	55.7	89.9	124.5	149.7	197.6
Guinea-Bissau	57.3	10.6	10.8	28.4	61.5	28.6
Haiti	1,073.6	262.3	192.9	198.1	222.2	156.1
Kiribati	105.9	26.7	31.4	29.7	37.1	23.2
Lao People's Democratic Republic	544.9	212.1	171.7	212.0	235.8	178.6
Lesotho	86.2	15.0	10.3	10.0	17.0	25.5
Liberia	610.2	177.9	291.3	243.2	209.7	260.5
Madagascar	447.6	137.6	159.3	210.7	204.2	260.4
Malawi	761.2	254.3	288.1	461.0	392.6	226.9
Mali	1,295.3	261.2	277.9	307.1	341.9	390.0
Mauritania	513.1	106.9	132.5	135.5	214.3	239.1

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	2011-2014 average	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Mozambique	1,865.5	579.6	454.1	499.9	479.7	434.7
Myanmar	607.9	337.6	486.8	540.5	675.1	836.3
Nepal	1,102.1	408.4	290.5	502.1	431.8	456.7
Niger	509.2	111.6	210.8	289.8	335.6	357.3
Rwanda	891.4	353.4	347.4	546.3	483.1	503.4
Sao Tomé and Príncipe	47.4	16.9	9.3	7.9	14.6	15.3
Senegal	1,328.0	440.4	297.3	388.7	324.6	784.2
Sierra Leone	376.8	68.3	104.4	101.0	138.8	202.6
Solomon Islands	155.6	44.3	47.8	56.8	70.7	93.8
Somalia	183.5	72.5	55.8	51.2	67.9	135.2
South Sudan	289.0	138.8	74.4	100.9	76.5	114.1
Sudan	854.4	275.7	60.3	124.2	33.4	109.9
Tanzania	3,230.8	882.6	767.2	813.9	827.7	625.2
Timor-Leste	214.6	72.5	76.4	76.6	56.5	76.3
Togo	188.2	88.7	37.6	80.0	89.8	145.3
Tuvalu	27.7	26.3	10.4	17.7	5.5	11.1
Uganda	1,726.9	453.8	358.2	401.0	412.1	419.4
Vanuatu	67.7	39.5	54.5	67.2	50.5	50.5
Yemen	528.3	376.2	132.7	283.2	433.4	480.3
Zambia	746.3	275.3	301.7	207.1	192.4	246.5

Source: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) – Creditor reporting system (2021).

**Annex Table 4** List of LDCs

At present, there are 46 LDCs, including 16 graduating LDCs, of which 10 are WTO members, four are WTO observers and two have no WTO status.

LDC	Region	WTO status	Graduating LDC
Afghanistan	Asia	Member	–
Angola	Africa	Member	Yes
Bangladesh	Asia	Member	Yes
Benin	Africa	Member	–
Burkina Faso	Africa	Member	–
Burundi	Africa	Member	–
Cambodia	Asia	Member	Yes
Central African Republic	Africa	Member	–
Chad	Africa	Member	–
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Africa	Member	–
Djibouti	Africa	Member	Yes
Guinea	Africa	Member	–
Guinea-Bissau	Africa	Member	–
Haiti	Caribbean	Member	–
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Asia	Member	Yes
Lesotho	Africa	Member	–
Liberia	Africa	Member	–
Madagascar	Africa	Member	–
Malawi	Africa	Member	–
Mali	Africa	Member	–
Mauritania	Africa	Member	–
Mozambique	Africa	Member	–
Myanmar	Asia	Member	Yes
Nepal	Asia Pacific	Member	Yes
Niger	Africa	Member	–
Rwanda	Africa	Member	–
Senegal	Africa	Member	Yes
Sierra Leone	Africa	Member	–

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LDC	Region	WTO status	Graduating LDC
Solomon Islands	Pacific	Member	Yes
Tanzania	Africa	Member	–
The Gambia	Africa	Member	–
Togo	Africa	Member	–
Uganda	Africa	Member	–
Yemen	Africa	Member	–
Zambia	Africa	Member	Yes
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Bhutan	Asia	Observer	Yes
Comoros	Africa	Observer	Yes
Ethiopia	Africa	Observer	–
Sao Tomé and Príncipe	Africa	Observer	Yes
Somalia	Africa	Observer	–
South Sudan	Africa	Observer	–
Sudan	Africa	Observer	–
Timor-Leste	Asia Pacific	Observer	Yes
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Eritrea	Africa	No status	–
Kiribati	Pacific	No status	Yes
Tuvalu	Pacific	No status	Yes

Source: United Nations and WTO.



# Abbreviations

<b>DFQF</b>	duty-free and quota-free
<b>EIF</b>	Enhanced Integrated Framework
<b>GATS</b>	General Agreement on Trade in Services
<b>IPoA</b>	Istanbul Programme of Action for LDCs
<b>ITC</b>	International Trade Centre
<b>JIs</b>	joint initiatives
<b>LDC</b>	least-developed country
<b>LDC5</b>	Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
<b>MSME</b>	micro, small and medium-sized enterprise
<b>S&amp;D</b>	special and differential treatment
<b>SDGs</b>	United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
<b>SDT</b>	special and differential treatment
<b>TFA</b>	Trade Facilitation Agreement
<b>TRIPS</b>	WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
<b>UN</b>	United Nations
<b>UNCTAD</b>	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
<b>UNSD</b>	United Nations Statistics Division

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Important progress has been achieved in boosting LDC exports over the last decade by improving market access opportunities for LDCs and by granting them flexibilities in the implementation of WTO rules. Further efforts will be needed to support trade growth in LDCs in the next decade.

LDC5 can set a path for allowing LDCs to fully realize their trade potential and to take advantage of emerging opportunities. The integration of LDCs into global trade is still a priority as trade can play an important role in driving economic growth and supporting sustainable development.

