



**Aid For Trade at a Glance 2019**  
**Chapter 7**

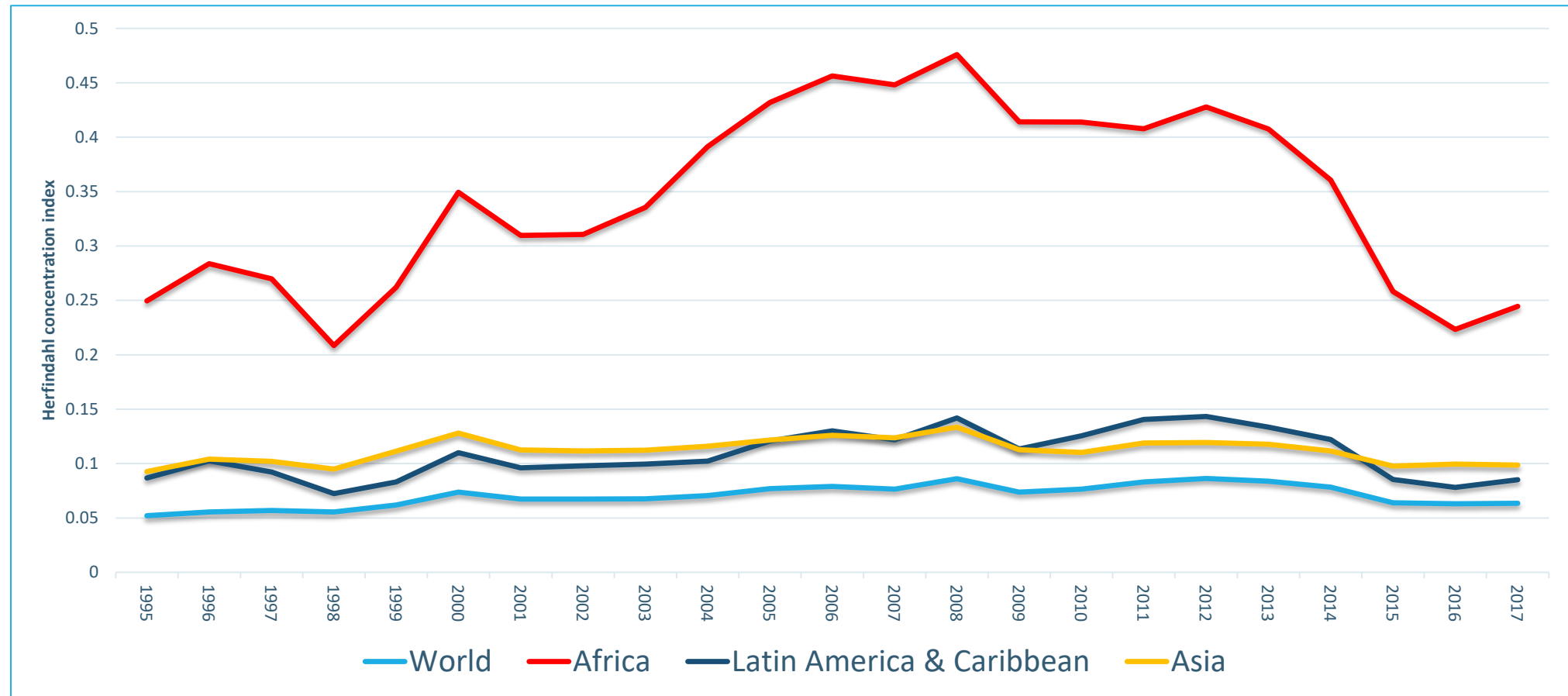
**Export Diversification at the Time of  
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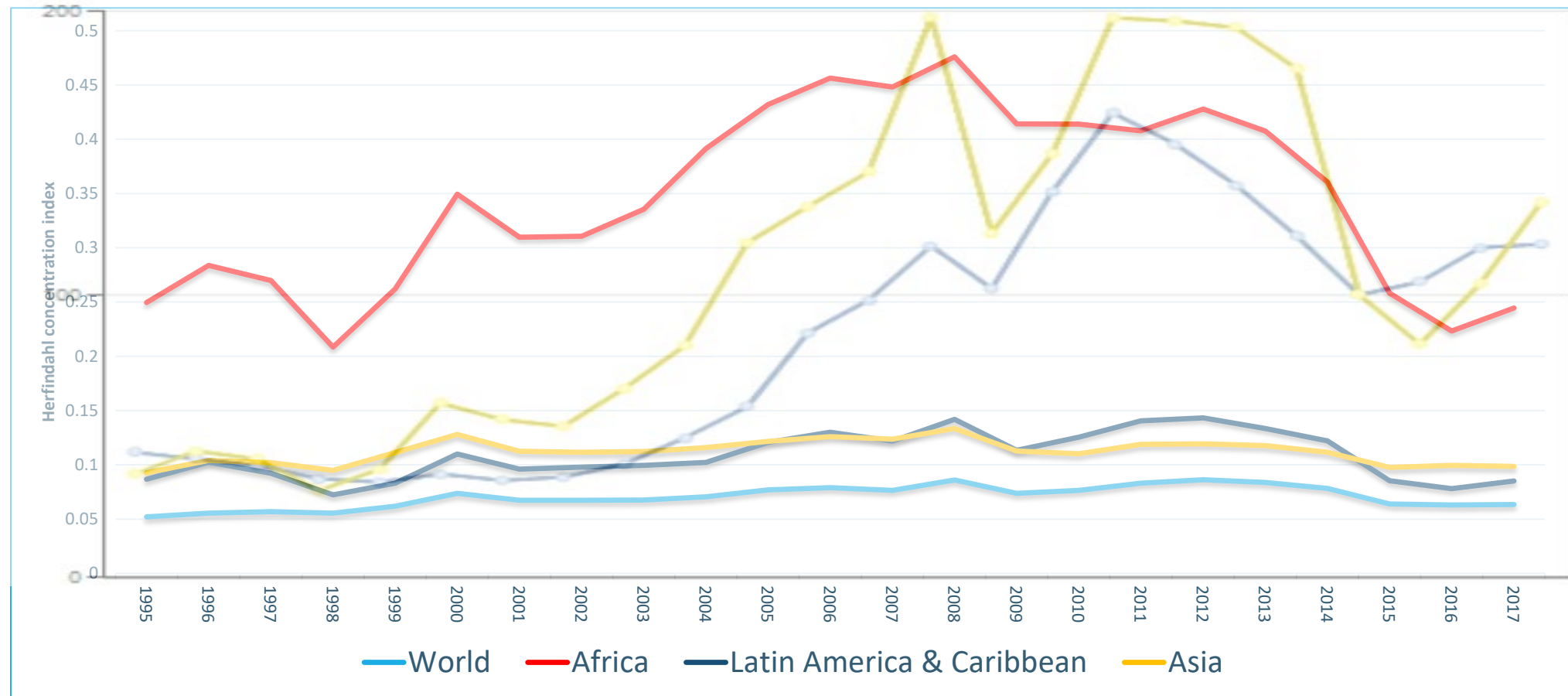
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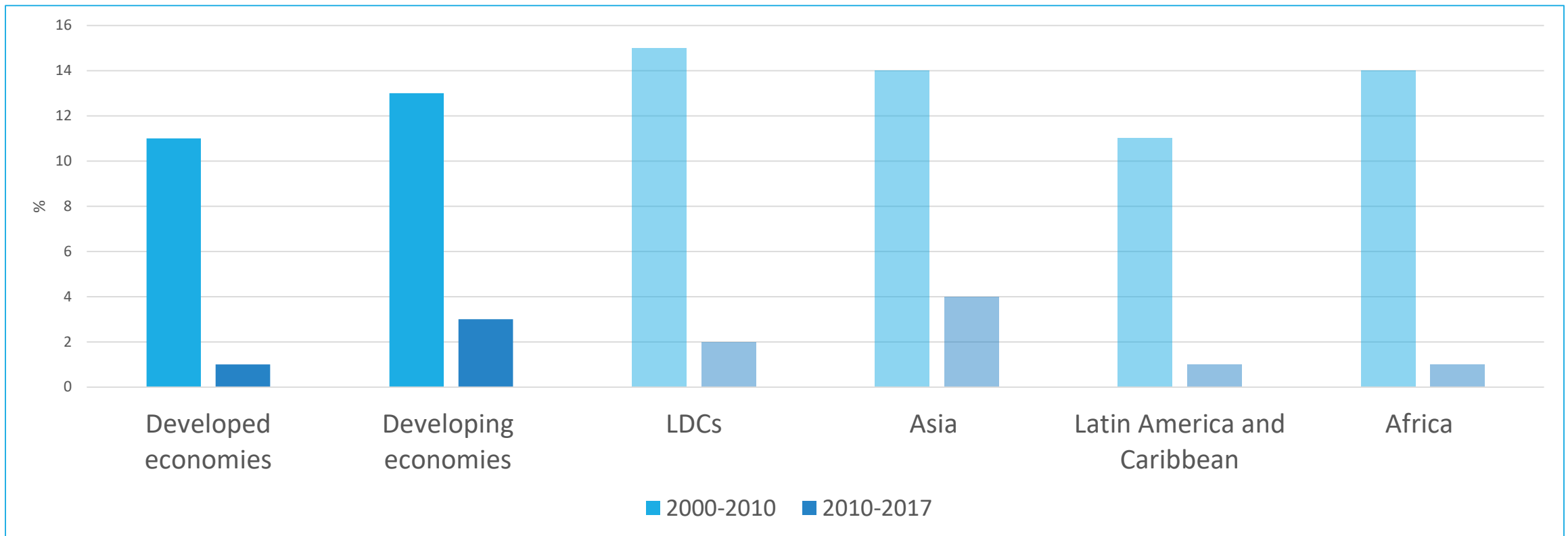
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## “Decelerating” GVCs; Slowing of GVC participation (2000-2010 vs. 2010-2017)

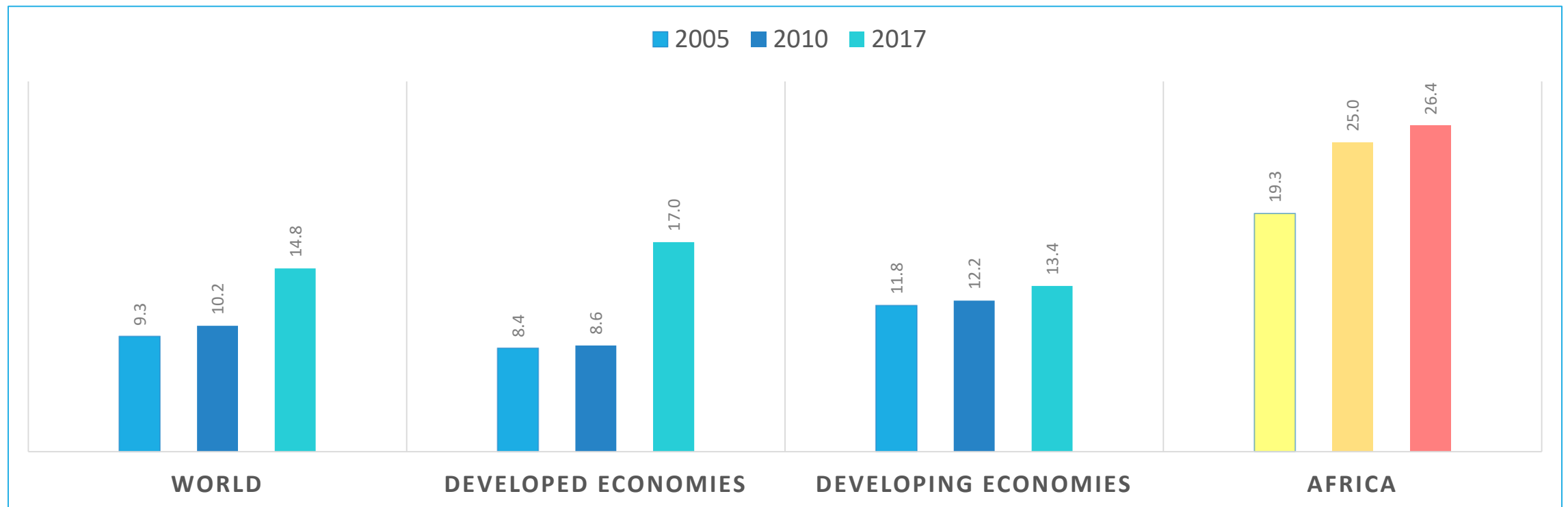
GVC Participation Growth rate (%)



Source: UNCTAD World Investment Report 2018

## Technological contents of intra-Africa exports (2005, 2010, 2017)

Exports from Africa - Share of medium and high technology goods, by destination

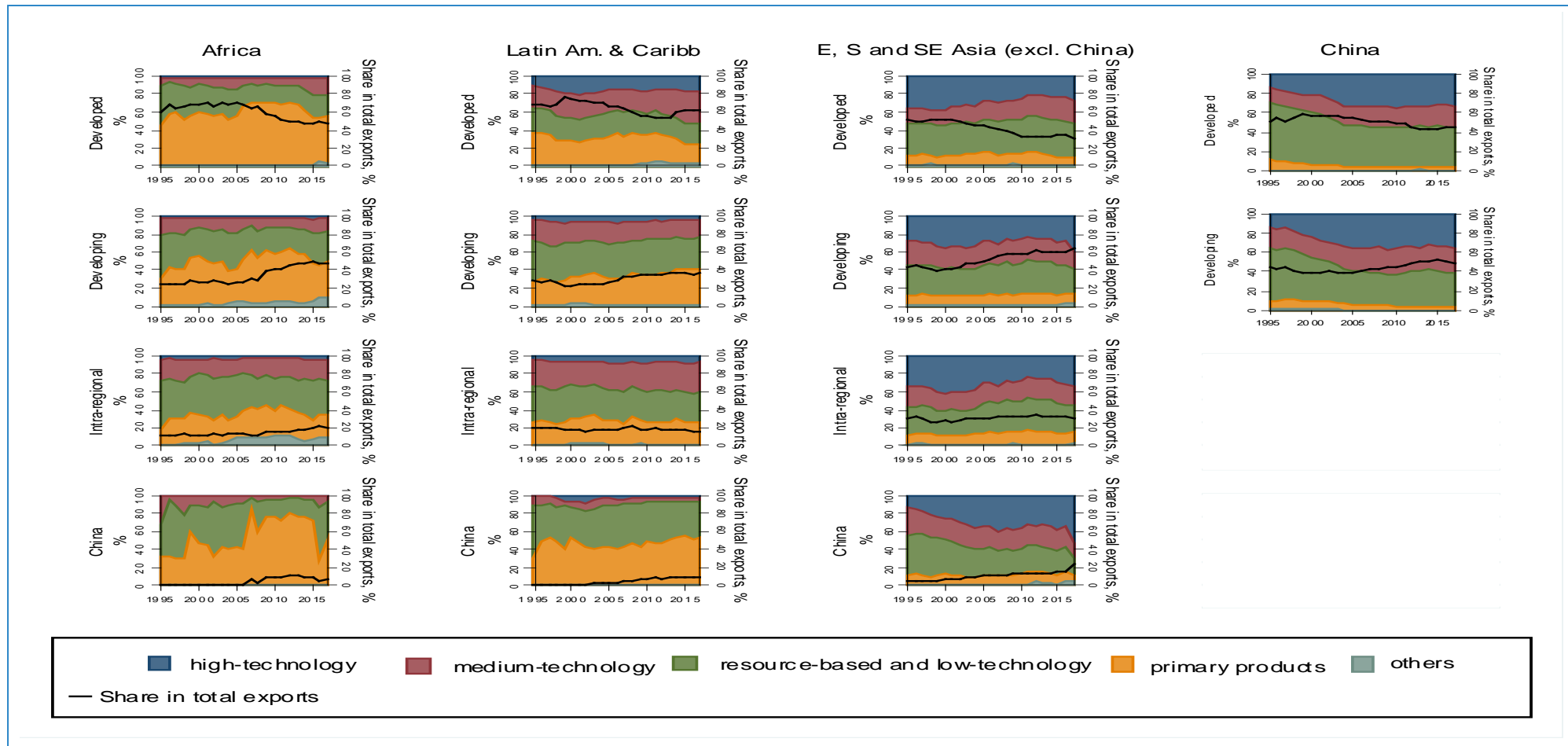


Source: UNCTADStat. Key Statistics and Trends in Regional Trade in Africa (UNCTAD, 2019b).



# Diversification within intra-regional South-South trade (1995-2017)

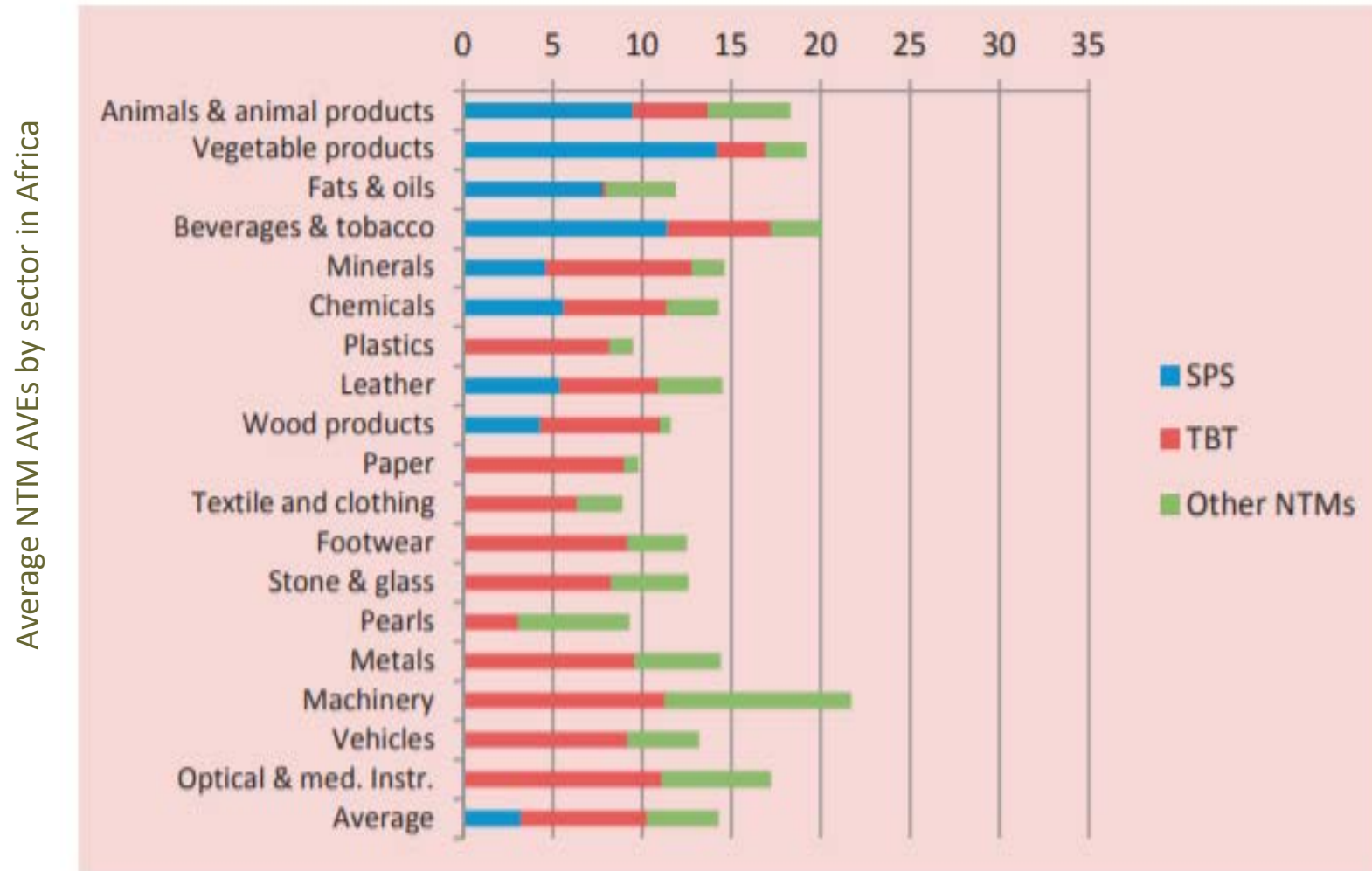
## Exports by technological category and partner (1995-2017)



Source: UN COMTRADE. Note: East, South and South East Asia excludes China. Product categories are based on the classification developed by Lall (Lall, 2000).

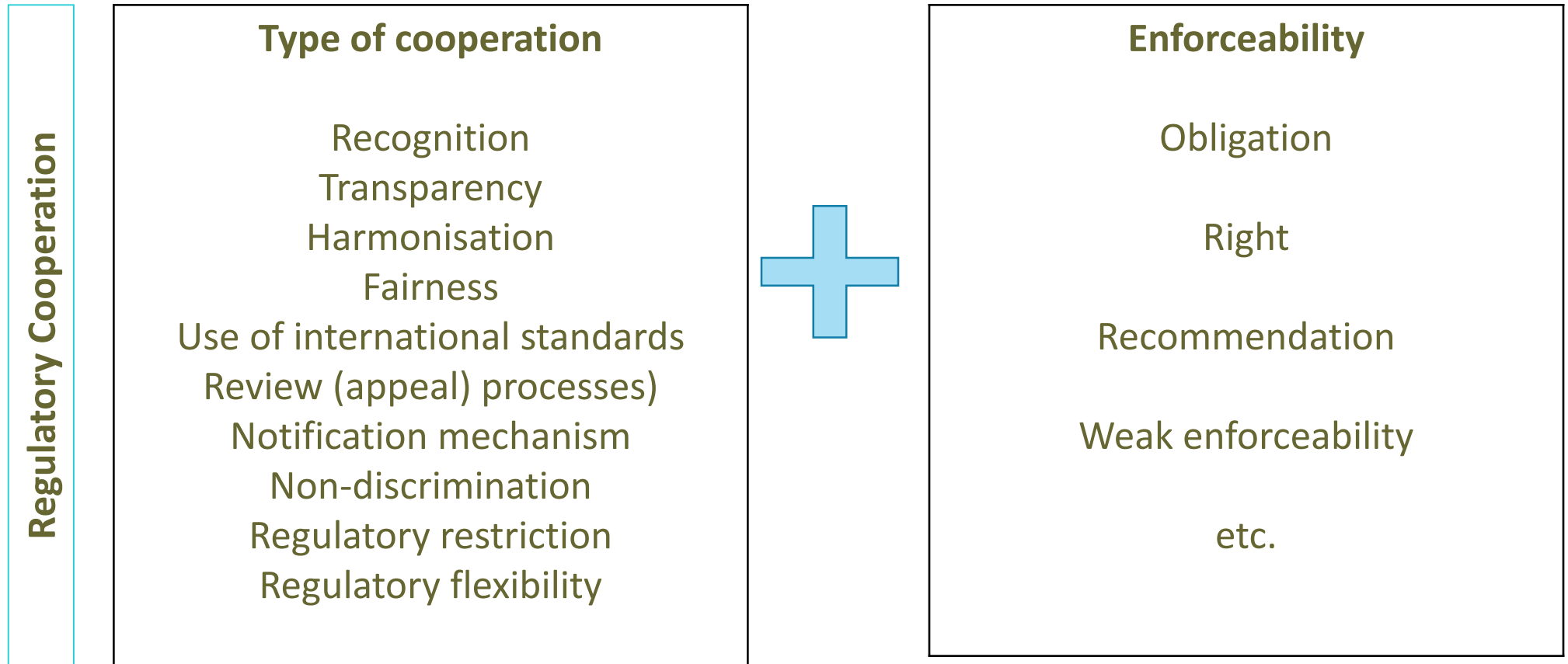


## Growing intra-regional trade despite high trade barriers



Source: [UNCTAD Key statistics and trends in regional trade in Africa 2019](#)

## Regional Regulatory Cooperation within an RTA





## Chapter 7: Export diversification at the time of “Slowbalisation”

### 1. Export Diversification

- Part of dynamic process of structural transformation
- Mixed records in recent past (1995-2017)

### 2. New diversification strategy needed?

As we face ...

- Sign of “slowbalisation”
- Sustainable development paradigm

### 3. “Low hanging fruits” of export diversification at the time of slowbalisation (esp. for Africa)?

- Services sector development
- South-South (intraregional) trade

### 4. Main focus of diversification strategies?

- South-South regulatory cooperation

### 5. Aid for Trade implication?

- Regulatory cooperation as regional trade facilitation



THANK YOU

