



LDCs' Performance in Services Exports

**FACILITATING THE INCREASING PARTICIPATION OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
IN TRADE IN SERVICES**

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Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

[47 countries]

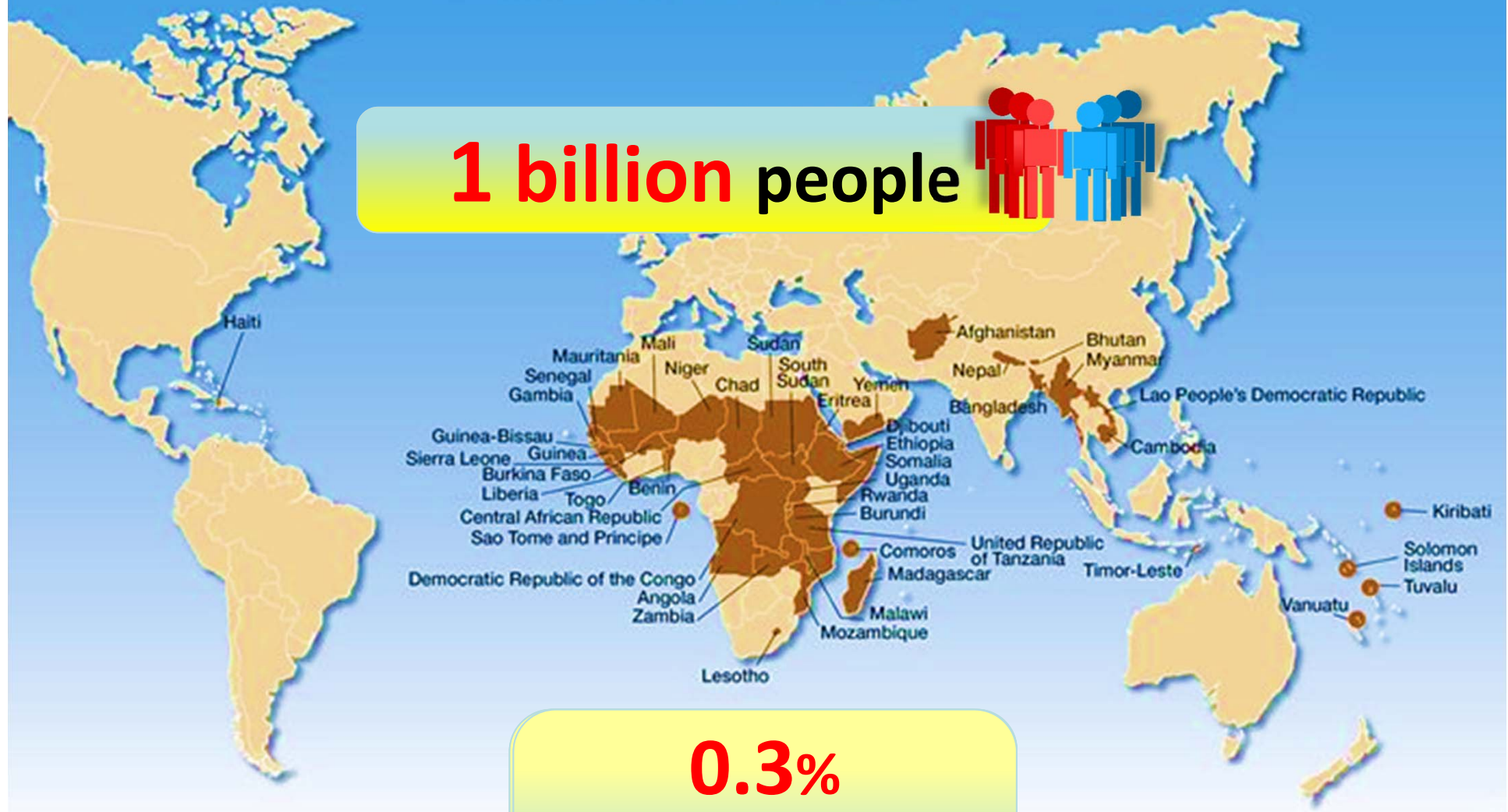
Africa 33, Asia 9, Caribbean 1, Pacific 4

1 billion people



0.3%

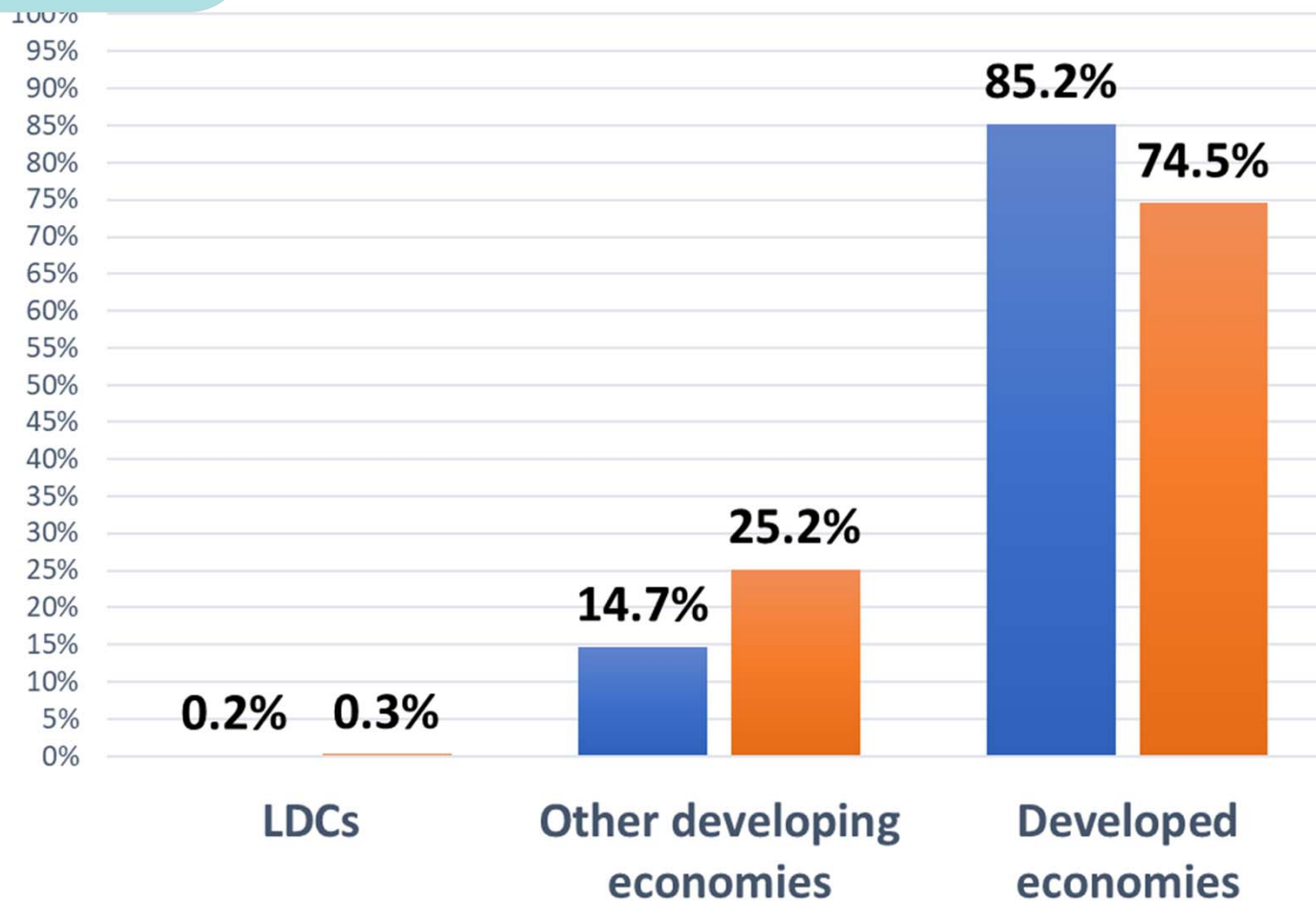
of world services
exports



0.3%
of world
services exports
in 2017

LDCs continue to lag behind in services exports

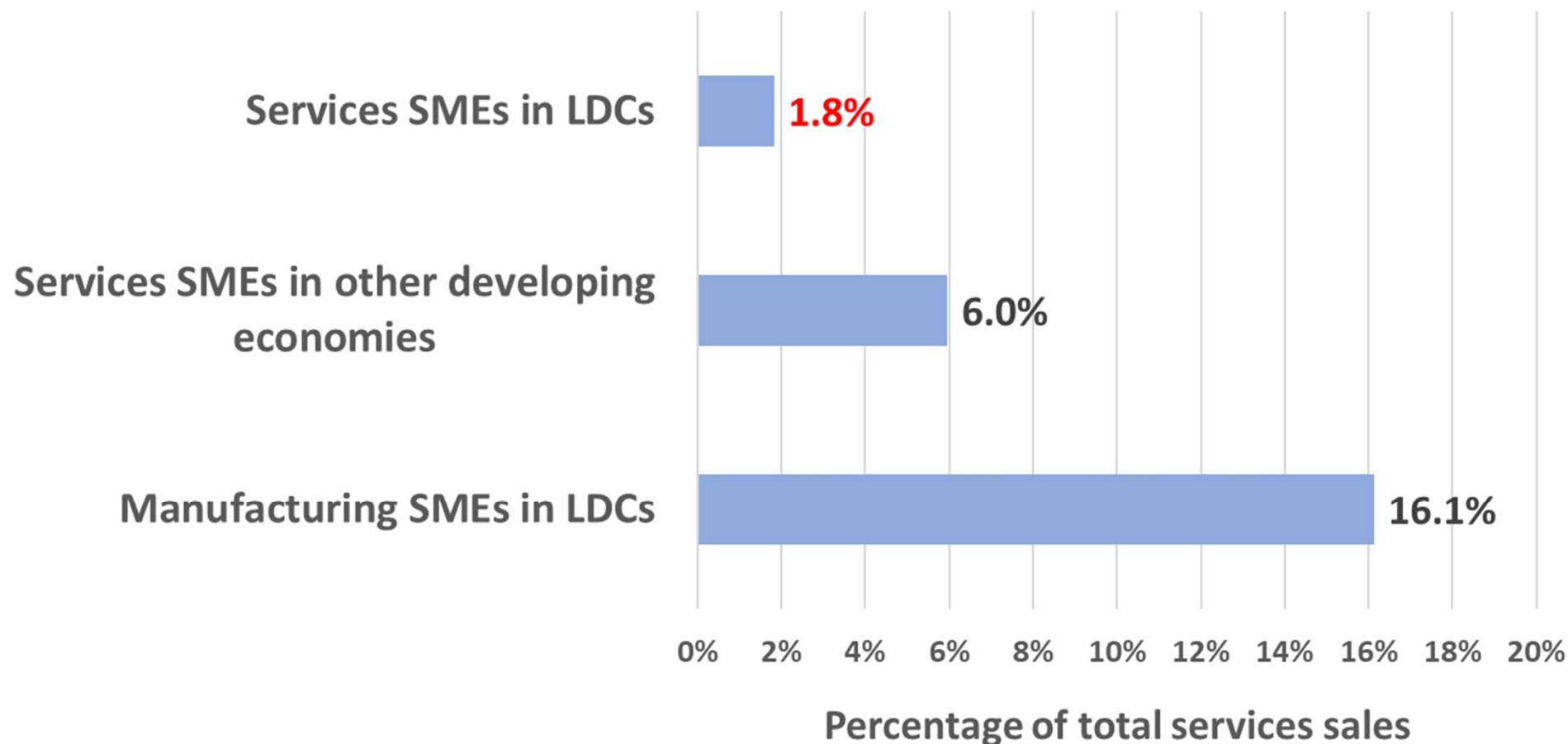
■ 2005 ■ 2017



Note: Covers services exports through all four modes of supply.

Source: TISMOS dataset and World Trade Report 2019.

Services SMEs in LDCs export only a negligible portion of sales

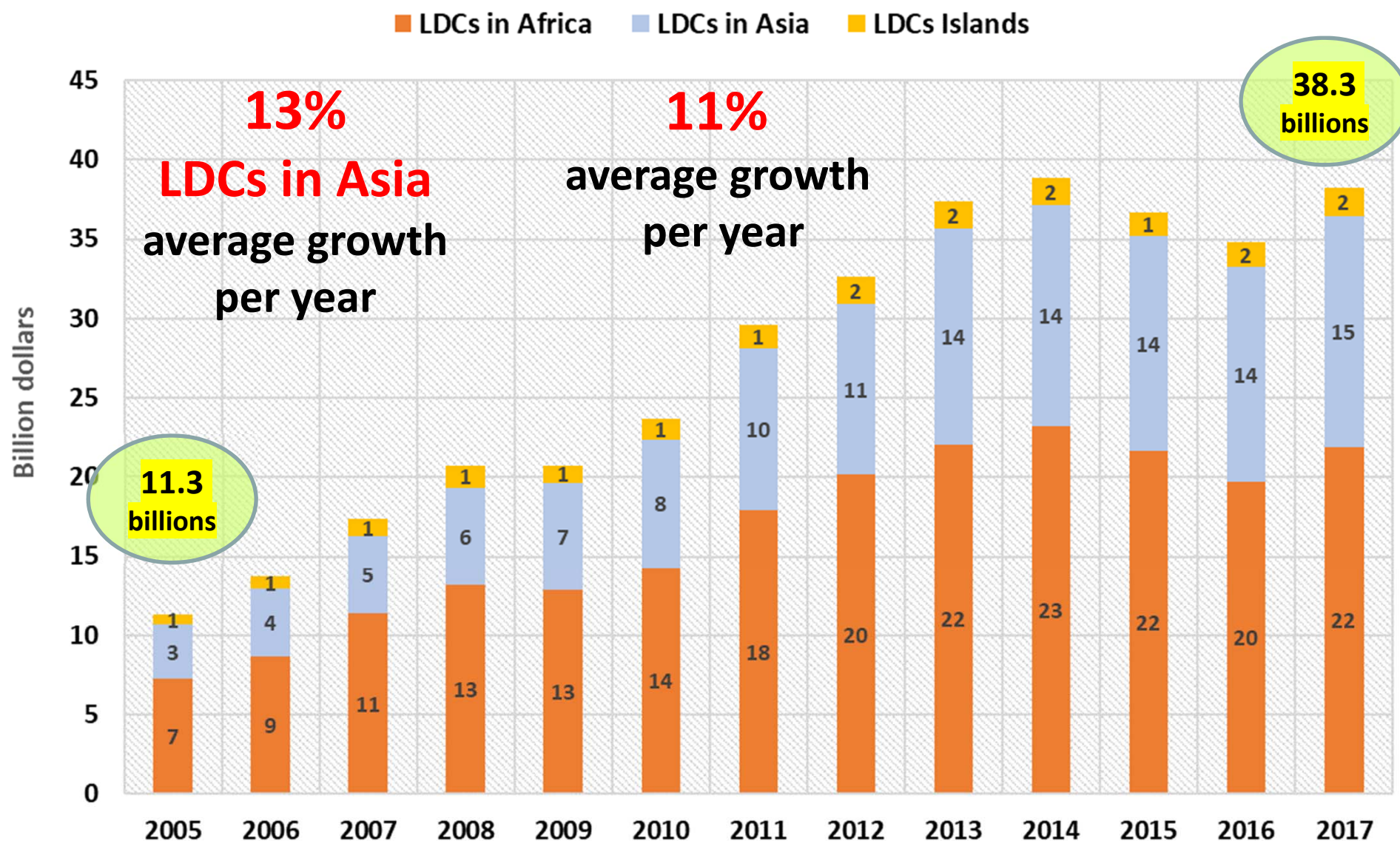


SMEs with 5-99 employees.

Source: WTO estimates based on World Bank Enterprise Surveys (in World Trade Report 2019).



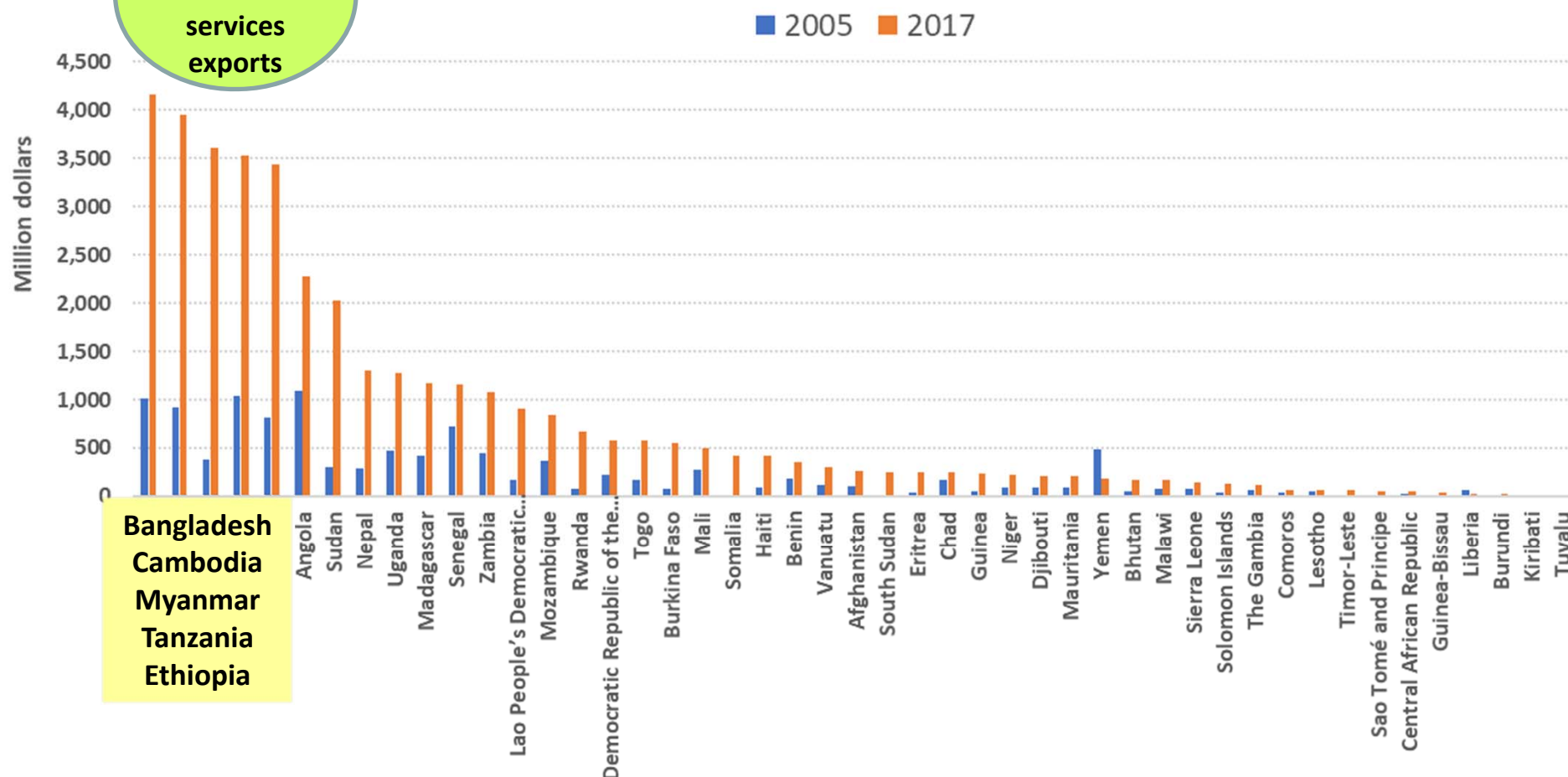
LDCs' services exports have expanded rapidly



Note: Covers services exports through all four modes of supply. Source: TISMOS dataset.

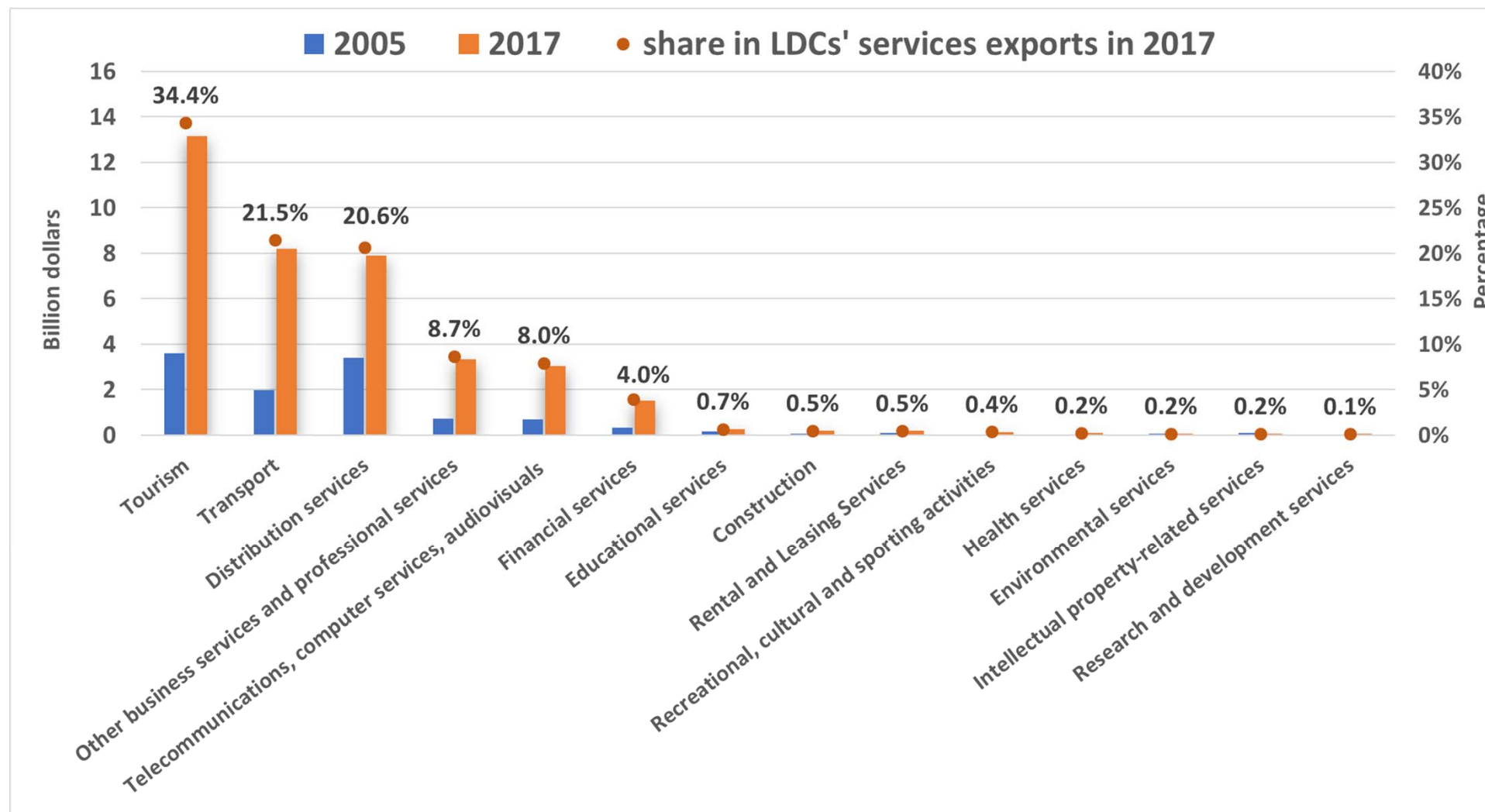
Services exports are increasingly concentrated in few LDCs

48.9%
of LDCs'
services
exports



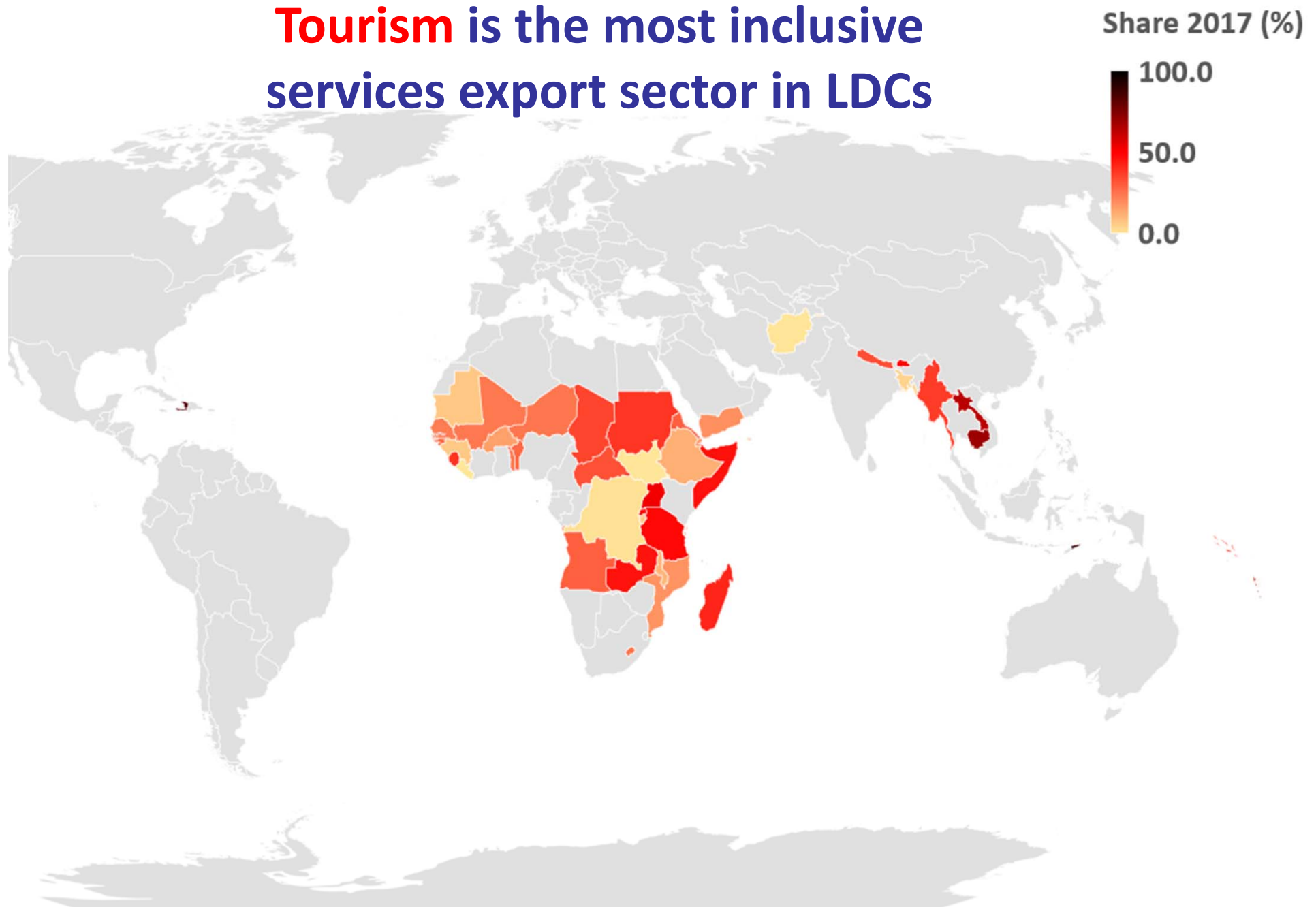
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Tourism, transport, and distribution services are the largest services exported by LDCs

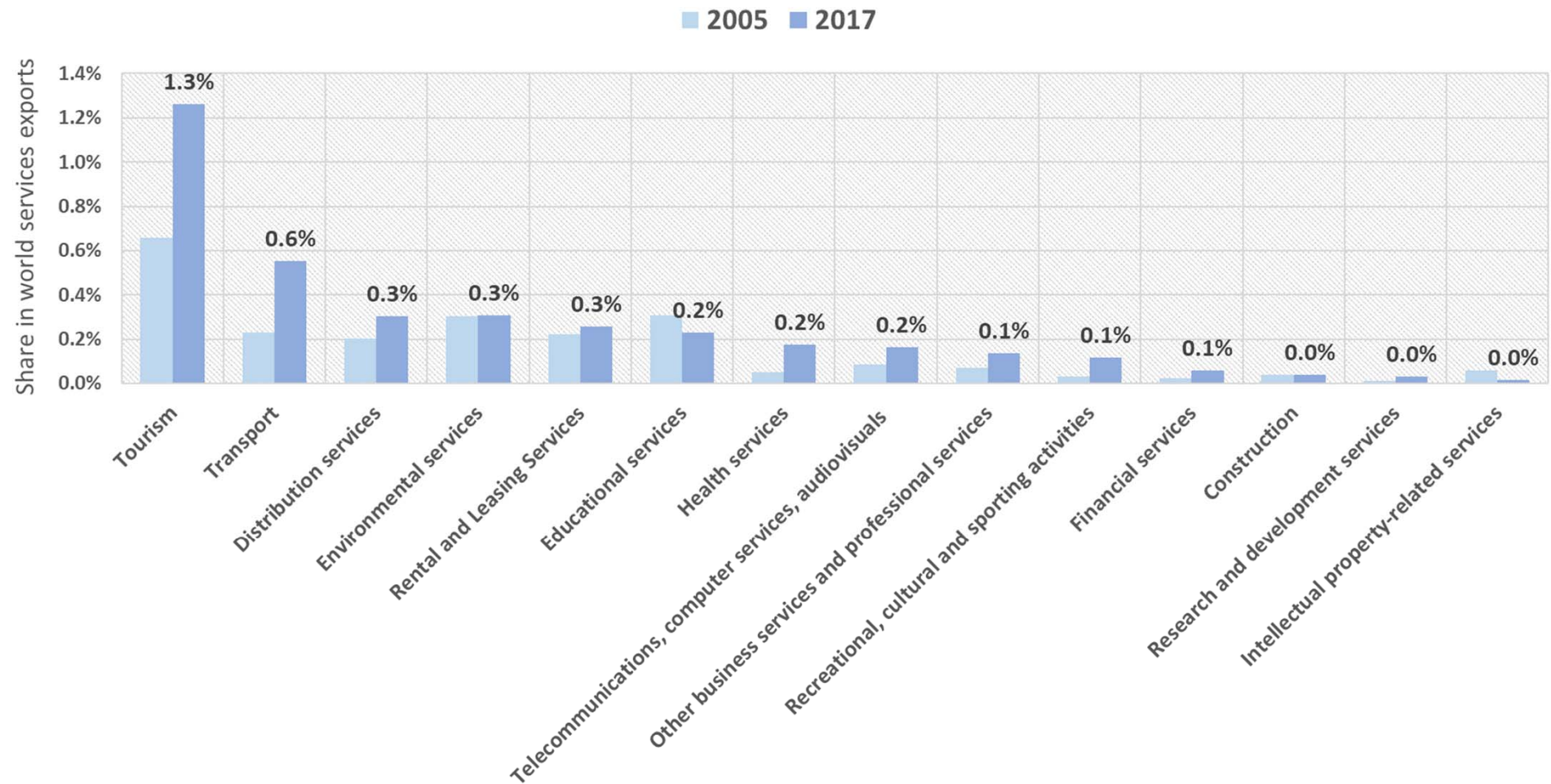


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Tourism is the most inclusive services export sector in LDCs



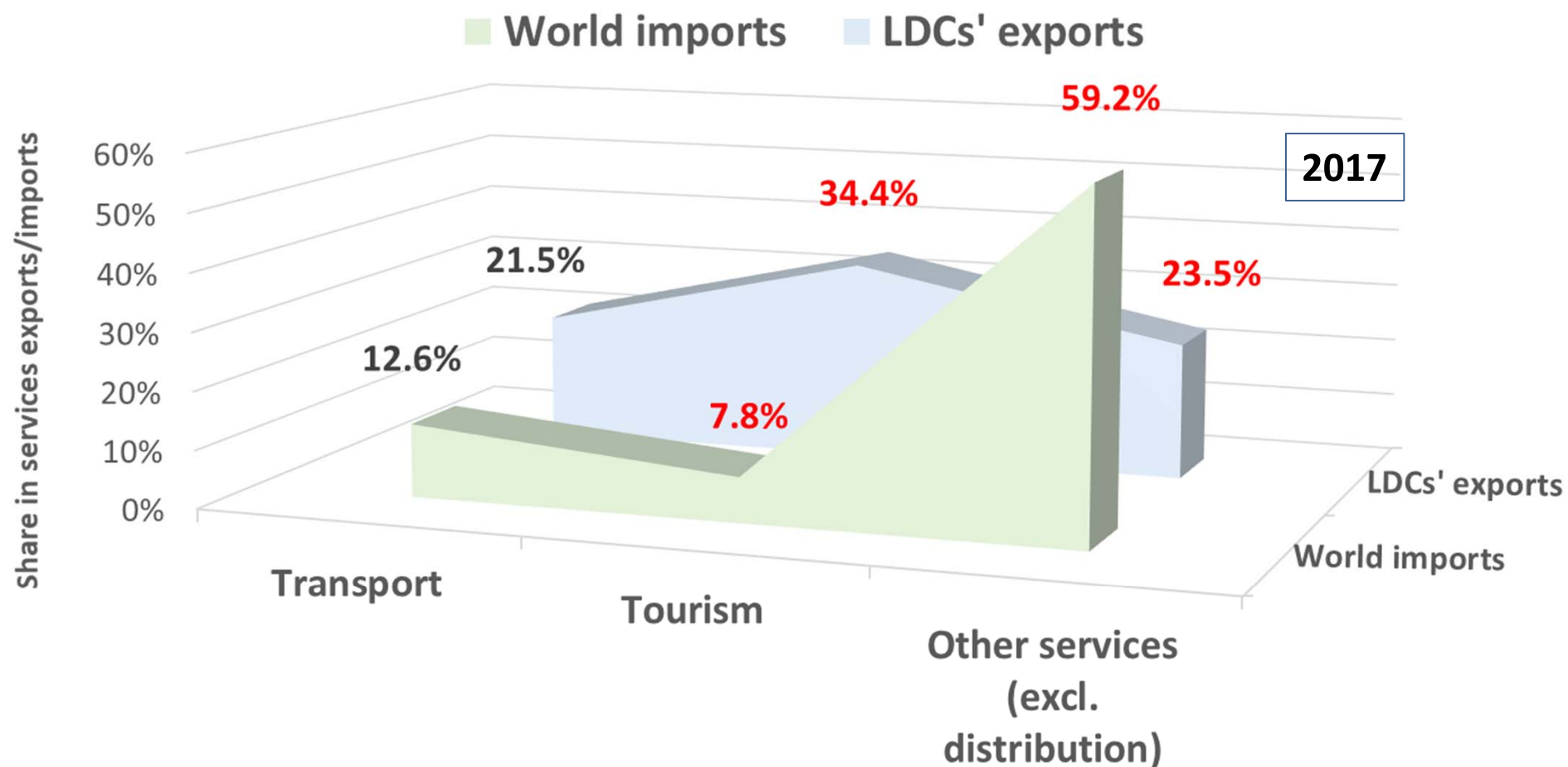
LDCs' participation in world services exports at the highest in tourism, rises in other sectors



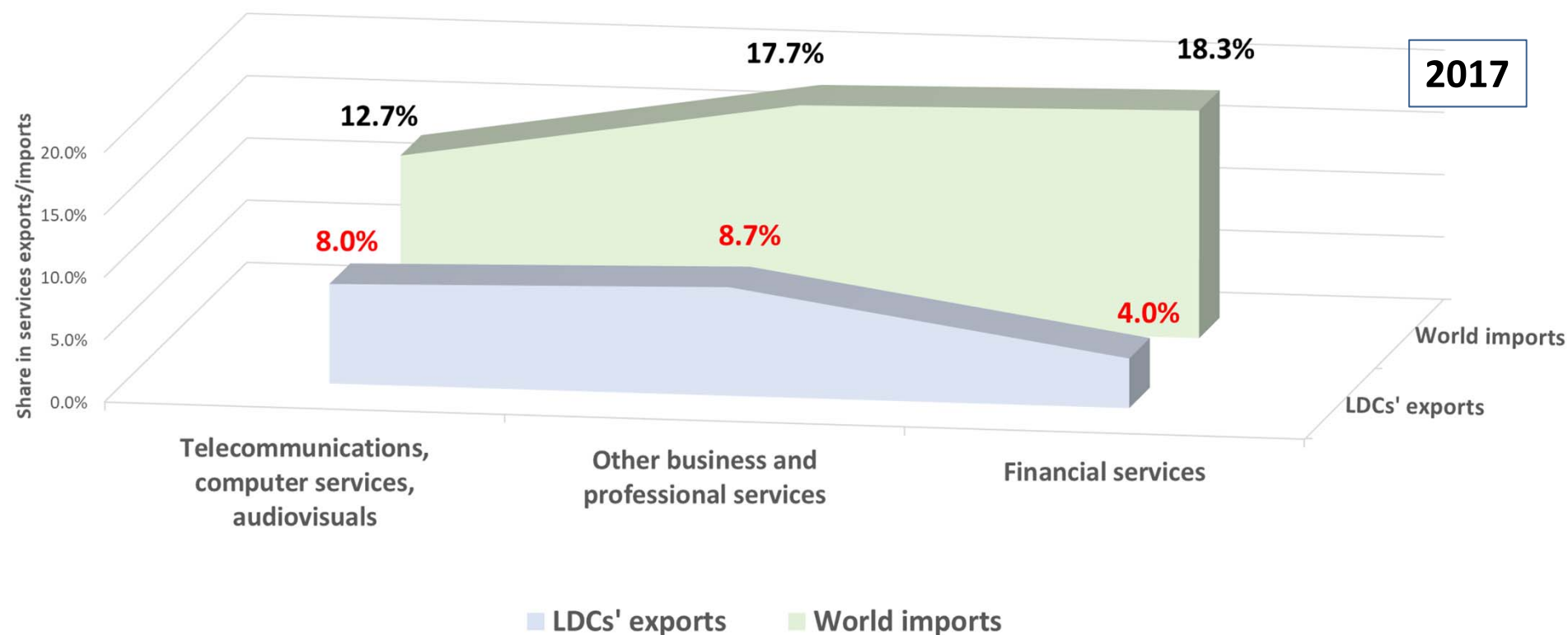
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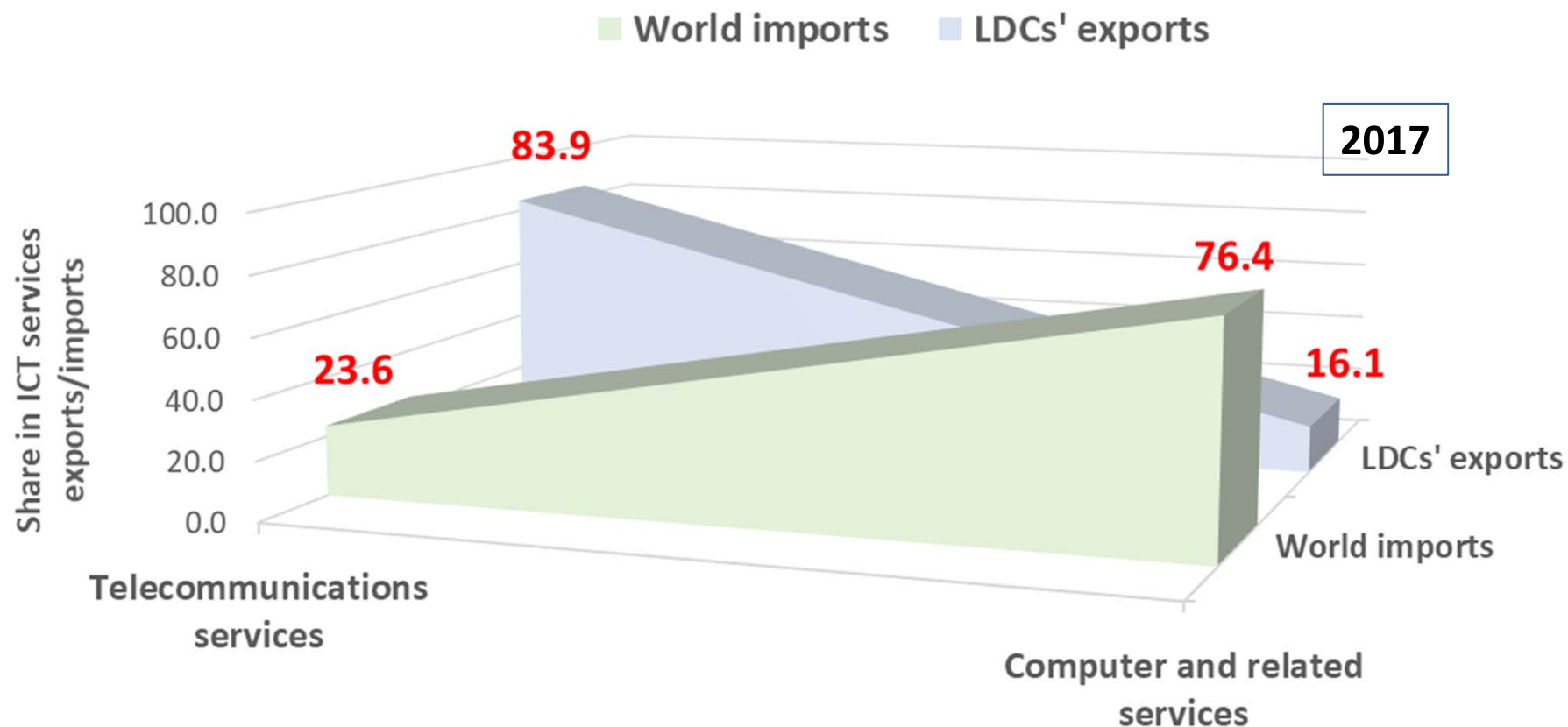
LDCs' services supply and world services demand: a persistent asymmetry...



...especially in highly traded services sectors

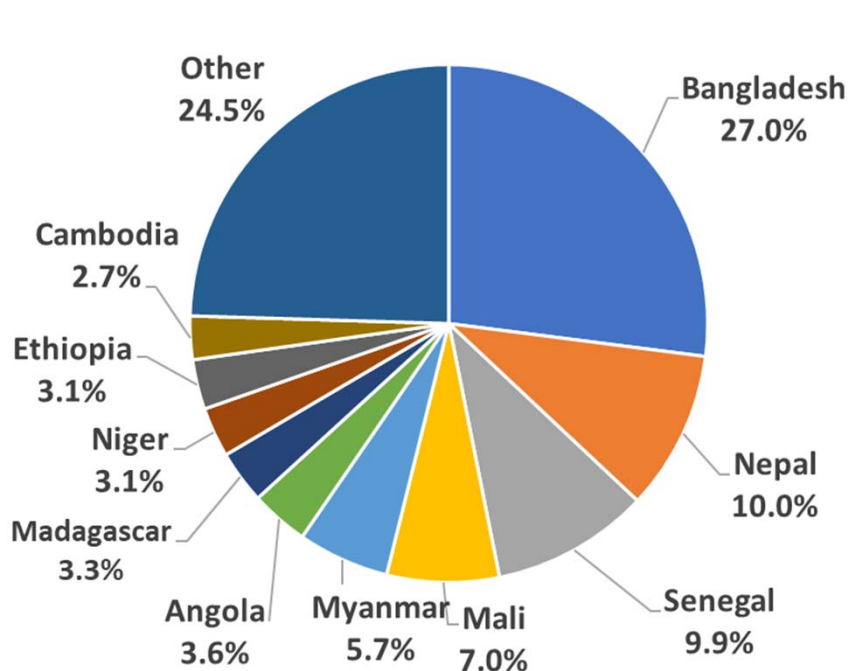


...in ICT services' structure

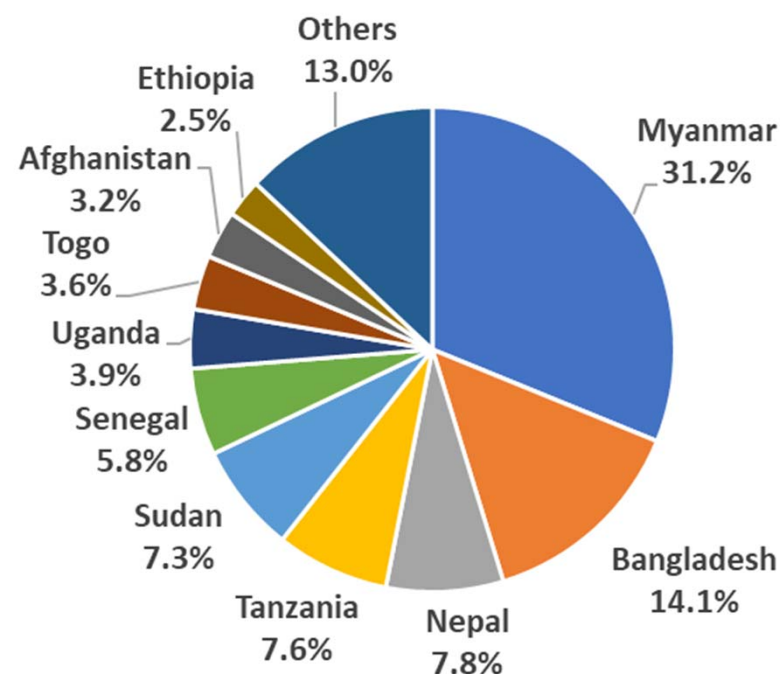


LDC exporters of ICT, other business and professional services are largely LDCs in Asia

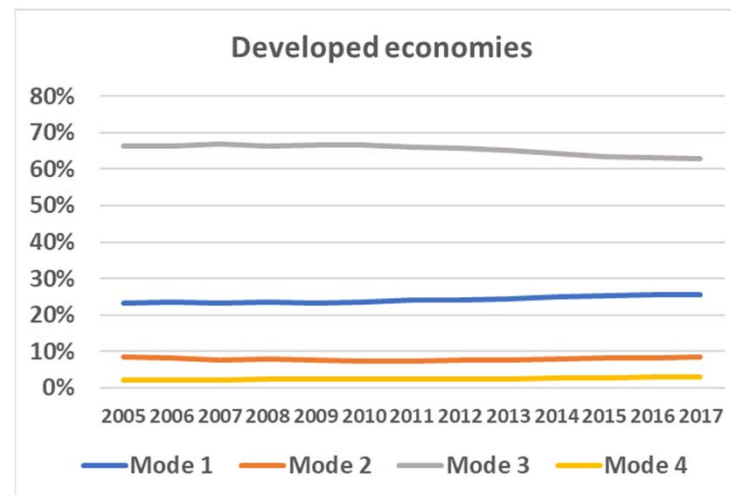
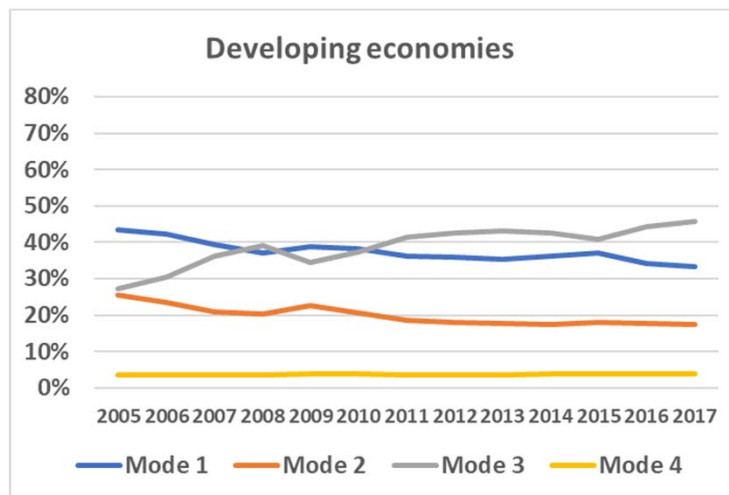
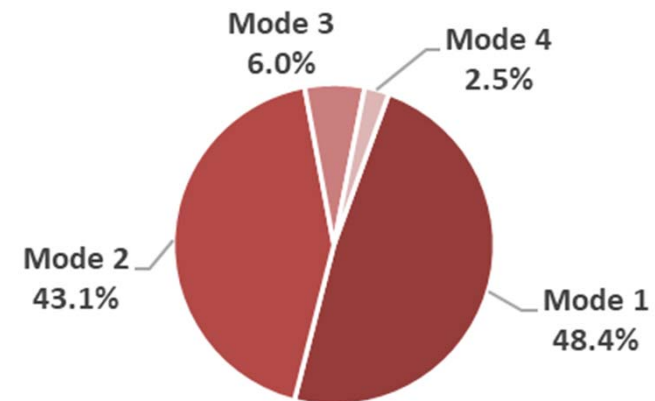
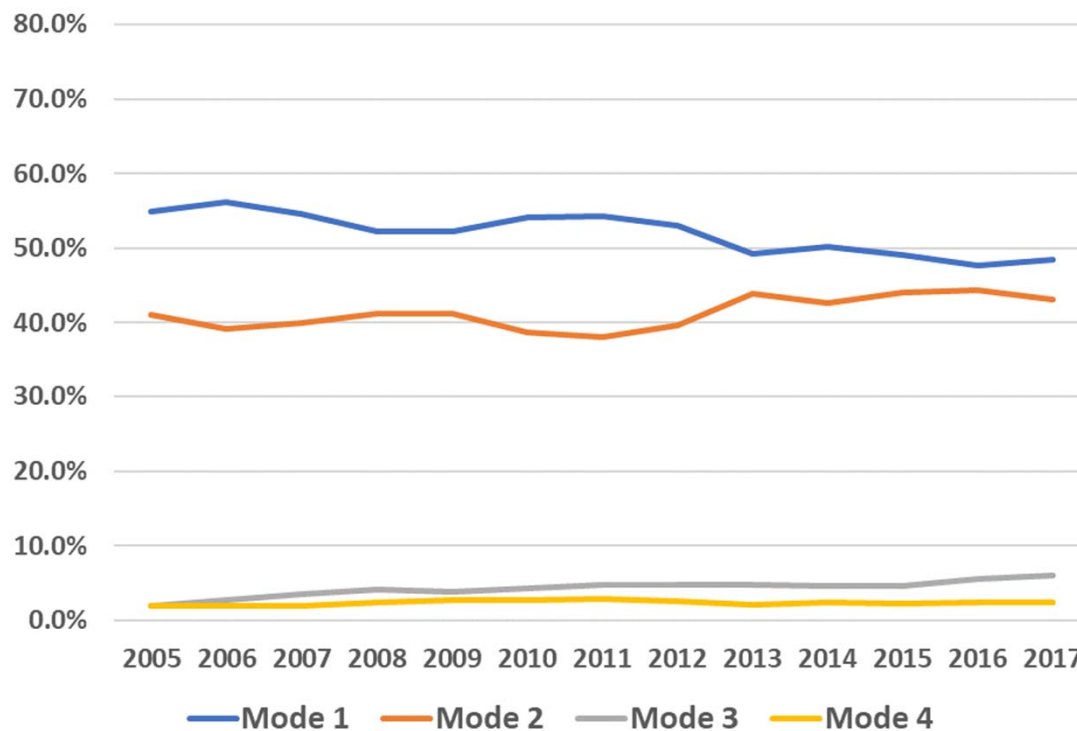
Telecommunications, computer services and audiovisuals



Other business and professional services



LDCs export services differently



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Source: Trade in Services by Mode of Supply dataset (TISMOS) and World Trade Report 2019.