LDCs’ Performance in Services Exports

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

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1 billion people

0.3% of world services exports

Least Developed Countries (LDCs)
(47 countries)
Africa 33, Asia 9, Caribbean 1, Pacific 4
LDCs continue to lag behind in services exports

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.

- Services SMEs in LDCs: 1.8%
- Services SMEs in other developing economies: 6.0%
- Manufacturing SMEs in LDCs: 16.1%

SMEs with 5-99 employees.

LDCs’ services exports have expanded rapidly

13% average growth per year

LDCs in Asia

11% average growth per year

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Services exports are increasingly concentrated in few LDCs

48.9% of LDCs’ services exports

Bangladesh, Cambodia, Myanmar, Tanzania, Ethiopia

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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...

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Source: TISMOS dataset.
...especially in highly traded services sectors

2017

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Note: Covers services exports and imports only through modes 1, 2 and 4. Source: TISMOS dataset.
LDC exporters of ICT, other business and professional services are largely LDCs in Asia

Telecommunications, computer services and audiovisuals

Other business and professional services

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LDCs export services differently

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