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The Promise of Services-Led Development

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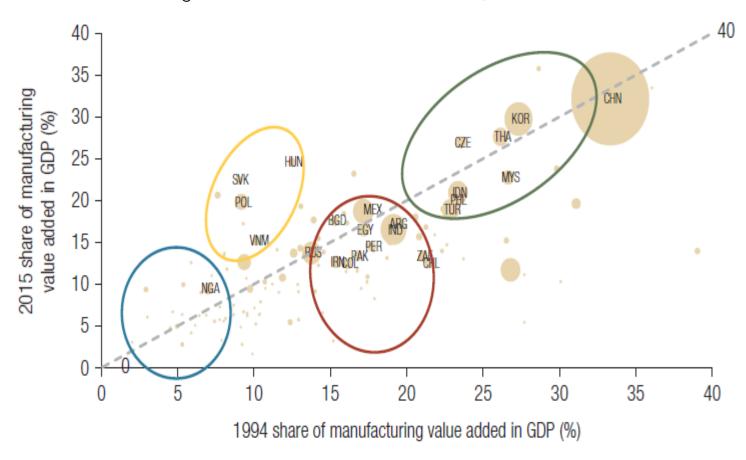




The export led manufacturing paradigm is exemplified by East Asia. But...



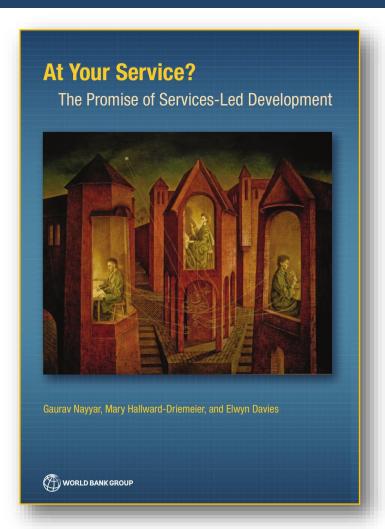
Manufacturing value added as a share of GDP, 1994 relative to 2015





Why this BOOK?





What's common?

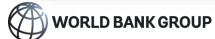
 To respond to worries about 'premature de-industrialization' with renewed calls for lower income countries to expand manufacturing.

What's overlooked?

 To analyze how the services sector can raise productivity and create jobs in countries that are less industrialized.

What we contribute:

- 1. Provide a *framework* that links the services sector's expanding contribution to development to greater opportunities for scale, innovation and spillovers.
- Uncover new evidence on how services compare with manufacturing, but also on how performance compares across sub-sectors within services.
- 3. Identify policy priorities that draw on diverse country experiences.



The services sector is increasingly driving economic transformation, despite policymakers' focus on manufacturing

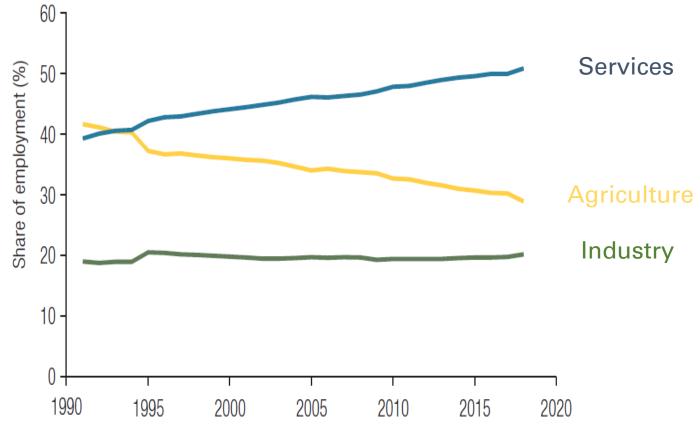




Services, not industry, are driving structural transformation in LMICs



Almost all of the decline in agriculture's share of total employment in low- and middle-income countries since the 1990s was offset by services



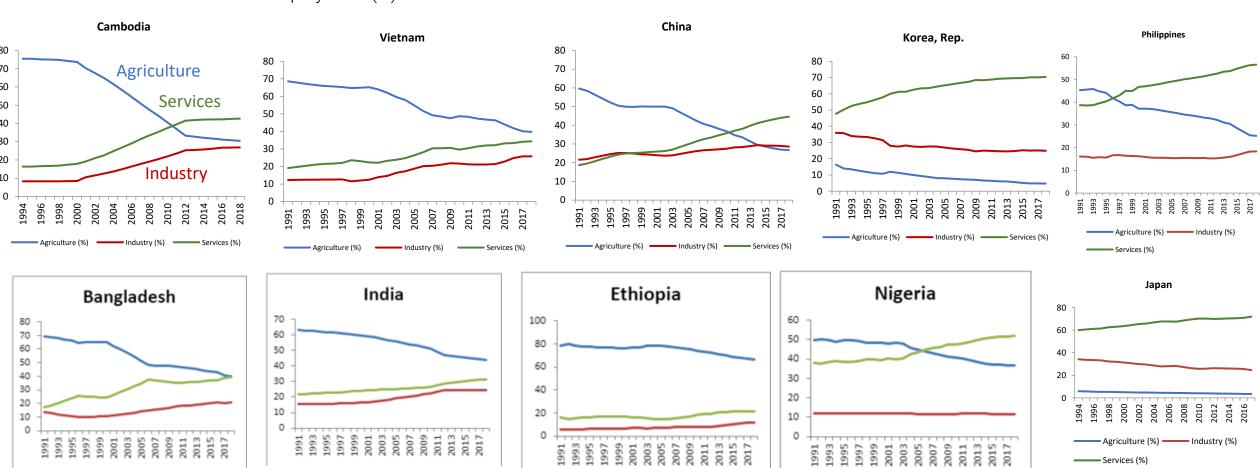


Source: World Development Indicators database.

The rise of services is fairly widespread across countries



Share of employment (%)



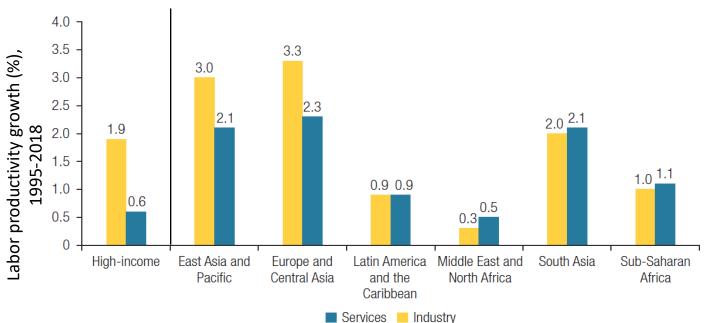


Services (%)

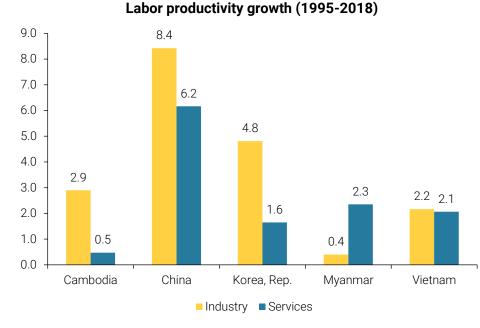
Labor productivity growth in services has been strong in LMICs



Labor productivity growth in services has matched that in industry across LMICs in many regions since the 1990s, typically exceeding that of high-income countries



In many EAP countries, services productivity growth has not matched that of industry



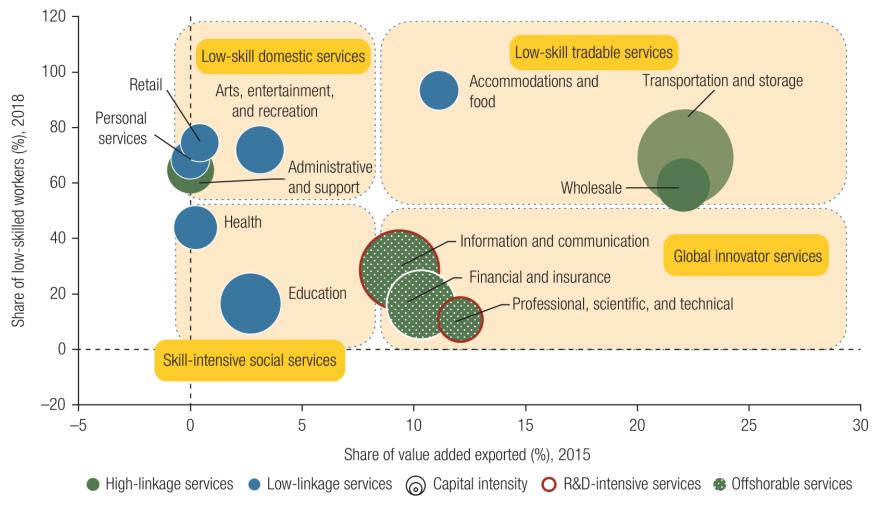
The services sector is not monolithic





Services differ to the extent they are traded, their labor intensity, the skills they use, and whether they are linked to other sectors



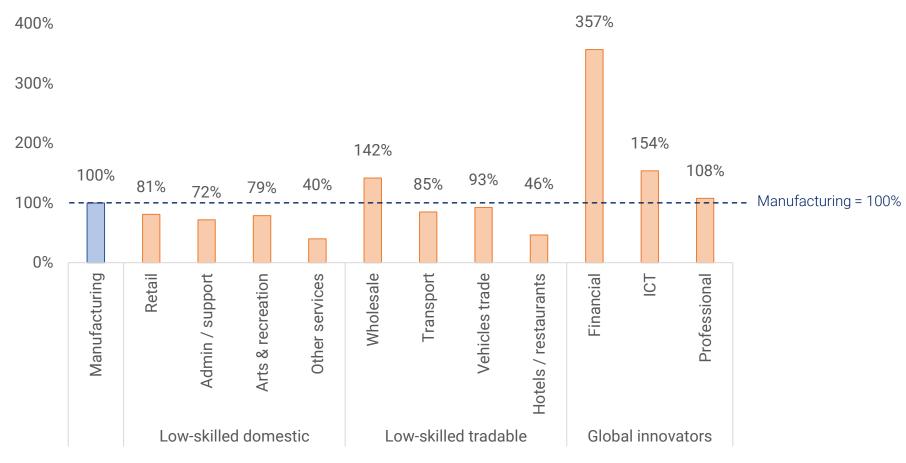




Not all services are equally (un)productive



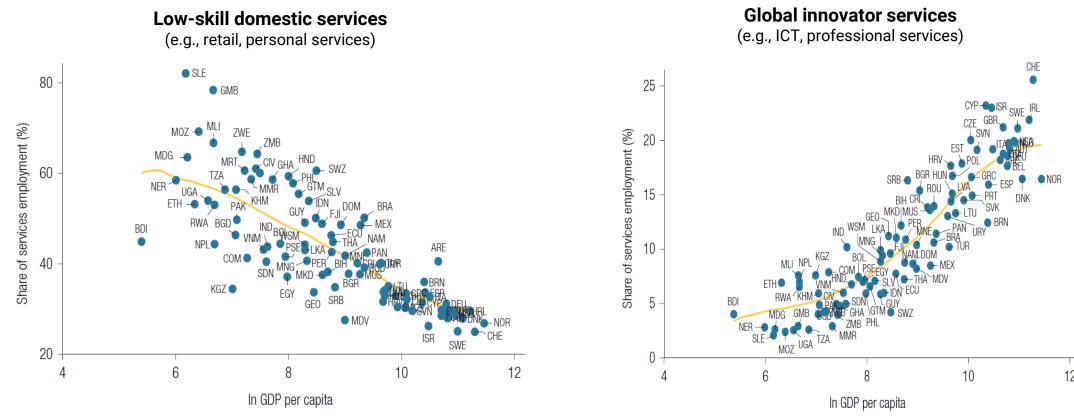
Total factor productivity (TFP), relative to manufacturing





Services employment in developing economies may concentrate in less productive subsectors





If LMICs had the same employment composition in services as HICs, their productivity would **rise by a third**.



The services sector is characterized by new opportunities for scale, innovation and spillover effects — the characteristics that made manufacturing more productive in the past



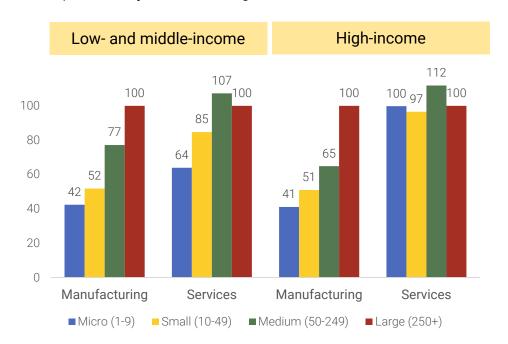


There are new opportunities for scale



Scale applies differently to services: small firms can be as productive as larger ones

Labor productivity, relative to large firms = 100



Source: Calculations based on firm-level data from 20 countries analyzed for this book, supplemented with OECD/Eurostat data

But services offer new opportunities for scaling up and growing revenues:



Digital technologies reduce the need for face-to-face and allow for more remote delivery of services



Multi-establishment firms such as chains, franchising, allowing to sell at multiple locations



Quality of services is more heterogeneous but an important determinant of price and revenues

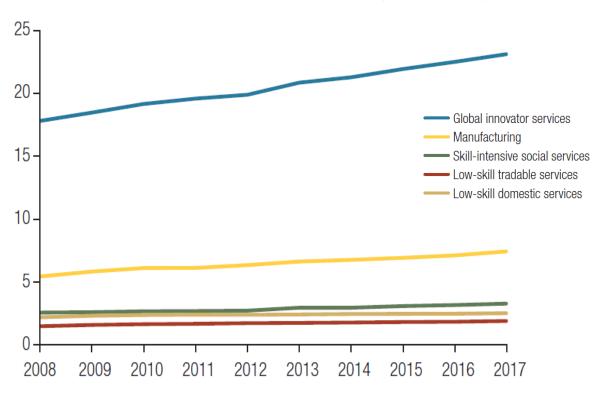


Intangible capital drives innovation



Investments in software and data increased the most among firms in global innovator services

Spending on software and data per worker (thousand euro)



Investments in marketing and organizational innovation are more widespread across many services subsectors than in manufacturing



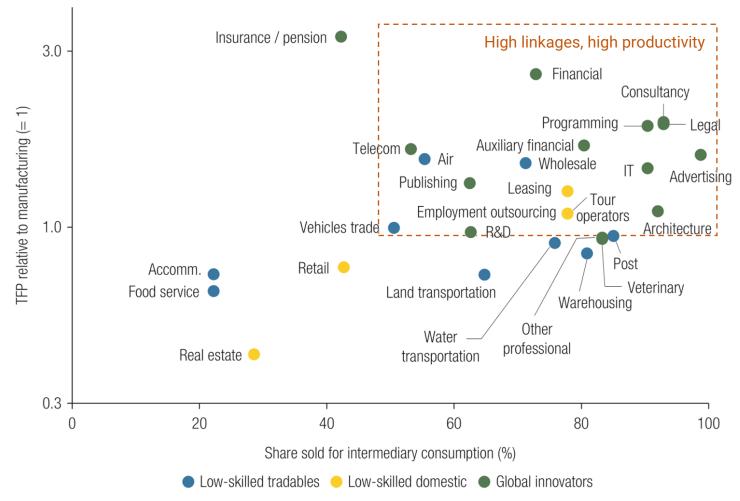


Source: Calculations based on OECD data

Services linked to other sectors tend to be more productive – expanding opportunities for spillovers



Share sold to other sectors (horizontal) and total factor productivity (vertical)





As a result, the productivity-jobs dichotomy within a services subsector is narrowing





Low-skill services are becoming more productive

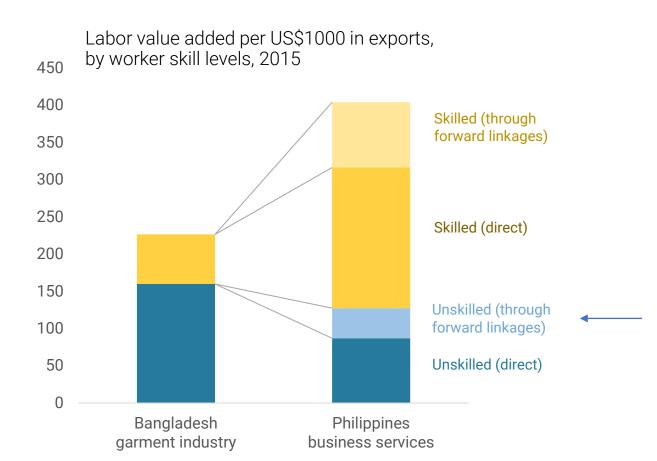


- Scaling up based on digital platforms and intangible capital
 - Restaurants can scale up through e-commerce platforms and investments in intangible capital that enable franchising or branching.
- Efficiency gains from ICT-based automation
 - Small retailers can innovate through digital apps that automate skill-intensive tasks such as inventory management and accounting.
- Indirect exports
 - Wholesale trade and warehousing services can be indirectly exported through forward linkages with goods-producing sectors.



Productive services are expanding opportunities for low-skilled workers through linkages with other sectors





The contribution of low-skilled labor to exports in the Philippines' business services sector is close to that in the Bangladeshi garment industry.

A key difference is that a larger share of this contribution to exports is indirect exports, through other sectors, rather than direct exports



Countries can exploit these transformative opportunities from services, regardless of their level of industrialization

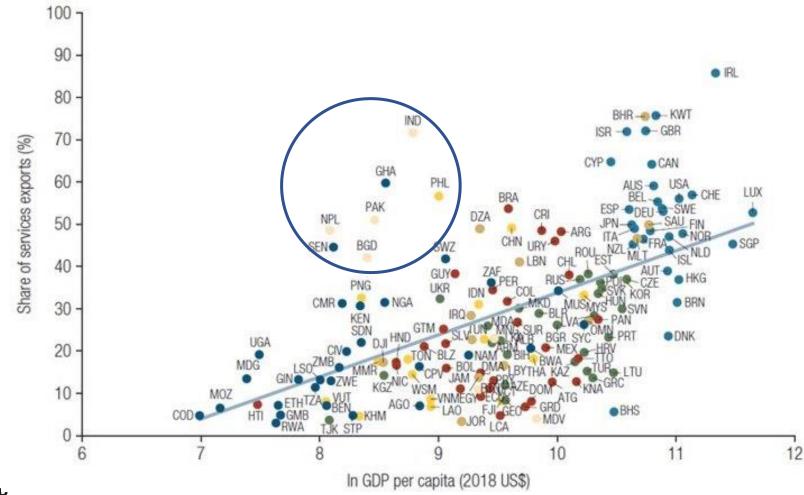




The share of global innovators in total services exports rises with income – but many LMICs are successful exporters



Share of global innovator services in total services exports and log of GDP per capita, 2017





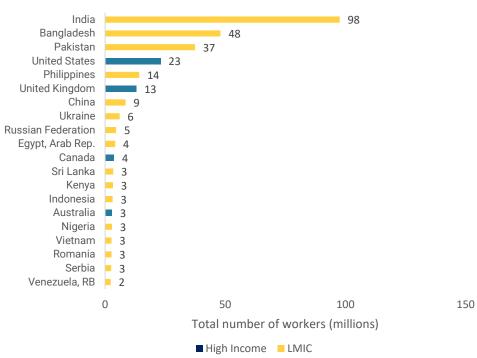
The emergence of services exports hubs



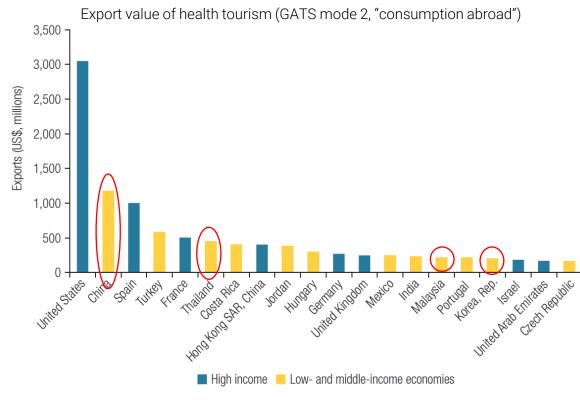
Two-thirds of online freelancers on large English-speaking platforms live in LMICs

Number of workers on five of the largest English-language online freelance platforms

Source: Oxford iLabour project



The top 20 health tourism destinations includes many LMICs



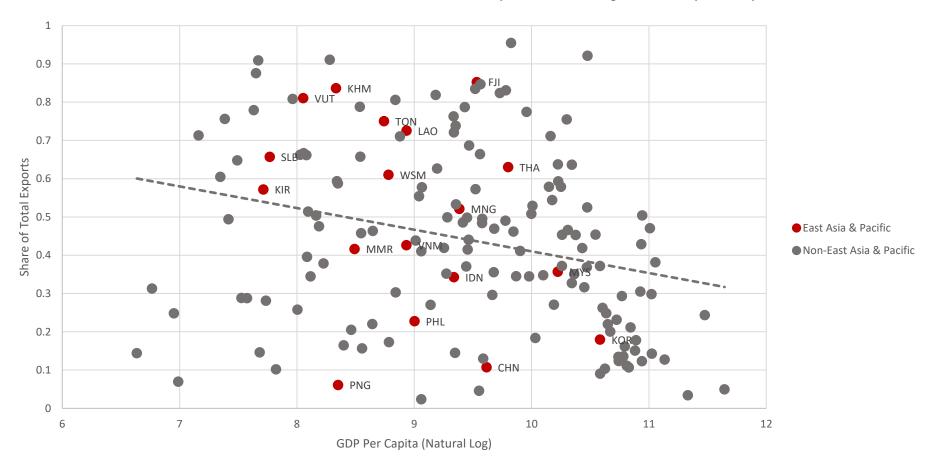


Source: WTO TiSMoS

Tourism-related services make up larger shares of total services exports in lower-income countries than in high-income countries



Share of low-skill tradable services in total services exports and log of GDP per capita, 2017





A strong services sector can benefit efforts to industrialize





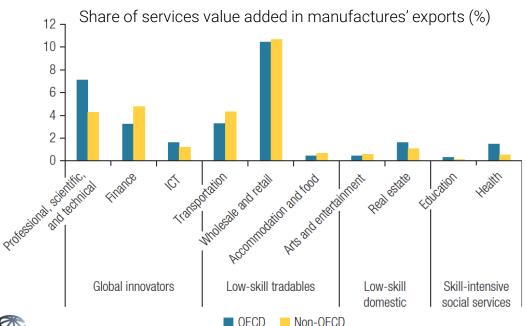
Services as an "upstream" enabler and a "downstream" complement





As upstream enabler Services as inputs for manufacturing

About one-third of the value of manufactures' exports is attributable to services inputs:





As downstream complement The "bundling" of goods and services

Examples:

- The iPhone combined with audiovisual services (streaming music and movies) through iTunes
- Car manufacturers offering financial services through monthly installment payment plans
- After-sales services like document managing and consulting and equipment maintenance represent about 75 percent of Xerox's total revenues

Trade, Technology, Training and Targeting (4Ts) to leverage the potential of the services sector for economic transformation





Policy responses (4Ts) to make most of forward-looking trends



Trends

Trade – to lower barriers to services trade and competition to expand access to

Due to ICT, reduced

need for physical

proximity

Technology trends

Potential for automation and data analytics to leverage labor



From increased intangible capital, more incentives to innovate and invest



Linkages

Expansion of linkages with other sectors. including other services



Policy implications to realize benefits of these trends markets **Technology** – to improve access to ICT and technology adoption; complementary policies to ensure competition and inclusion

Training – to raise digital and complementary interpersonal skills; management practices

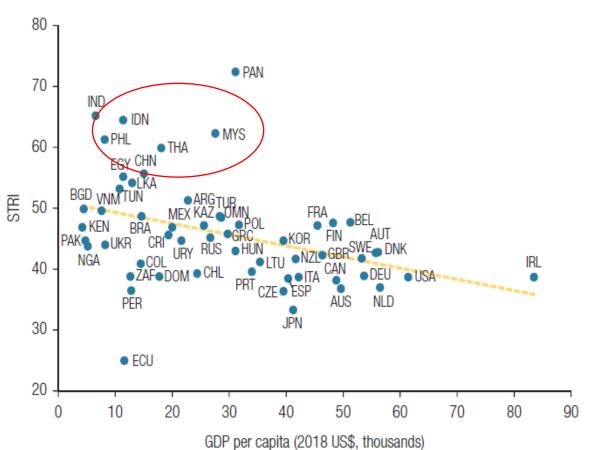
Targeting – to address market failures in enabling services to capture wider spillovers



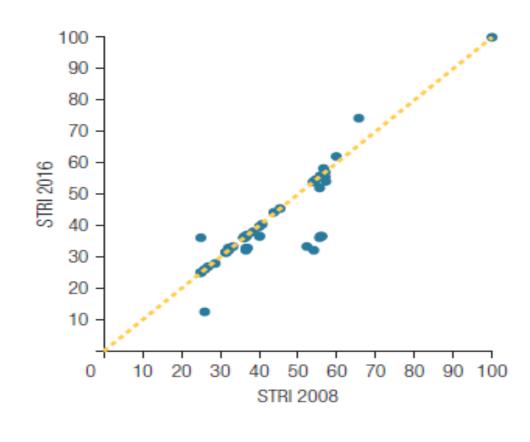
Trade: Making what is tradable more traded







STRI, retail services, by country, 2008 and 2016

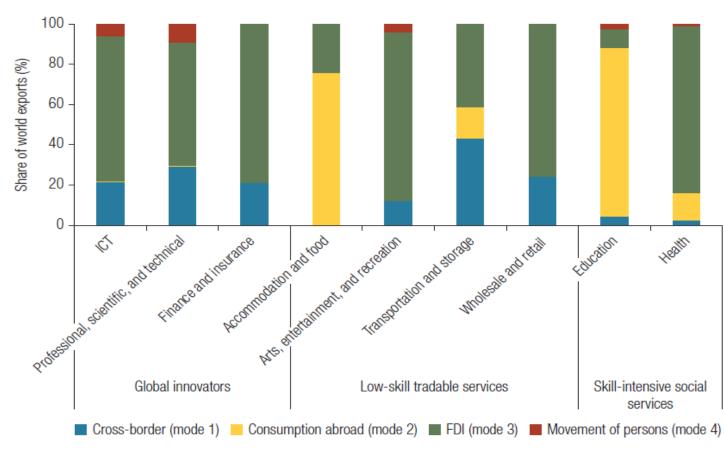




The mode of trade also varies by services subsector



Share in services subsector's exports, 2017, by Mode of Supply





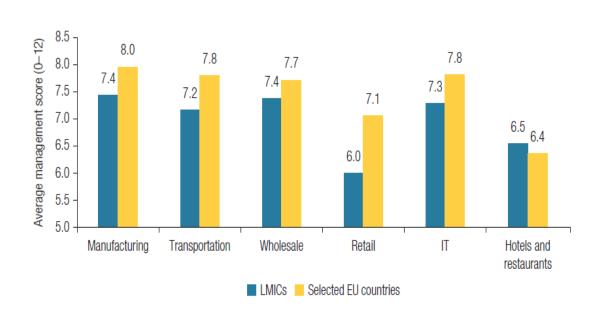
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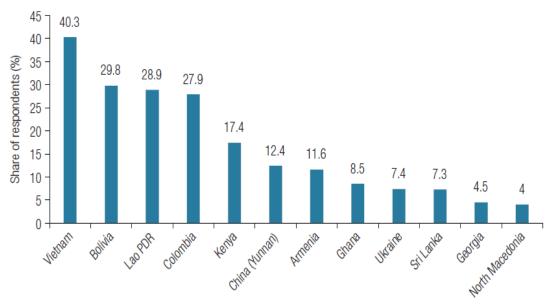
Technology and Training: Need to be considered together



Transport, wholesale and IT see managerial practices at similar levels as manufacturing, while the adoption tends to be lower in retail, hospitality and motor vehicles trade

Workers report that their lack of ICT skills is a constraint to employment or higher earnings



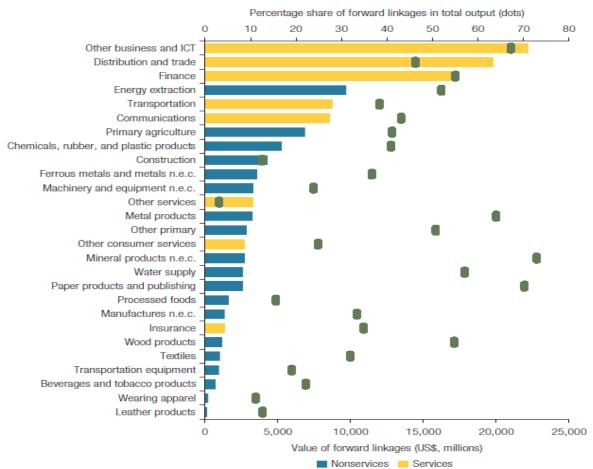




Targeting: Addressing market failures in enabling services



Domestic value added embodied as inputs in economywide production



PMR scores in network services, HICs and LMICs, 2013-17



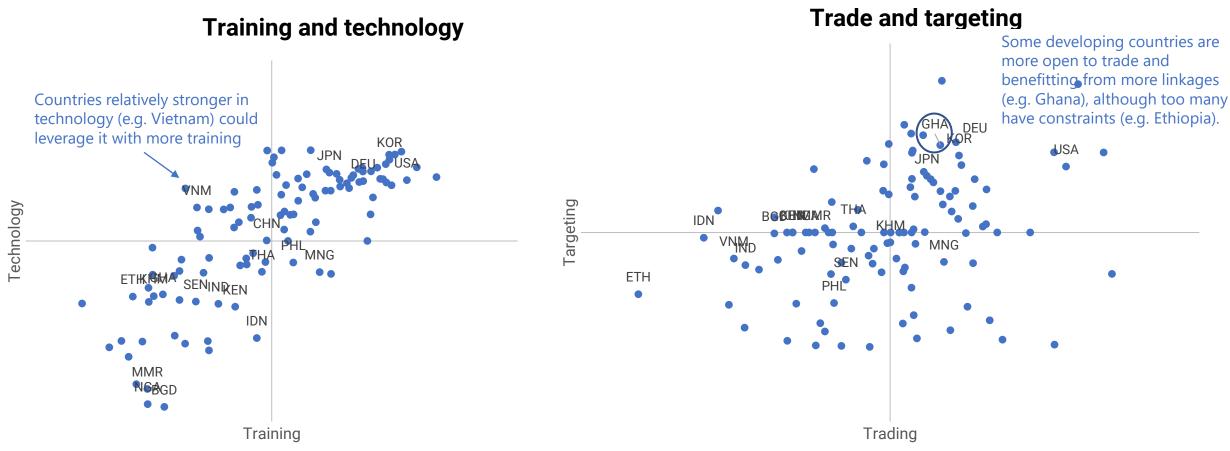
Calculations based on OECD PMR database and World Bank-OECD PMR database.



Country performance in the 4Ts helps identify reform priorities

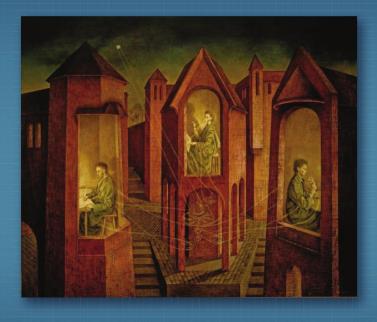


With the two strongest correlations among the 4Ts being between training and technology, and between trade and targeting, improving either complementary pair would likely have the biggest impact.



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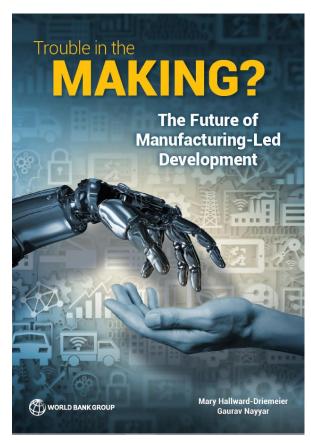
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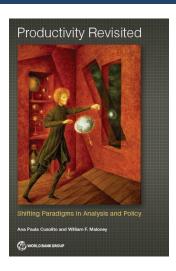


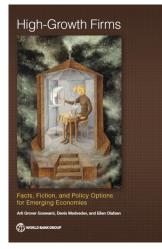


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