

LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
A POSITIVE GROWTH RECORDED IN 2012 TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

Trends in LDCs' exports of goods and commercial services, 2000-2012
 (billion dollars and percentage)

	Values		Annual rate of growth								Annual Percentage change
	2000	2012	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2000-2012
Total goods and commercial services	41.5	232.7	32.2	23.3	26.9	30.6	-23.7	27.3	23.7	0.7	15.5
Total goods	35.8	205.7	34.9	24.2	26.7	31.2	-26.7	28.6	24.5	0.0	15.7
Fuels and Mining	16.0	126.2	56.3	30.4	30.1	39.2	-32.9	28.7	25.4	-1.1	18.8
Other goods	19.8	79.5	12.9	15.4	21.2	17.3	-14.0	28.6	23.0	1.8	12.3
Commercial services	5.7	27.1	11.3	15.0	29.1	24.7	7.8	17.9	18.2	6.4	13.8

2012 exports
0.7% higher
 than in 2011

2.3%
 Rate at which total trade of LDCs grew, higher than the 1% world average growth

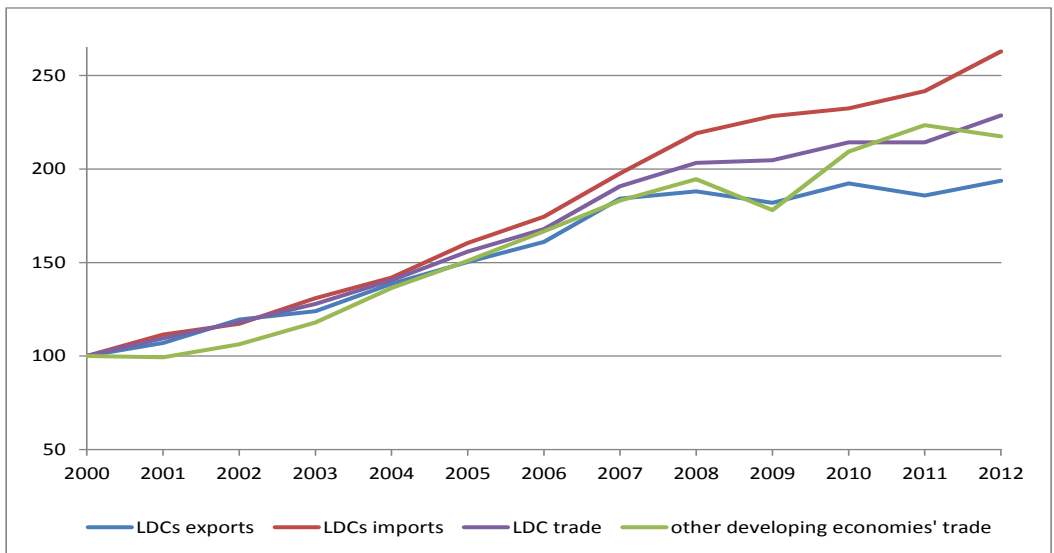
1.1%
 LDCs share in world trade, gradually approaching double the share they recorded in 2000

The weak increase in LDCs' exports of goods and commercial services contrasts with the strong growth of 23.7% registered in the preceding year and the annual average growth of 15.5% recorded between 2000 and 2012. The 2000-2012 growth performance is still higher compared to other developing economies (excluding LDCs) whose exports of goods and commercial services increased on average by 11.9% per year during this period.

LDCs' imports of goods and commercial services, however, continued to expand, albeit at a slower pace (3.6%) compared to the preceding year's 26.8% to reach US\$278.4 billion in 2012.

In volume terms, LDCs' exports grew by 4.3% while their imports expanded by 8.8%, the highest increase recorded after the onset of the crisis. The growth in values was, therefore entirely due to higher volume increases; as prices of exports stagnated and those of imports contracted by 1.5%.

Development in merchandise trade volume of LDCs and developing economies (Indices, 2000=100)

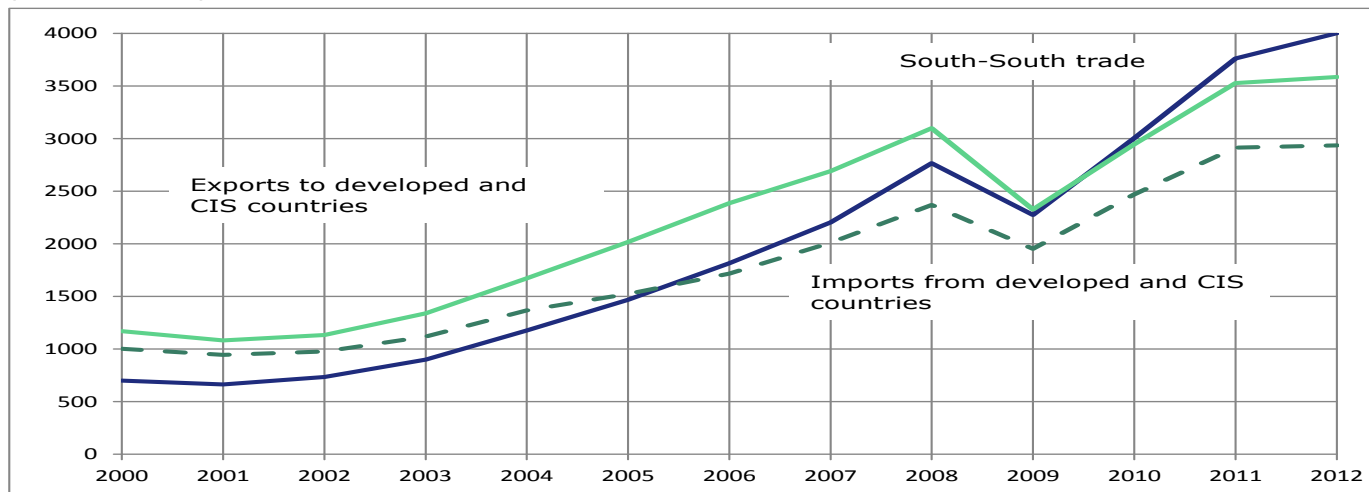


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DEVELOPING ECONOMIES

SOUTH-SOUTH EXCHANGES CONTINUE TO EXPAND

Developing economies' merchandise trade with developing, developed and CIS economies, 2000-2012
(Billion US\$ and %)



THE SHARE OF SOUTH-SOUTH TRADE IN DEVELOPING ECONOMIES' TOTAL EXPORTS AND IMPORTS INCREASED MARKEDLY DURING THE 2000s. BY 2008, SOUTH-SOUTH TRADE ACCOUNTED FOR 46% OF DEVELOPING ECONOMIES' EXPORTS, WHICH HELPED THEM MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS AND RESIST BETTER THAN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. IN 2010 THIS SHARE REACHED ABOUT 50%, AND CONTINUED RISING IN 2011 AND 2012 AS ALL DEVELOPING REGIONS INCREASED THEIR TRADE WITH OTHER DEVELOPING ECONOMIES MUCH FASTER THAN WITH CRISIS-STRICKEN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

ALL IN ALL, SOUTH-SOUTH TRADE GREW BY 33% BETWEEN 2010 AND 2012, WHILE DEVELOPING ECONOMIES' TRADE WITH DEVELOPED AND CIS INCREASED BY ABOUT 20%. DEVELOPING ASIA'S IMPORTS FROM AND EXPORTS TO OTHER DEVELOPING REGIONS INCREASED PARTICULARLY FAST DURING THE PERIOD, BY 47% AND 36% RESPECTIVELY. NOTABLE WERE THE 59% RISE IN IMPORTS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE 44% INCREASE IN CHINA'S EXPORTS OUTSIDE ASIA. MERCHANDISE EXCHANGES AMONG NON-ASIAN DEVELOPING ECONOMIES WERE ALSO RELATIVELY DYNAMIC AND GAINED 32%.

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33%
GROWTH OF SOUTH-SOUTH TRADE
FROM 2010 TO 2012

2008: 46% 2010: 50% 2012: 51%
SHARE OF SOUTH-SOUTH TRADE
IN DEVELOPING ECONOMIES EXPORTS

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