MAKING GLOBAL VALUE CHAINS WORK FOR DEVELOPMENT IMPACTS, POLICY QUESTIONS, DIAGNOSTICS, AND COUNTRY ENGAGEMENT



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Stylized facts:

- Today we have a multipolar global economy with diverging performances and GVC integration.
- Trade and investment flows associated with GVCs have grown strongly:
 - FDI net inflows were 34 times higher in 2013 than in 1980 (UNCTAD).
 - Over 1995-2014, LMICs' global share of imported inputs (excl. oil) expanded from 20 to 38%, and that of capital goods exports from 8 to 39% (Comtrade).
- In an increasingly globalized and specialized world, borders between economic sectors become increasingly blurred and a focus on tasks becomes more meaningful.
- Traditional views of development neglect more nuanced interpretations that focus on promoting economic, social and environmental upgrading and inclusive growth.

The role of GVCs for economic upgrading:

- GVC participation will become increasingly important to achieve structural transformation in the 21st century.
- Economic upgrading in GVCs allows to achieve higher value-added production in the form of product, functional, and intersectoral upgrading via better skills and know-how, capital and technology, and processes.
- The **transmission channels** include backward and forward links, technology spillovers, labor markets, market restructuring, and minimum scale achievements.

Transmission channels:



Source: Taglioni and Winkler (2016).

The role of GVCs for social upgrading:

- Social upgrading refers to **measurable aspects of worker well-being** (employment, wages, and working conditions) and **enabling rights** (right to bargain, freedom of association, nondiscrimination, etc.).
- The adoption of higher labor and social standards in GVC firms results in small-scale worker upgrading, labor-intensive upgrading, and higher-skill upgrading.
- Social upgrading can also lead to more **social cohesion** via jobs and working conditions, education and skill building, and health insurance and pensions.
- Economic upgrading does not automatically lead to social upgrading.

Promoting the high-road growth model of economic and social upgrading:



Economic downgrading

Source: Adapted from Milberg and Winkler 2011, 345.

GVCs and environmental upgrading:

- Climate change creates new challenges for GVC participation, as firms need to ensure the predictable, reliable, and time-sensitive delivery of goods in the long-term.
- As a result, the global trade landscape is trending toward **more climate-friendly international standards** and mandatory sustainability reporting regimes.
- Climate-smart policy prescriptions can strengthen global competitiveness, as the benefits of environmental regulation often vastly outweigh the costs.

2. Relevant Policy Questions

Entering GVCs:

• Which policies help (i) create world-class GVC links and (ii) a worldclass climate for foreign tangible and intangible assets?



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Expanding and strengthening GVC participation:

• Which policies help strengthen (i) existing GVC-local economy links and (ii) absorptive capacity of local actors?



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Turning GVC participation into sustainable development:

- Which policies help create a world-class workforce?
- How can climate-smart policies be implemented?



Source: Taglioni and Winkler (2016, 198).

The integrated strategic framework for policy intervention requires:

- 360-degree assessment of the competitiveness of a country <u>and</u>
- drilling down to specific sectors, GVCs, tasks, and activities.

Different methodologies and data to capture GVC integration:



- Policy advice supporting GVC-based growth models requires sound analytics and data, and a wide range of indicators and concepts.
- Key features related to GVC measurement:
 - Differentiating between **buyer- and seller-related perspectives**
 - Complementing the gross trade with the trade in value added perspective
 - Complementing the macro (sectoral) with the micro (firm) perspective
- Data and measurement gaps:
 - Mapping GVCs across a wide range of industries
 - Firm-level information on purchases and sales by country-sector pair
 - GVC measures for low-income countries and at the sub-national level
 - Labor, social, and environmental impacts of GVC integration
 - Macro- and micro-level determinants of GVC participation

- Work at WBG to create a **taxonomy of GVC participation** to:
 - identify "best practices" and upgrading trajectories
 - inform country and sector diagnostics
 - identify adequate policies for different country contexts.

• Classification of 138 countries based on:

- measures of GVC participation as buyer and seller
- upstreamness of imports and exports
- value added shares (agriculture, commodities, manufacturing and services).

Types of GVC integration:

- Sellers: Comm, Comm-mfg, Comm-serv, Comm-mfg-serv, Agr, Agr-mfg, Mfg-serv
- Buyers: Agr-mfg, Mfg, Mfg-serv
- Hubs: China, Germany, Japan, and United States

 Role of buying: GVC participants import foreign technology that is used to produce and export goods, parts, components and services.



• Role of buying: Stronger integration in GVCs as a buyer is positively correlated with economic upgrading, but varies by type.



Data: OECD-WTO TiVA. BONWIN=eigenvector centrality based on value added inflows. Excludes China.

• Sector focus: Participants in the apparel GVC include buyers and sellers with different economic structures.



Data: BACI Gross Trade Data. Excludes hubs. BONWIN/BONWOUT=eigenvector centrality based on import/export data. GVC classification based on World Bank MC-GVC Database and Memedovic and Sturgeon (2010).

• Sector focus: Participants in the electronics GVC are more homogeneous (mainly Asian manufacturing buyers).



Data: BACI Gross Trade Data. Excludes hubs. BONWIN/BONWOUT=eigenvector centrality based on import/export data. GVC classification based on World Bank MC-GVC Database and Memedovic and Sturgeon (2010).

• Sector focus: The perishables GVC offers opportunities for countries with a large value added share of agriculture, especially in SSA.



Data: BACI Gross Trade Data. Includes only buyers/sellers specializing in agriculture. BONWIN/BONWOUT =eigenvector centrality based on import/export data. GVC classification based on World Bank MC-GVC Database.

The WBG's involvement:

- Through a combination of advisory, lending, and investment support, the WBG helps client countries tackle the challenges to integrate into and upgrade in GVCs, which requires both a long-term commitment and tailored incentives and mechanisms.
- GVCs is one of the Global Solutions Groups in Trade & Competitiveness, with 180 affiliates and an integrated strategic framework for policy intervention connecting the many different parts.
- Customized country and sector diagnostics that lead to...
- ... pro-competitiveness interventions.
- The WBG has established a strong global network of partnerships.

Partnerships:

Global Partners (objectives: flexibility in setting agenda, business development)	Academia, Research Institutes, & Think Thanks (objectives: talent development, thought leadership)	Other Multilaterals (objectives: thought leadership, talent development)	NGOs & other interest groups (objectives: business development, thought leadership)
 Germany (G7 presidency) China (G20 Presidency) New Zealand The Netherlands (EU Presidency) UK (DFID) Potential collaborations: Australia Denmark Norway Sweden (SIDA) Switzerland (SECO) USA (USAID & US-ITC) 	 CEPR JETRO UIBE Duke MIT Harvard Potential future targets: Harvard Institute for Strategy & Competitiveness European Foundation for Cluster Excellence Holland International Distribution Council Fung Institute 	 OECD WTO ILO-IFC Better Work Compnet (Eurosystem) UNSD Initial discussions Asian Development Bank UNIDO ILO (beyond Better Work) 	 WEConnect World SME Forum WEF

- Developing a GVC strategy:
 - Main activities before fieldwork: Assess and research a country's participation in GVCs through desk research, and prepare for in-country fieldwork.
 - Fieldwork: Validate initial results and shed light on areas for deeper analysis.
 - Main activities after fieldwork: Identify interventions at a detailed level.
- Operationalizing the GVC strategy country engagements:
 - GVC analysis informing further engagement or CMU investment
 - Lending projects with analytics requested
 - Analysis informing core bank products (SCD, CPS, CEM, Flagship publications)
- Client requests combine horizontal and vertical analysis, policies, and interventions:
 - How can Bangladesh upgrade its apparel GVC participation?
 - How can Vietnam unlock opportunities and enhance competitiveness in the ICT sector?
 - How can Mali enter the agribusiness GVC?

WBG's integrative engagement across many countries, sectors and topics:



Multi-pronged Approach to Upgrading Apparel in Bangladesh: Interventions with Wider Demonstration Effects





Brands require their suppliers to improve building safety. However, factories are unable to do so in their current, congested, premises. Industry association asks government to help with relocation.

Stake-holder dialogue

Firm-level advisory services lead to adoption of low-cost good practices by the firms. Business case is demonstrated and firms are incentivized to go for bigger changes. But they are constrained by finance.

> The access to finance issue is raised at the dialogue platform where representatives of government, financial institutions and industry jointly come up with recommendations to improve access to finance. These are sent to government.







Industry association and government start discussion on building an economic zone for textile factories.



Infrastructure

Policies, laws and regulations

Central bank responds by creating refinancing facility to facilitate commercial bank financing for environmental and social improvements. Banks will take advantage of the facility to expand finance for such improvements. This will increase demand for firm-level advisory services, thus stimulating development of service provider market.



Financiers and other service providers

ICT Sector in Vietnam: Unlocking Opportunities and Enhancing Competitiveness Downstream

Horizontal interventions

interventions

Vertical

Improve business climate

Reduce bureaucracy and corruption, improve vendor selection transparency, streamline government processes, equalize incentives between local and foreigninvested companies, strengthen IP protections, and mainstream soft business skills into the education system.

Build a vibrant start-up system

Make it easier to start and scale up a company – especially of ICT services – by improving access to capital, bolstering the existing base of accelerators and incubators, and leveraging diaspora returnees as a resource.

Reimagine hightech & prioritize innovation

Amend the Law on High Technologies to adopt broader definitions of R&D and high-tech enterprises. Participation by universities in industryrelated projects should be encouraged.

Prioritize capacity building in the software and ICTenabled services industries

Revisit development plans for a semi-conductor industry

Build supplier capabilities and match with potential partners Foreign language, managerial, and technical training programs should be enhanced to aid in the development of viable product-based firms.

Focus on integrated circuit design and back-end assembly, packaging, and testing, not on fabrication.

Better implement existing local content development programs and match Vietnamese suppliers to foreigninvested firms, especially in ICT hardware industry.

Source: Vietnam at a Crossroads, Engaging in the Next Generation of Global Value Chains (2016), based on Sturgeon and Zylberberg (2016), The Global Information and Communications Technology Industry: Where Vietnam Fits in Global Value Chains

Livestock Sector in Mali: Improving Productivity and Meeting Standards to Enter the Agribusiness GVC

Growing market opportunities:

Market opportunity

- 80% of global meat consumption growth by 2022 is expected in developing countries
- With an annual increase of 15%, meat is one of the region's fastest growing import sectors
- Fast growing markets in North Africa and the Middle East; top meat importers are Libya, Algeria and Morocco
- Mali is a major center in West Africa for livestock rearing with over 30% of total livestock (10 million cows and 34 million sheep and goats). However, as of today, less than 0.5% of these animals are used for fattening purposes
- Mali is the leading live animal exporter in the region: 50% of total live animal exports. Mali enjoys a strategic central location to serve key meat import markets
- Modern installed slaughterhouse capacity recently has increased which now allow for a gradual transition from extensive to intensive livestock fattening, opening opportunities to foster synergies among primary (farmers and breeders), secondary (processing units and agro-industries), and tertiary (slaughterhouses, traders, and butchers) sector players.



Source: Trademap, Mali SAC Project

Source: OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2015

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Support the value chain from animal feed producer to meat distribution



Thank you!

