

# RCI and the Philippines

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# Main Themes

- Pro-RCI Policy Reforms since 1986
- Avoiding the Middle-Income Trap
- Future of RCI

# Pro-RCI Policy Reforms since 1986

- Fiscal policy reforms
- Monetary policy reforms
- Trade liberalization
- FDI liberalization
- Financial market reforms

# Pro-RCI Trading Arrangements

- Accession to the WTO
- Active participation in the ASEAN-CEPT
- Support to APEC
- Negotiating other RTAs

# Harvests from WTO and RTAs

- Improved market access
- Enhanced international and regional competitiveness
- Realization of scale economies
- Export growth and diversification

# Avoiding the Middle-Income Trap

- Continue strategy of market reliance and good governance
- Continuing reforms in macroeconomic stabilization
- Investments in technological progress and rising TFP

# The Future of RCI

- Continue forging RTAs that are WTO compliant
- Make RTAs building blocs for multilateralism based on MFN principle