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Today's presentation

1. Asia's rise in GVCs

2. Benefits and risks associated with GVC participation

3. Overcoming limited access to GVCs



1. Asia's rise in GVCs



Falling trade costs and the ICT revolution spurred cross-border production networks...



...and "trade in value added"







Global production networks in 2008

GVC evolution from 1995...



Relative intensity of value added

and direction of transfer



based on the OECD-WTO TiVA database (accessed 15 September 2013). Only the top 5% of bilateral trade flow connections are shown. A force-directed algorithm is applied to lay out the data as network maps. The size of the nodes indicates relative magnitude of countries' gross exports. The width of the arrows indicates the intensity of value-added transfers. Green nodes denote countries with the highest share of value added domestically, at least 80%. Orange nodes denote 60%–80% of value added domestically, and pink nodes 40%–60%.

Figures show the value added domestically in countries' gross exports,

ARG = Argentina, AUS = Australia, AUT = Austria, BRA = Brazil, BEL = Belgium, CAN = Canada, CHL = Chile, CZE = Czech Republic, DEN = Denmark, FIN = Finland, FRA = France, GER = Germany, GRC = Greece, HKG = Hong Kong, China, HUN = Hungary, IND = India, INO = Indonesia, IRE = Ireland, ISR = Israel, ITA = Italy, JPN = Japan, KOR = Republic of Korea, LTU = Lithuania, LUX = Luxembourg, MAL = Malaysia, MEX = Mexico, NET = Netherlands, NOR = Norway, OECD–WTO TiVA = trade in value added indicator of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the World Trade Organization, PHI = Philippines, POL = Poland, POR = Portugal, PRC = People's Republic of China, RUS = Russian Federation, SAU = Saudi Arabia, SIN = Singapore, SPA = Spain, SWE = Sweden, SWI = Switzerland, SVK = Slovakia, TAP = Taipei, China, THA = Thailand, TUR = Turkey, UKG = United Kingdom, USA = United States of America, VIE = Viet Nam.







Vertical Trade in 2010/11





In sum, GVC trade expanded rapidly in the past 2-3 decades...



Note: Forward and backward linkages



and East and Southeast Asia emerged as a world manufacturing hub





2. Benefits and risks associated with GVC participation



GVC production has boosted the economies of those involved...

Relation between GVC trade growth versus income, employment, and output growth, 1995-2009

| Dependent variable | Real GDP per capita growth | | Industry-level employment growth | | Industry level output growth | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| GVC trade (growth) | 0.12*** | | 0.10*** | | 0.19*** | |
| | (0.037) | | (0.016) | | (0.042) | |
| GVC-B trade (growth) | | 0.03 | | 0.08*** | | 0.13*** |
| | | (0.029) | | (0.016) | | (0.035) |
| GVC-F trade (growth) | | 0.09** | | 0.03** | | 0.10*** |
| | | (0.039) | | (0.015) | | (0.030) |
| R ² | 0.65 | 0.66 | 0.41 | 0.41 | 0.65 | 0.65 |
| Number of observations | 221 | 221 | 1,236 | 1,232 | 1,248 | 1,244 |

* = significant at 10%, ** = significant at 5%, ***= significant at 1%, () = standard error, GDP = gross domestic product, GVC = global value chain; GVC trade comprises two parts: GVC-B trade = foreign value added used in domestic exports and GVC-F trade = domestic value added used in destination country exports; R²=coefficient of determination.

Notes: ADB estimates using the data from the trade in value added indicator of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the World Trade Organization, and employment data from the World Input-Output Database. The dependent variable is annualized growth between periods (1995, 2000, 2005, 2008, and 2009). All estimates include year and country fixed effects, while the industry-level employment and output growth estimates also include industry fixed effects.



GVC contagion risk is real but limited

Shocks to a GVC partner need not become an economywide shock at home, as flexible labor and capital markets can contain the effects

Shocks can become opportunities for nimble GVC members



3. Overcoming limited access to GVCs



Few countries in Central, South Asia or Pacific have found their GVC niche, due to:





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Quality of air transport infrastructure









Asia is well positioned to deepen, broaden, and upgrade its role in global production networks

Falling trade costs allowed cross-border production to emerge, but more can be done:

- > Low, predictable tariffs are necessary to connect to GVCs
- Lower transport costs may reduce trade costs even more than tariff reductions
- Process and product standards must not become barriers to trade
- Small and medium enterprises (SMEs) need special attention to join to global networks



Thank you for your attention

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