

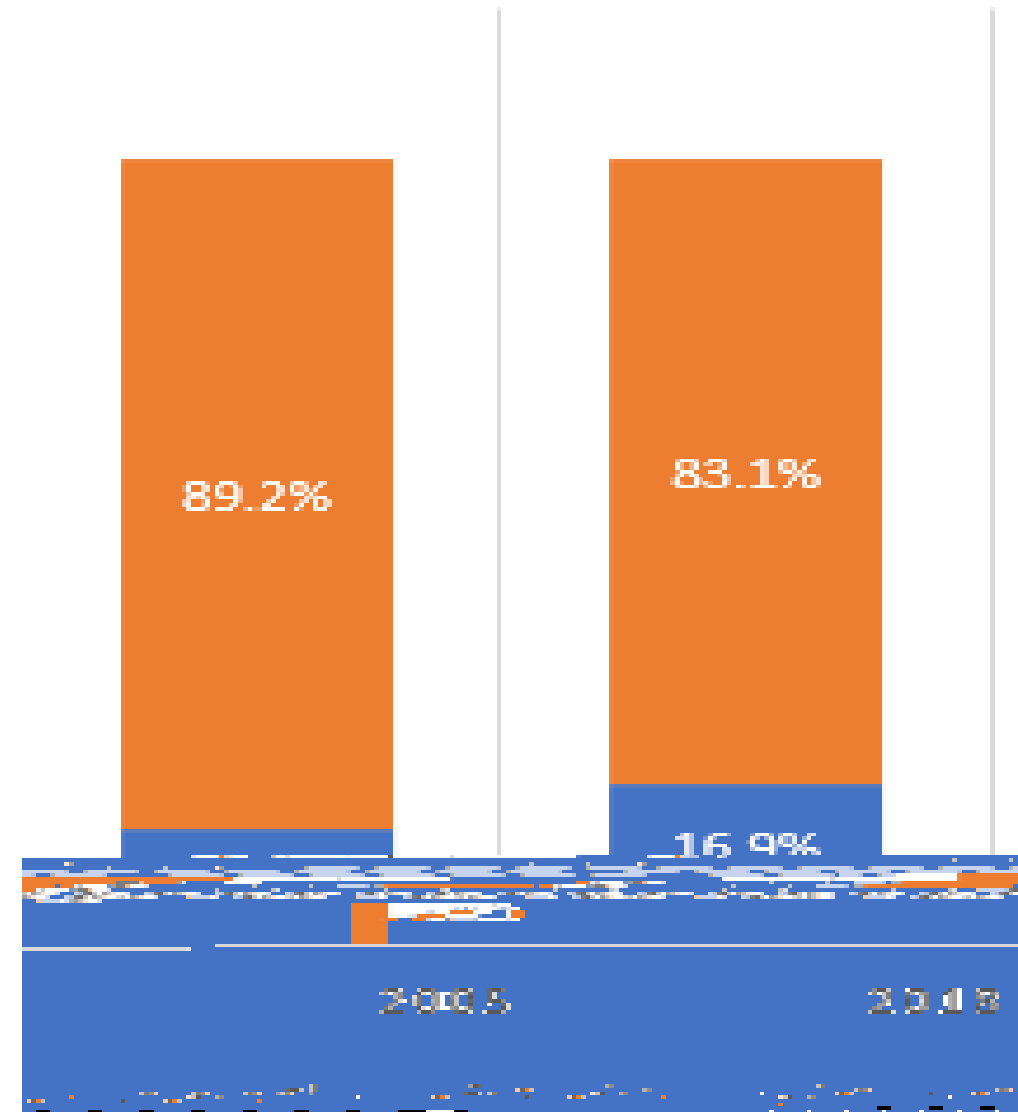
**WORKSHOP ON FACILITATING THE INCREASING PARTICIPATION OF  
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# Early messaging

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# LDCs: Export Structure, 2005 and 2018

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Lessons from recent WBG  
country case studies –  
Ethiopia, Lao PDR, Liberia,  
Myanmar, Nepal

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# Key lessons from country case studies

# Key lessons from country case studies (2)

- travel and tourism
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# Policy take-aways

- Services trade matters for growth
- Reducing barriers to trade is a necessary condition but it is not sufficient
- Poor sectoral regulation
- weak and ineffective governance.
- governments must both address trade policies that impede services trade (both X and M) and improve regulatory quality.
- regulatory quality reducing policy restrictiveness does not necessarily improve regulatory quality



# Policy take-aways (2)

- Regulatory strengthening is key
  - spatial and distributional effects
  - fragile and conflict-recovering settings
  - improve the business environment
- Continued reliance on unilateral domestic reforms and stepped-up engagement in trade diplomacy

# Suggested readings

- Dihel, Nora and Arti Grover Goswami (2016), *The Unexplored Potential of Trade in Services in Africa : From Hair Stylists and Teachers to Accountants and Doctors*, Washington, D.C.: The World Bank Group, available at <http://hdl.handle.net/10986/24968>

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