

**ENABLING INTERNATIONAL
ENVIRONMENT FOR
TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGES
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Enabling Role of The International Environment

- Stable growth
- Trade
- Technology
- Finance
- Migration
- Environment

Over-arching principles

➤ Alignment

➤ Coherence

➤ Legitimacy

Cross-cutting principles



- Ends are universal; means are plural
- Diversity can be beautiful
- National agency is crucial
- Policy space is vital
- Environmental sustainability is integral
- Lessons learned are useful

Global governance

- Dispersed
- Limited effectiveness
- Behind the curve

Is global governance in crisis?

Proposals

- United Nations system must be central (legitimacy)
 - Global Economic Coordination Council
 - Economic, Social and Environmental Council
 - High-level political forum
 - Strengthened / expanded ECOSOC.
- Role of global institutions (WTO, BWIs, UN agencies)

International trade and technology

- Rules to serve development
- Revise/strengthen Special and Differential Treatment
- Expand/flexibilise policy space
- Freeze on North-South FTAs
- Agricultural subsidies
- Commodity issues
- Temporary international migration
- Non-trade issues
- TRIPS

Finance

- ▣ Adequacy
- ▣ Composition
- ▣ Stability
- ▣ Distribution
- ▣ Conditionality
- ▣ Architecture

Migration

- Central plank of the international agenda.
- Positive developmental effects; significant economic and social costs
- Consequence of global asymmetries
- Need for a global framework and national and international policies
 - Improving human capital
 - Ensure protection and legal aid to stop international illicit activities.
 - Link flows to the creation and diffusion of knowledge
 - Incentives for international cooperation; (e.g. changes in trade, technology and finance).

Thank you!