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THE DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES OF LDCs

Expert Group Meeting

Ensuring that no one is left behind: the cooperative sector as a partner in the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for sustainable development

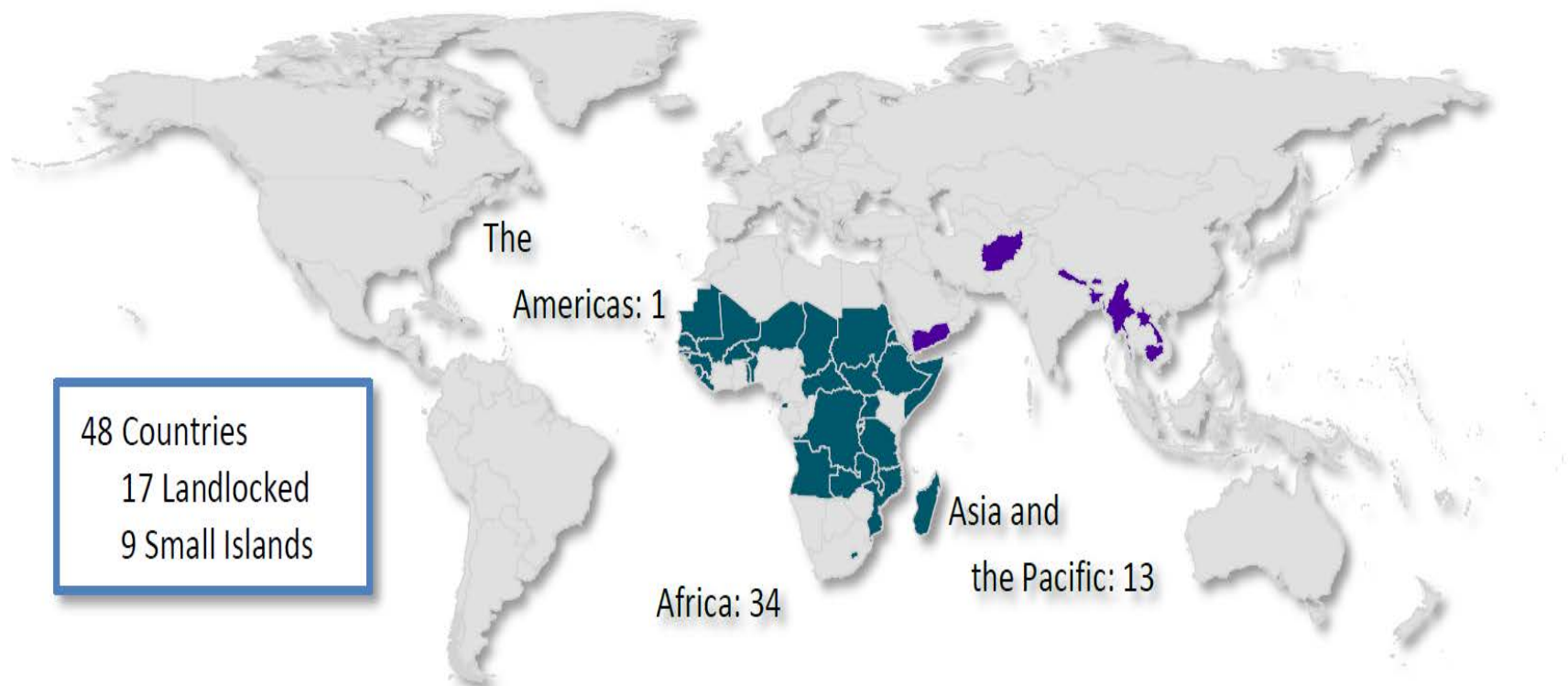
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Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

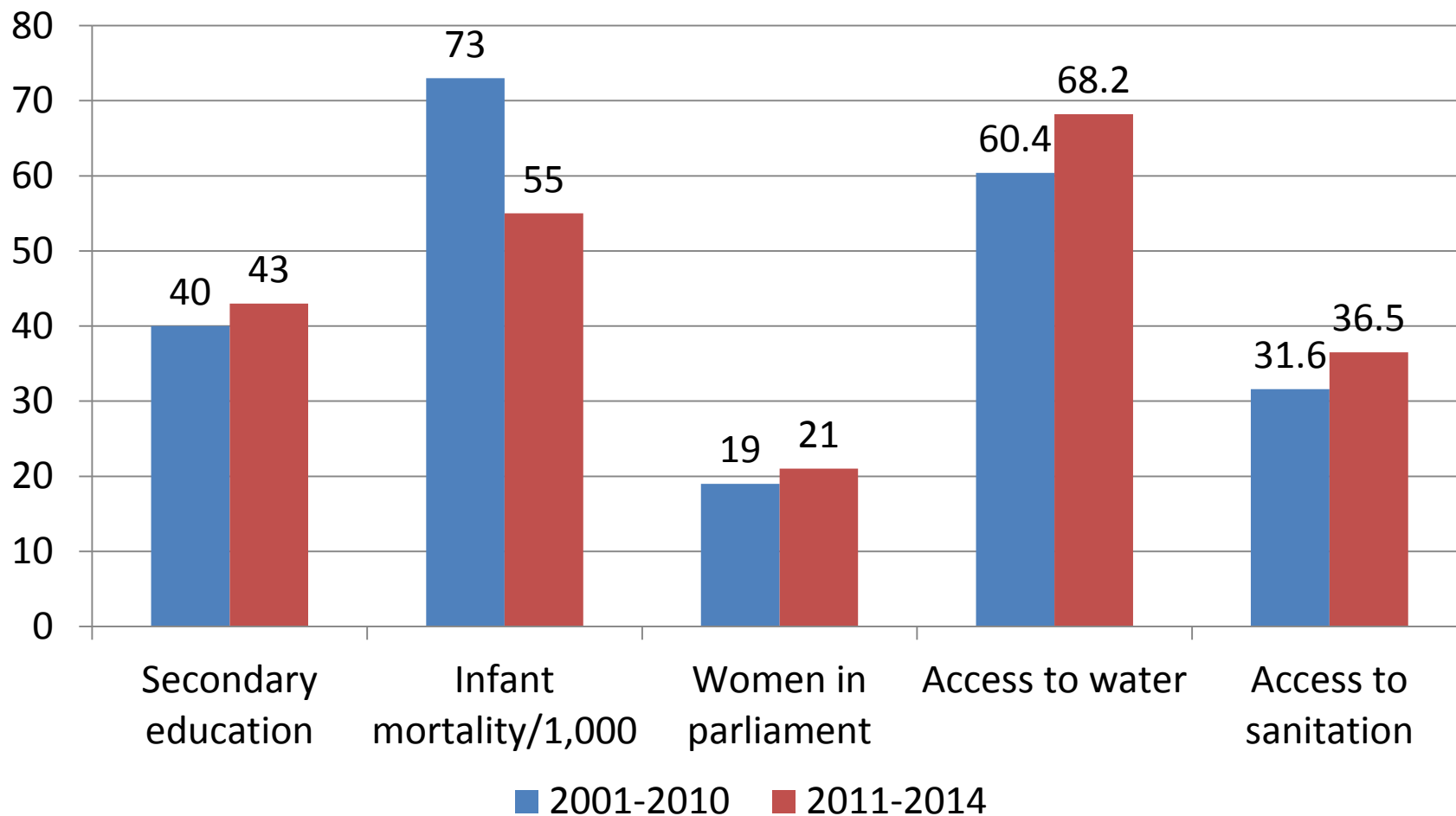


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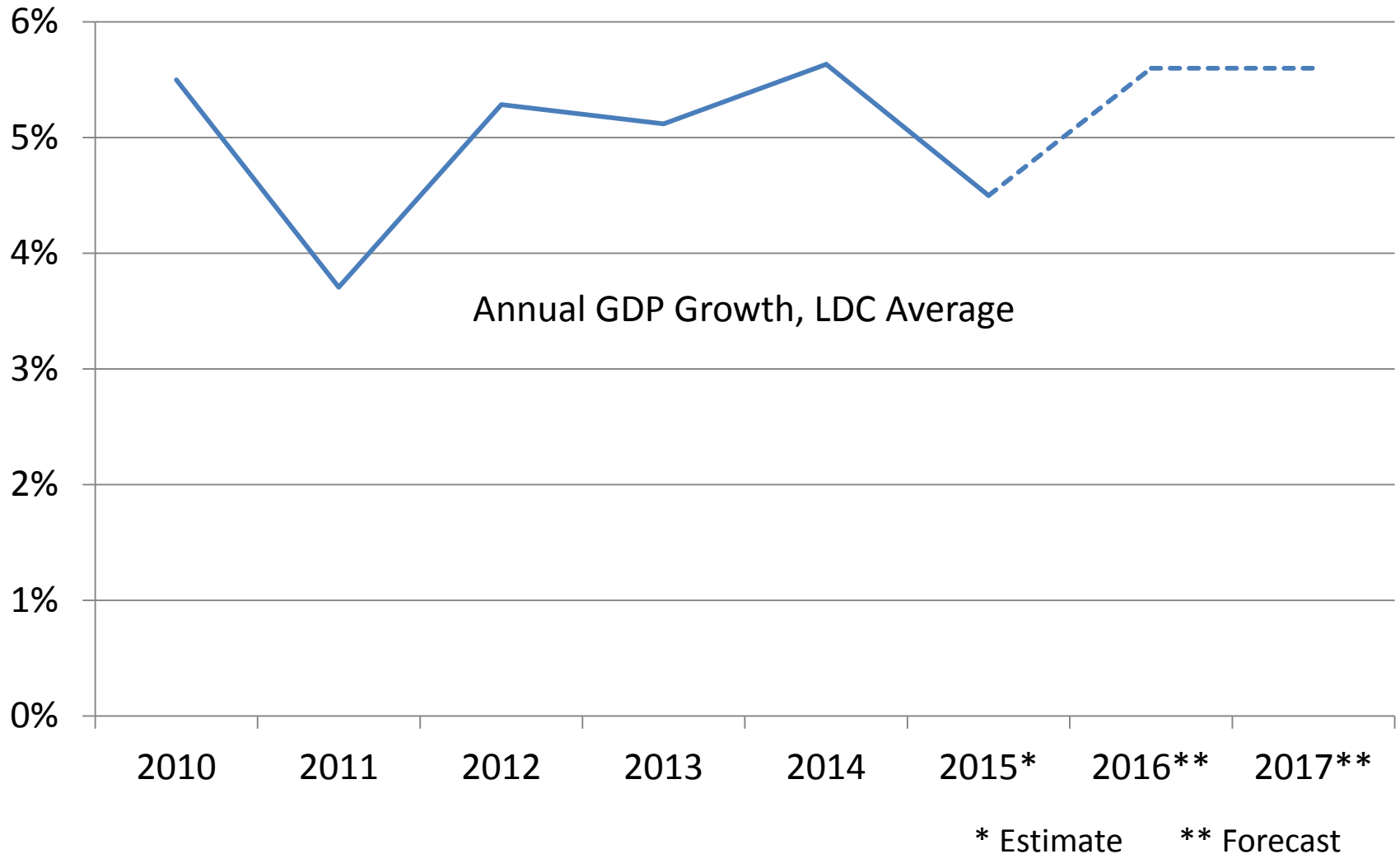
Acceleration in Meeting Graduation Criteria Since IPoA

- Up to 2011: Botswana (1994), Cabo Verde (2007) and Maldives (2011)
- Since 2011:
 - Samoa graduated in January 2014
 - Angola, Equatorial Guinea, Kiribati, Vanuatu, Tuvalu are in the process of graduation
 - Bhutan, Nepal, Sao Tome and Principe, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste met graduation thresholds first time in 2015

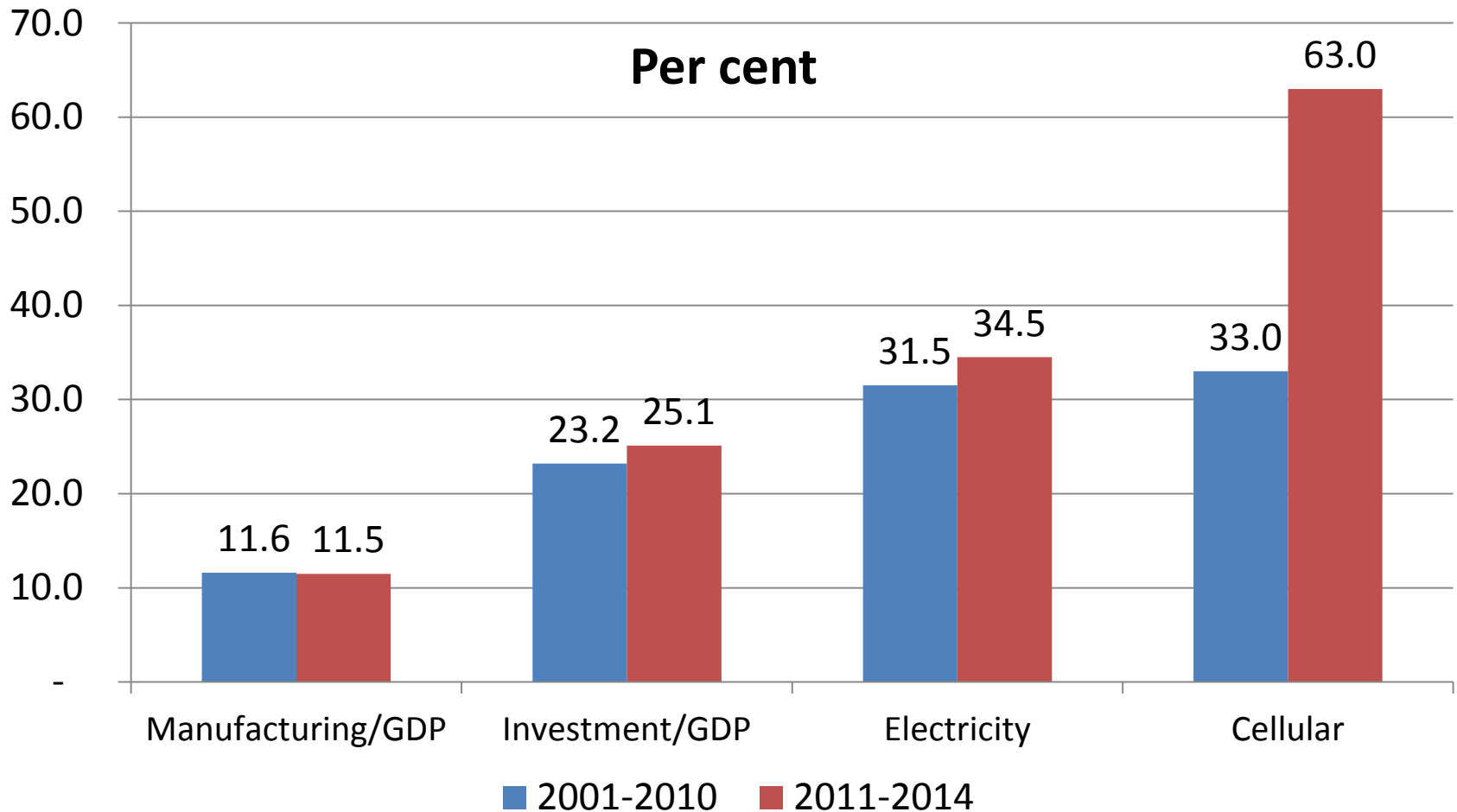
Moderate Progress in Human and Social Development



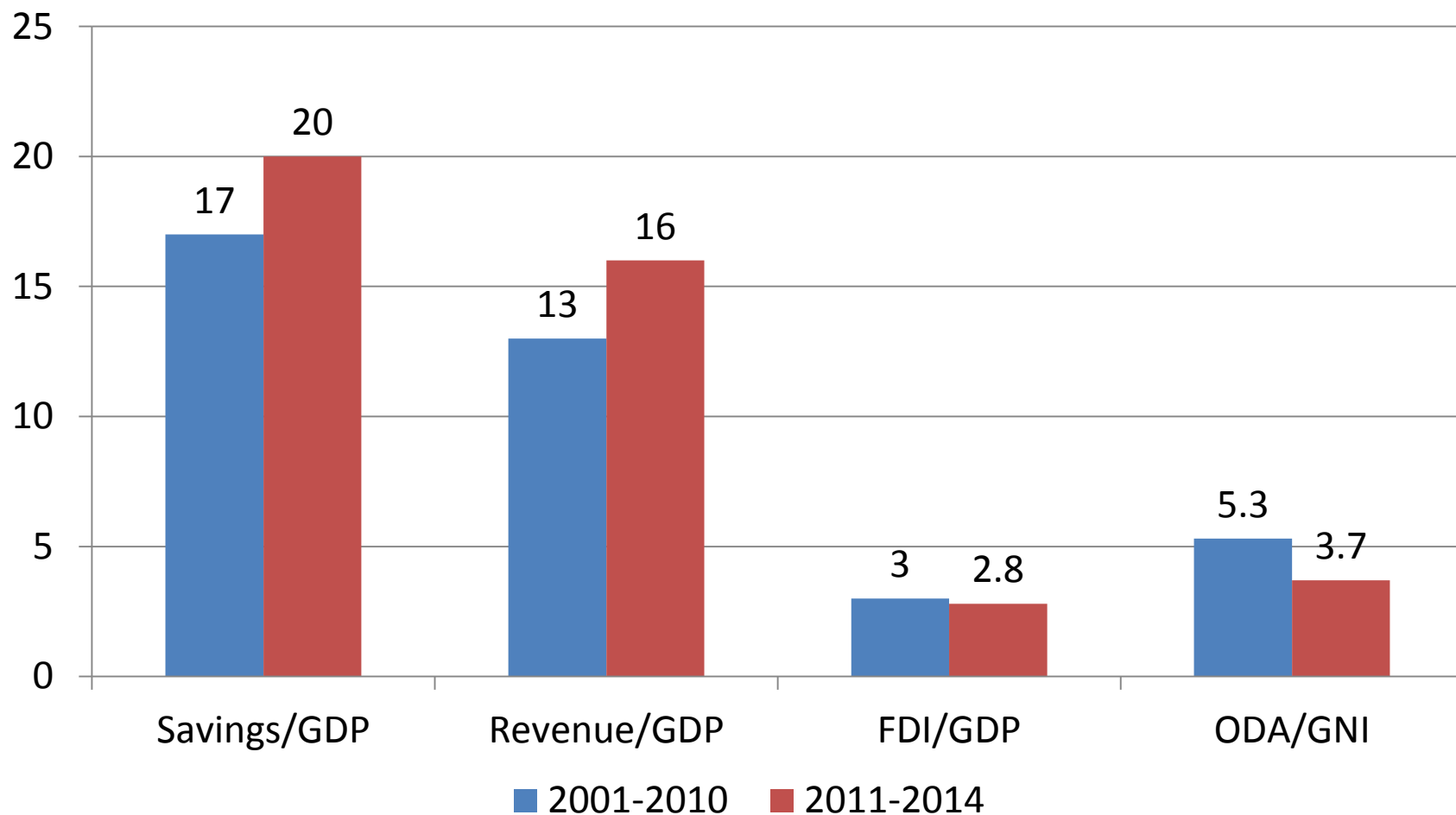
LDCs Grew Around 5% Annually, Below the 7% Target of IPoA and SDGs



Productive Capacity in LDCs is Improving but from a Low Base



Domestic Resource Mobilization has Improved, but More External Finance Needed



IPoA and SDGs

- All areas covered by the IPoA are also included in the SDGs
- In some areas the SDGs have more specific targets
- The IPoA could be understood as the focused priorities of LDCs going towards the SDGs
- In order to accelerate progress towards the implementation of the IPoA and the SDGs, efforts need to be stepped up

Recommendations for leave no one behind

- Development partners to provide at least 0.2% of their GNI as ODA to LDCs (SDG 17.2)
- Investment promotion regimes for LDCs should complement their efforts to enhance their business and regulatory environment to attract larger and more diversified FDI flows (SDG 17.5)
- Enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology (SDG 17.8)
- More disaggregated data needed, especially rural populations, women, youth, children and the persons with disabilities – and ensure that no one is left behind.