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GVCs for LDCs Initiative

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Open Letter

"GVCs for LDCs"

A letter to WTO Director-General, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala and
to H.E. Mr. Ahmad Makaila, Ambassador, Chad, LDC Coordinator

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Global value chains and the poorest countries:

Today, LDCs are marginalised in GVCs. This could change!

Global Value Chains (GVCs) today



The new "GVCs for LDCs" initiative



Expected economic benefits for LDCs

LDC will increase their exports by over **\$5 billion annually**

GVC participation of LDCs increases on average by **2%**

This will fulfil one of the **long-standing UN SDGs!**

For more details: L. Cernat and A. Antimiani (2021) "GVCs for LDCs: How would new plan boost trade for least developed countries?", EIF Trade for Development News Op-Ed, Geneva, 31 August.

<https://trade4devnews.enhancedif.org/en/op-ed/gvcs-ldcs-how-would-new-plan-boost-trade-least-developed-countries>

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