OECD Investment Policy Reviews: Lessons for the Asia-Pacific Region

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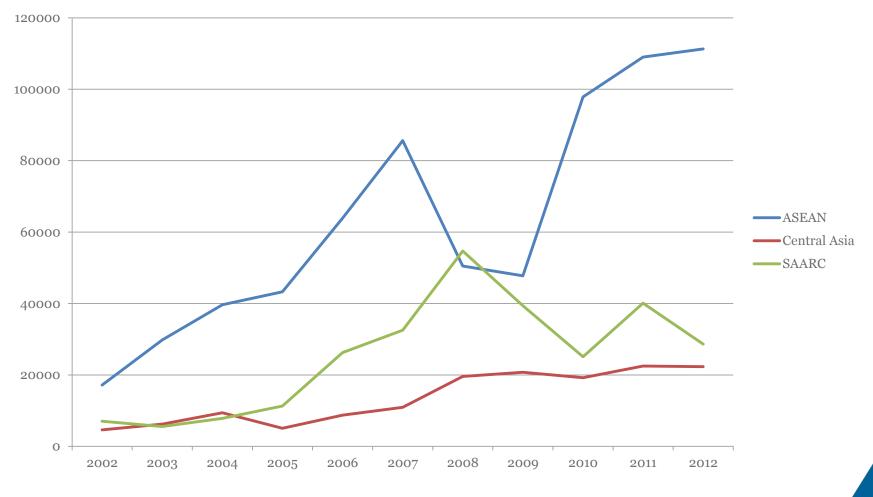
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The Asia - Pacific investment destination

- 2012: Around 33% of global FDI inflows
- 2000: Around 2% of global FDI inflows without China, around 5% when including China
- Diverse region
 - Natural resource vs efficiency driven
 - Land-locked/land-linked vs sea-transport hubs
 - Malaysia 6th in Doing Business
 - New investment frontiers, eg: Myanmar and Cambodia
 - About 50% investors in ASEAN from OECD countries

Increase in FDI inflows over the past 10 years



Source: UNESCAP & UNCTAD

Intra-regional investment and integration

- China and ASEAN important AP investors
- Relatively resilient in light of crisis
- Countries around large investment destinations can benefit (regional production networks...)
- Push factors:
 - Regional integration (agreements, co-operation among IPAs...)
 - Infrastructure connectivity
 - Open and investment friendly business climates
 - Sound investment policies (incl. legal and regulatory)
 - Responsible business agendas

No template for investment climate improvements

- No model, difficult to "engineer" investment climate reforms
- But principles and lessons learnt
- That's where OECD adds value with
 - Setting principles and standards
 - Technical work in committees and working parties
 - Global co-operation, TA, country and regional reviews based on sound policy experience and tested principles

In practice... Investment Policy Reviews

Sub-saharan Africa

- 🕨 Zambia
- 🕨 🕨 Burkina Faso
- Mozambique
- Botswana*
- 🕨 🕨 Tanzania
- Mauritius*
- Nigeria*



Asia

- ≽ India
- ≽ China
- Viet Nam
- Indonesia
- ➤ Malaysia*
- ≻ Myanmar*
- ➤ Philippines*
- ≻ Lao PDR*

MENA

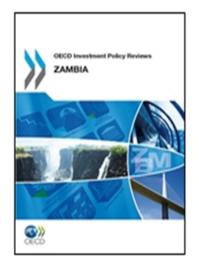
- ≻ Egypt
- > Morocco
- ≻ Tunisia
- ≻ Jordan*

Eurasia

> Ukraine
> Russia
> Kazakhstan

South America

- ≽ Peru
- Costa Rica*
- ≻ Colombia



* On-going



OECD IPRs in Asia based on the PFI

- India, China, Viet Nam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Lao PDR
- Establishment of Task Force central to process capacity building, cross-government approach
- Policy Framework for Investment: Flexible
 - Malaysia: MITI led inter-agency coordination, IPR led to increased co-operation with other OECD bodies (regulatory framework, GVC)
 - Myanmar: All chapters of the PFI + agriculture, Task Force seminars

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