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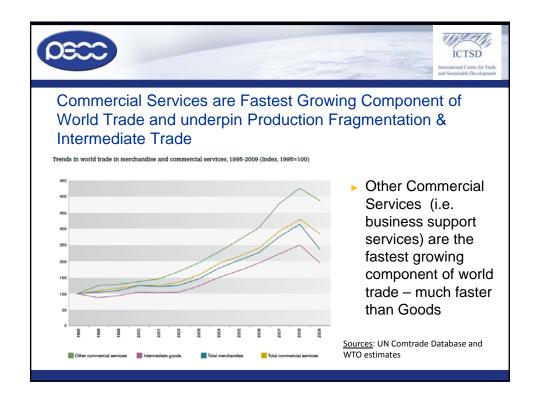


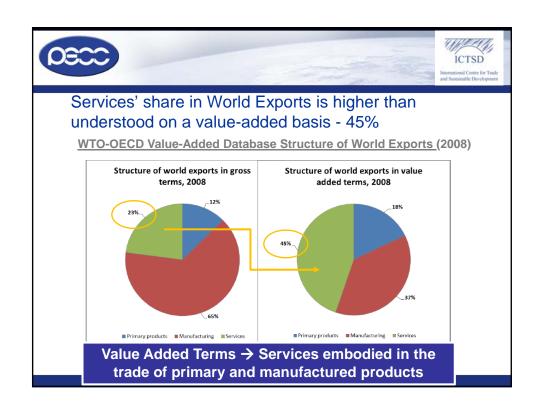
New Structure of World Trade

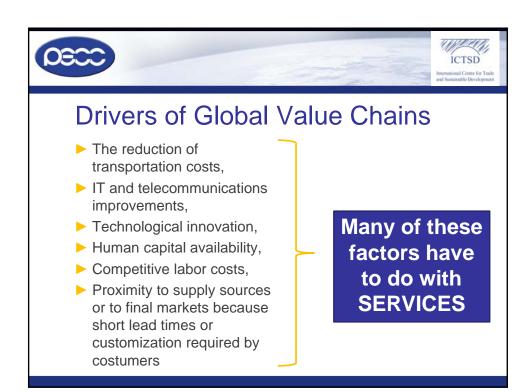
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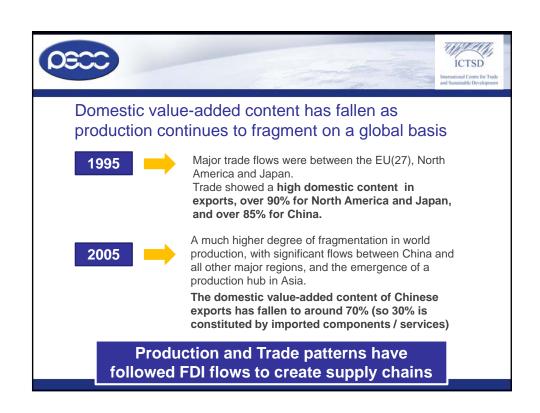
- Moving toward more trade in intermediates than final products
- Comparative advantage determined by "tasks" rather than by final products
- Services allow for this production fragmentation to take place

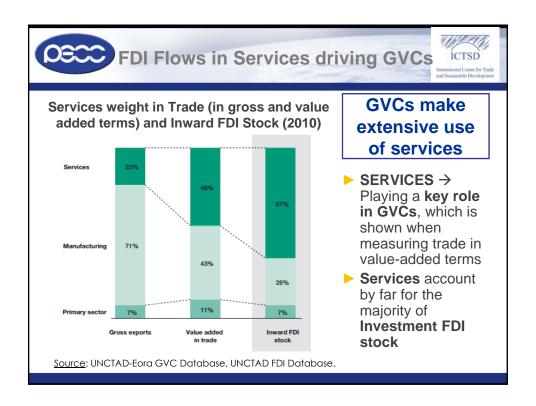
Services play a key role in comparative advantage and explaining trade patterns

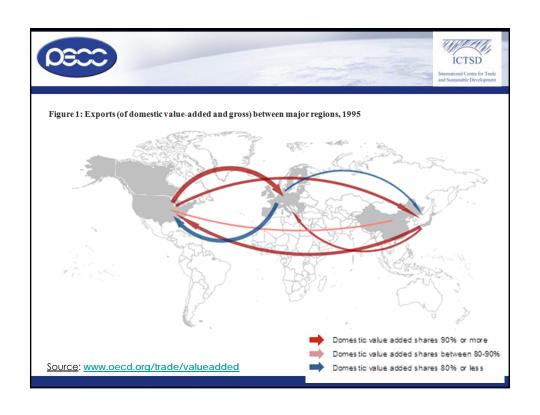


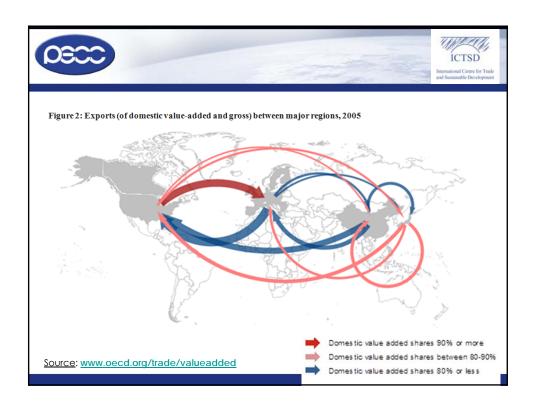




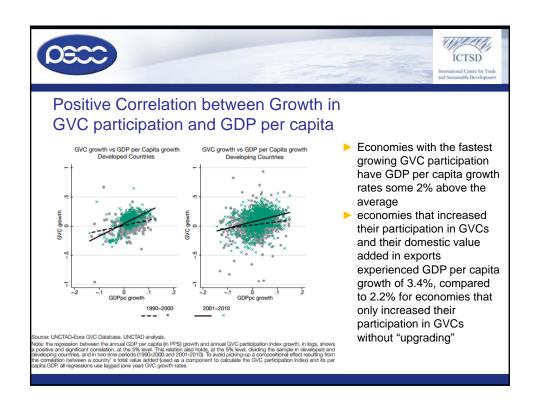


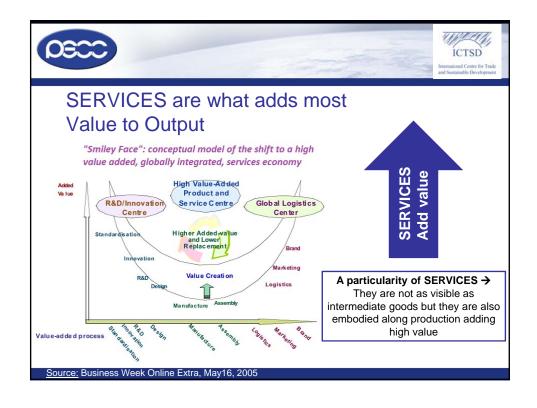






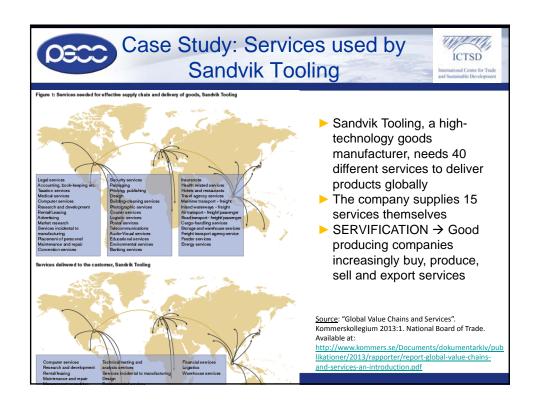


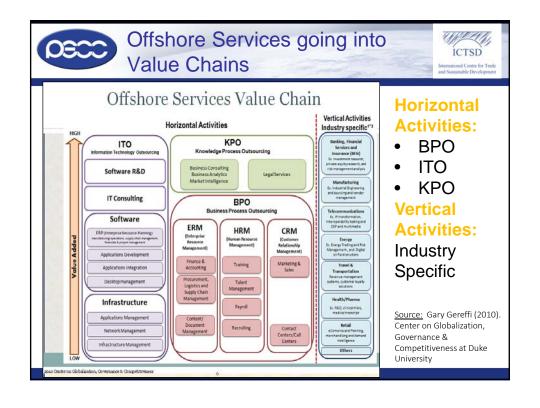














Upgrading along Offshore Services Value Chains



+ while upgrading

 Policies first focus on ENTERING GVCs through capturing off-shoring services activities; then focus on UPGRADING in next phase

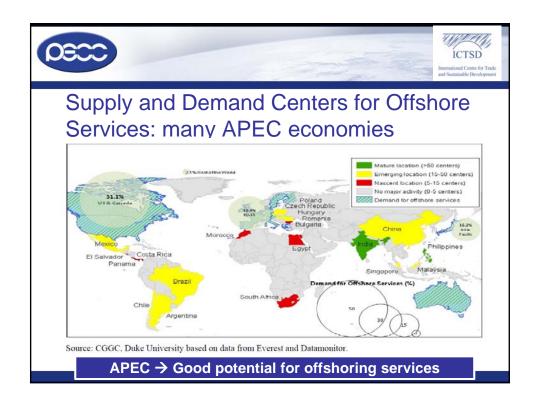
Different education levels, revenue and salary per employee for a types of services off-shoring activities

| Segment | Activities | Most populous position within segment | Average education level for employees | Average revenue per employeea (US\$) | Median salary per employeea |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------------------|
| BPO | Call Centers | Call center agents & technicians | High School / Bachelors degree | \$19,720 | \$17,280 |
| ITO | IT Infrastructure | Computer technician | High School/technical institute | \$20,704 | \$16,932 |
| | Software Development | Programmers | Bachelors / Masters Degree | \$36,788 | \$28,065 |
| | IT Consulting | Systems analysts | Bachelors / Masters Degree | \$55,956 | \$45,455 |
| KPO | Business and Financial Services | Financial analyst | Bachelors Degree in Business Administration | \$127,081 | \$47,150 |
| Vertical Activities | Engineering Services | Engineer | Bachelors Degree | \$103,844 | \$53,514 |

Note: a This information is drawn from a confidential study published by Mercer 2008 for a certain country in Latin America.

Sources: Fernandez-Stark et al., 2010b; IDC Latin America, 2009; Meller & Brunner, 2009; Mercer, 2008; Wadhwa et al., 2008.

Source: Fernández-Stark, K., P. Bamber y G. Gereffi (2011). "The Offshore Services Global Value Chain. Economic Upgrading and Workforce Development". Center on Globalization, Governance & Competitiveness. Duke University. (2011). P. 12.

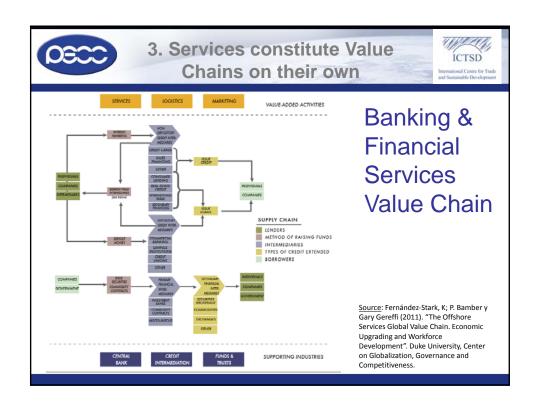


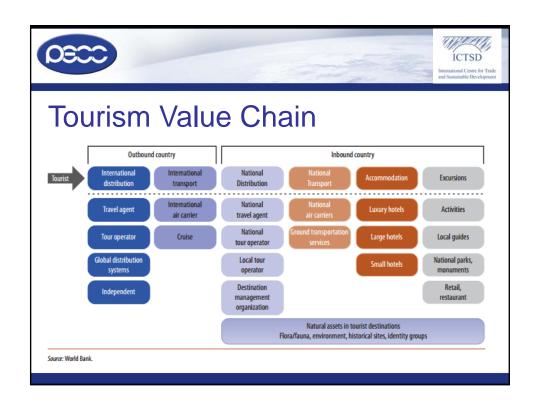




Services have a double role in Supply Chains

- 1. They are enablers of GVCs, acting as the glue among the different productions segments: many off-shored services go into GVCs
- 2. They constitute Services Value Chains on their own







Policy Lesson 1: Services and Value Chains: Barriers no longer Protect

- With trade in intermediates and services –the cost of protectionism is magnified and higher than is generally understood since goods and services cross borders several times during GVC operations.
- ▶ It is therefore critical to maintain open markets for cross border trade in goods and services & FDI.
- ► In a world of Global Value Chains, tariffs & services restrictions punish domestic producers who use imported "inputs" because those inputs are re-exported.

With GVCs → "Trade Barriers no longer Protect"

The world effectively becomes the market!!



Policy Lesson 2. Supply chains shift Focus from Tariffs to Logistics where Services are Key

- ➤ The operation of supply chains in goods shifts focus on trade barriers from tariffs to logistics: recent WEF-World Bank report showed that improving logistics halfway to world best practice (Singapore) could increase world GDP 6 times more than removing tariffs
- Among the logistics barriers, efficient services play a key role, especially telecoms and transport



Policy Lesson 3. It is easier to capture a Services 'Task' in a Supply Chain

▶ It is no longer necessary to "build" an entire supply chain at home; economies can capture one 'task' of the supply chain

Often easier to do in services than goods – Why

- ▶ Because services require less capital intensive investments: the greatest investment is in human capital
- Services are also suited to output on smaller economies of scale and especially to SME operations

To capture services tasks in a supply chain, it is essential to focus on services efficiency & competitiveness



Policy Lesson 4. Government policies can do a lot for services efficiency & to promote participation in Value Chains

Factors affecting COMPETITIVENESS IN SERVICES:

- 1) Human Capital (talent, education, skills, ideas)
- 2) Cost considerations (financial attractiveness)
- 3) Enabling Digital Infrastructure efficient telecoms
- 4) Investment in Intangible Assets (copyright, business methods, brands)
- 5) Quality of Institutions and Policy Focus
- 6) Open trade and investment framework
- 7) Efficiency of Domestic Regulation



Policy Lesson 5: Gains from Participating in Value Chains can be Widespread

- ▶ Joining a value chains is not a zero sum game; many economies can provide services off-shoring tasks as these are highly differentiated
- ► All economies and economic activities can benefit; possibilities are vast if the fundamentals in place
- ► There is still a huge potential for expansion of services trade within APEC which could also reinforce its position in supply chains

This argues for a great focus on SERVICES within APEC at level of the SOM

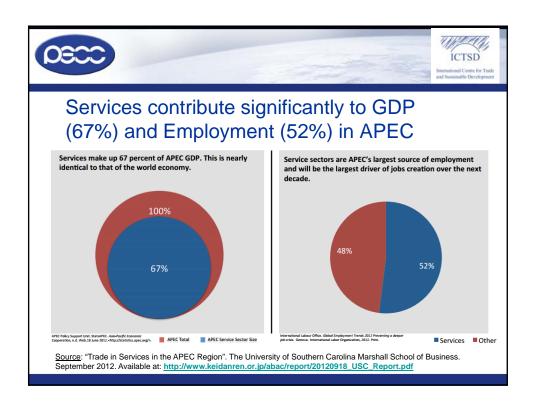


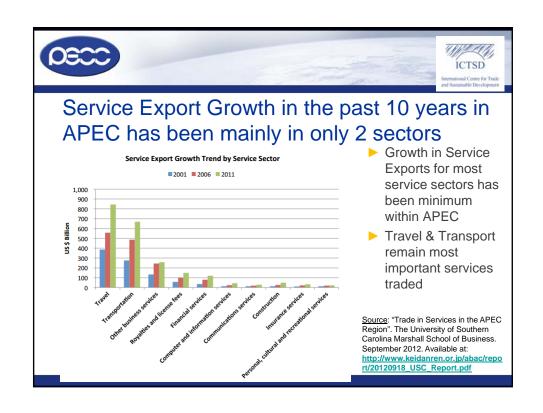


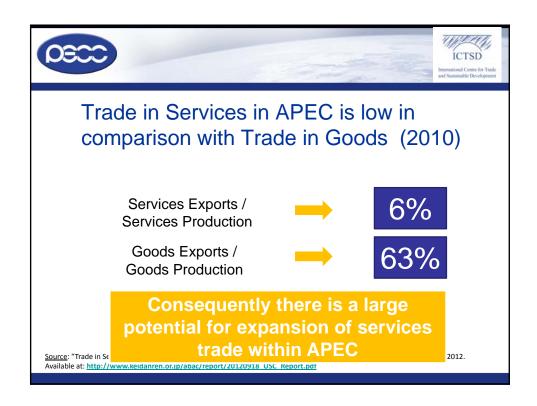
Services in APEC not as important as they could be

Despite prominence of GVCs in APEC, services still underperform

- 1. Trade in services (as measured) remains low
- 2. Many behind the border barriers affect trade in services
- 3. Value chain operation could be much higher in region



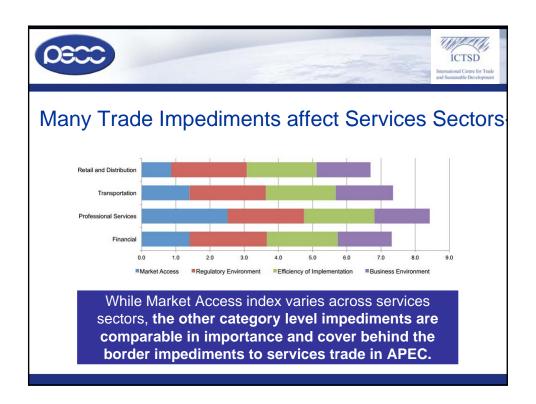






Behind-the-border Regulatory Barriers are impeding Services Exports in APEC

- ▶ Behind the border barriers and impediments are the most significant obstacles for trade in services.
- Domestic regulations, industry standards, professional requirements and efficiency of government agencies have larger impact than market access barriers.
- ► These are still quite present in APEC region.





Other Challenges: Data Availability and Depth of Services Agreements in APEC

- Scarcity of data on trade in services → implications for policy making
 - Differences in definitions, measurement and the lack of detailed service trade statistics for all economies → difficulty to identify trade pattern trends / difficulty to measure the effectiveness of policies
- ► Service provisions within FTAs lack depth
 - Among the APEC FTAs, 80% of service provisions focus on market access barriers while only 20% focus on behind the border issues such as regulatory heterogeneity between economies.

