Global Value Chains and Preferential Trade Agreements

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Presentation Outline

Global Value Chains (GVCs): An Introduction

- \Leftrightarrow GVC what is that?
- Drivers and dimensions of GVCs
- The increasing importance of GVCs
- Implications of GVCs for developing countries: opportunities and risks

Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs) in a GVCs world

- Magnification effects of trade barriers in a GVC world
- A case for trade facilitation and "deep" FTAs?
- "Deep" PTAs and development objectives A balancing act

Relevance for Myanmar

- GVCs and PTAs: current situation in Myanmar
- Key features of Myanmar's trade and FDI policy
- Potential policy areas for future PTAs

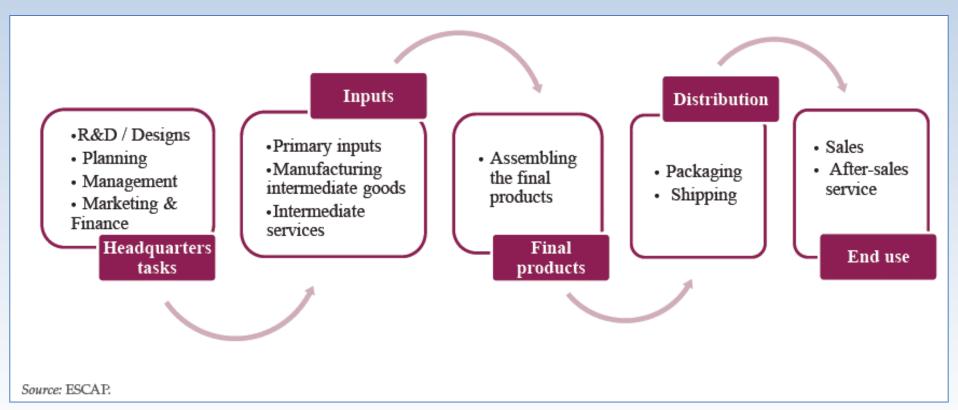
PART 1: Global Value Chains — An Introduction

What is a Value Chain?

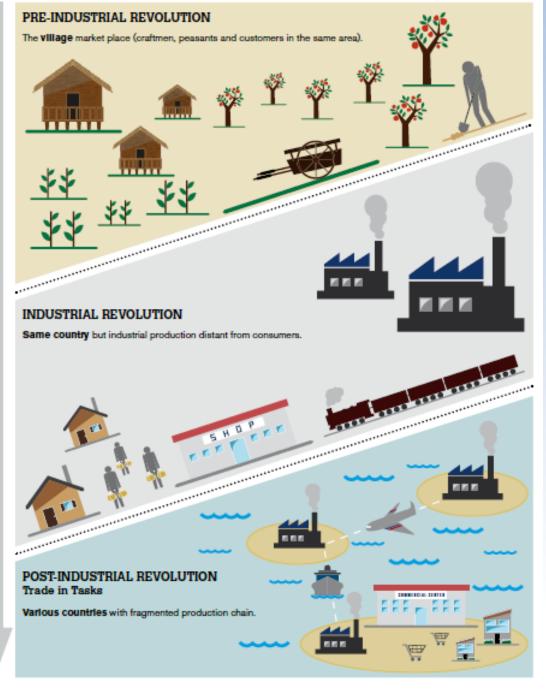
The concept of a "value chain" refers to the full range of functions (or activities) undertaken by economic actors (incl. firms and workers) to bring a product from its conception to its end use. This includes activities such as research & development (R&D), design, production, assembly, marketing, distribution and support to the final consumer. All these activities are part of the value-adding process.

What is a Value Chain?

Illustration: A simplified generic value chain (VC)



The **activities** that comprise a VC **can be contained within a single firm or divided among different firms**. VC activities can produce goods or services, and can be carried out **within a single geographical location or spread over wider areas.**



Value Chains – Going Global

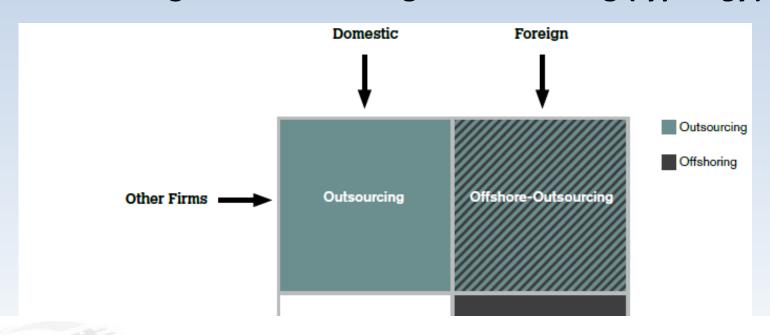
From local to global markets (trade!) and production (GVCs!)

Drivers of Globalization of Value Chains (1)

- Policy: Liberalization of international trade and investment
 - Multilateral, regional, bilateral, unilateral
- Technological progress:
 - Transportation and logistics
 - Information and communication technologies (ICTs)
 - Brought down costs of international trading, and transaction costs more generally
- Business strategies of lead firms (especially multinational corporations, MNCs):
 - Increasing focus on 'core competencies'
 - Increasing use of outsourcing and offshoring towards global sourcing strategies

Drivers of Globalization of Value Chains (2)

Firms' strategies of outsourcing and offshoring (typology)



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