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Connectivity in SSWA and the G20 Presidency of Turkey

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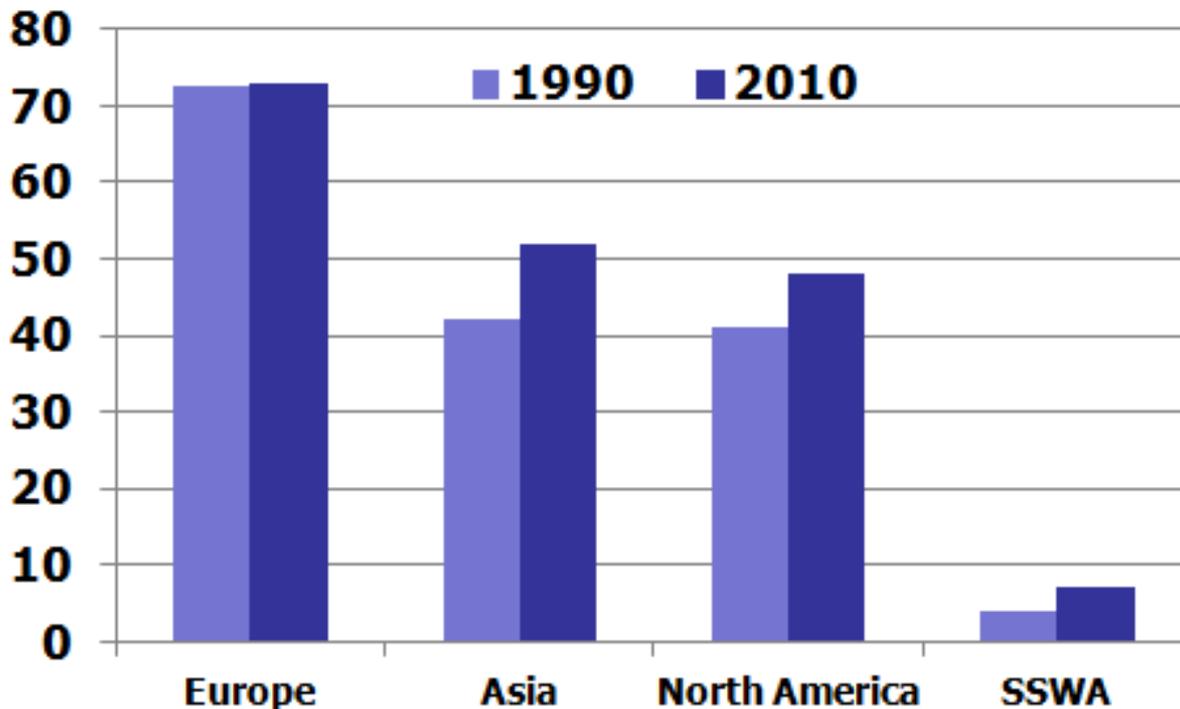
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What Happened at the G20 Summit in Brisbane this week?

- Turkey took over G20 Presidency
- Infrastructure as an emerging priority
 - But the focus is on finance and investment
- We think that regional connectivity is highly important
- Investments need to focus on bringing forward complementarities

Connectivity and trade integration goes hand in hand

Share of intra-regional trade in region's total exports
Europe, Asia, North America, and South Asia 1990 and 2010



- Could India and Pakistan, or India and China do what France and Germany did?
- No wonder Nobel Peace Prize was given to the EU (as opposed to ASEAN or NAFTA)

SSWA region lags behind in terms of connectivity

DHL Global Connectedness Index Ranks of SSWA

COUNTRY	Index Rank (out of 140)
Turkey	59
Sri Lanka	64
India	71
Bangladesh	102
Pakistan	114
Nepal	123
Islamic Republic of Iran	134
Myanmar	135

How would you ship your cargo from Istanbul to Karachi or Mumbai?



Security and political problems are major obstacles to regional connectivity



How can we ship our products these days?



Result: Our export range is shrinking



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