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Poverty and Shared Prosperity 2020 Reversals of Fortune

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Poverty and Shared Prosperity 2020: Reversals of Fortune presents new estimates of COVID-19's impacts on global poverty and shared prosperity. Harnessing fresh data from frontline surveys and economic simulations, it shows that pandemic-related job losses and deprivation worldwide are hitting already-poor and vulnerable people hard, while also partly changing the profile of global poverty by creating millions of "new poor." Original analysis included in the report shows that the new poor are more urban, better educated, and less likely to work in agriculture than those living in extreme poverty before COVID-19. It also gives new estimates of the impact of conflict and climate change, and how they overlap. These results are important for targeting policies to safeguard lives and livelihoods. It shows how some countries are acting to reverse the crisis, protect the most vulnerable, and promote a resilient recovery.

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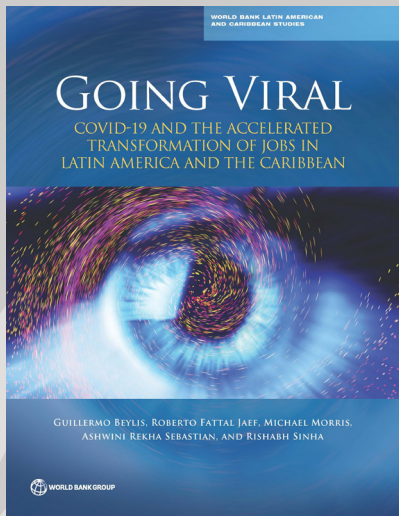
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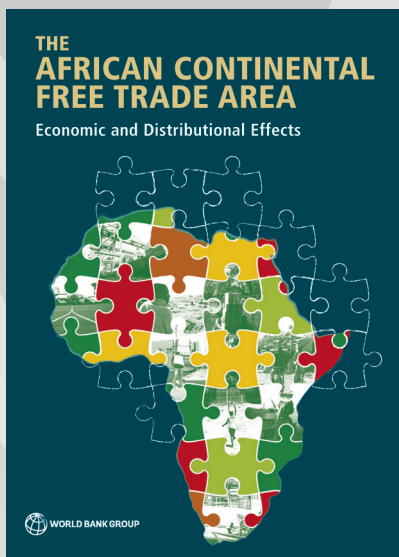
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The economic impact of COVID-19 is unprecedented in size and scope. It has quickly evolved from a health emergency into an employment crisis.

This book focuses on three important prepandemic trends observed in the region—namely, premature deindustrialization, servicification of the economy, and task automation—that were significantly changing the labor market landscape in the region and that have been accelerated by the crisis. Although there is still uncertainty about the economic impacts of Covid-19, policy makers need to start planning for a rapidly evolving future that will come sooner than expected.

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Economic and Distributional Effects

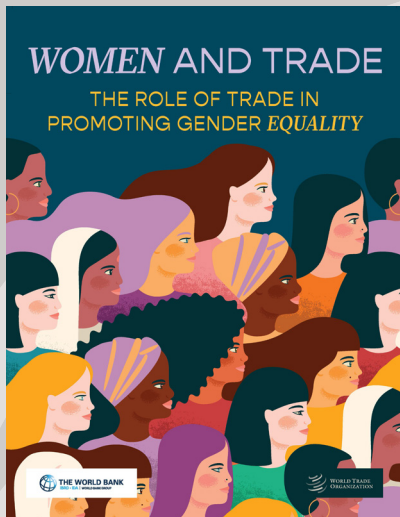
By *the World Bank*

The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement will create the largest free-trade area in the world, measured by the number of countries participating. The pact will connect 1.3 billion people across 55 countries with a combined GDP valued at \$3.4 trillion. It has the potential to lift 30 million people out of extreme poverty. But achieving its full potential will depend on putting in place significant policy reforms and trade facilitation measures.

This report is designed to guide policy makers as they continue the process of negotiating and implementing the agreement. Using a global computable general equilibrium model and a microsimulation framework, it quantifies the long-term economic and distributional implications of AfCFTA. It also assesses the implications for economic growth, international trade, poverty, and employment and wages—for female as well as male workers. It spells out the short- and long-term implications for tariff revenue.

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By the World Bank Group and the World Trade Organization

Trade can dramatically improve women's lives, creating new jobs, enhancing consumer choice, and increasing women's bargaining power in society. Trade can also lead to job losses and a concentration of work in lower-skilled employment. Given the complexity and specificity of the relationship between trade and gender, it is of utmost importance to assess the potential impact of trade policy on both women and men and to develop appropriate, evidence-based responses and policies to ensure that trade contributes to enhancing opportunities for all.

Research on gender equality and trade has been held back by limited data and a lack of understanding of the connections between the economic roles women play as workers, consumers, and decision makers. Building on new analysis and new sex-disaggregated data, this report aims to advance understanding of the relationship between trade and gender equality and to identify a series of opportunities through which women can gain from trade.

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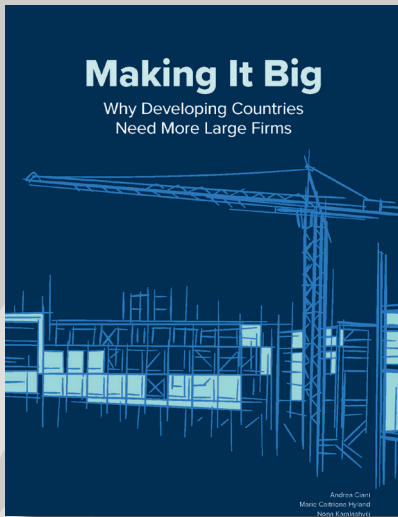
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By Grzegorz Peszko, Dominique van der Mensbrugghe, Alexander Golub, John Ward, Dimitri Zenghelis, Cor Marijs, Anne Schopp, John Rogers, and Amelia Midgley

This report is the first comprehensive stock-taking of what the global low-carbon transition may mean for fossil fuel-dependent countries (FFDCs) and how they can manage it. FFDCs are most exposed to the impacts of global low-carbon transition and, at the same time, often least prepared to manage it. They depend either on the exports of oil, gas, or coal, or on the use of carbon-intensive infrastructure (e.g., refineries, petrochemicals, coal power plants), or both.

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Why Developing Countries Need More Large Firms

By *Andrea Ciani, Marie Cairtriona Hyland, Nona Karalashvili, Jennifer L. Keller, Alexandros Ragoussis, and Trang Thu Tran*

Economic and social progress requires a diverse ecosystem of firms that play complementary roles. Making It Big: Why Developing Countries Need More Large Firms constitutes one of the most up-to-date assessments of how large firms are created in low- and middle-income countries and their role in development. It argues that large firms advance a range of development objectives in ways that other firms do not: large firms are more likely to innovate, export, and offer training and are more likely to adopt international standards of quality, among other contributions.

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Rebuilding Investor Confidence in Times of Uncertainty

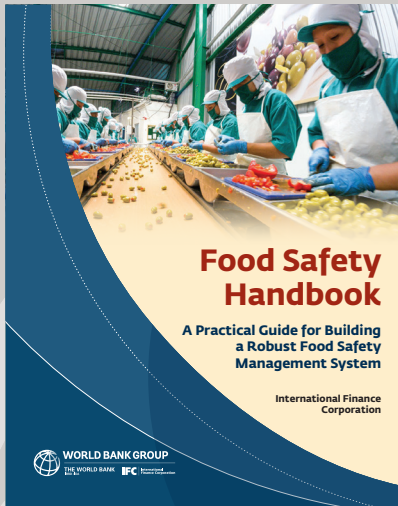
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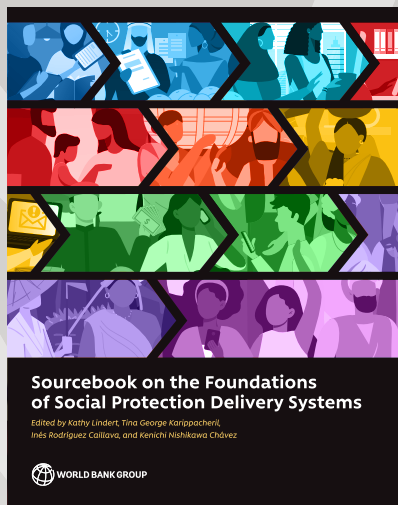
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