Aid for Trade in 2012: Increasing Volumes Hardening Terms

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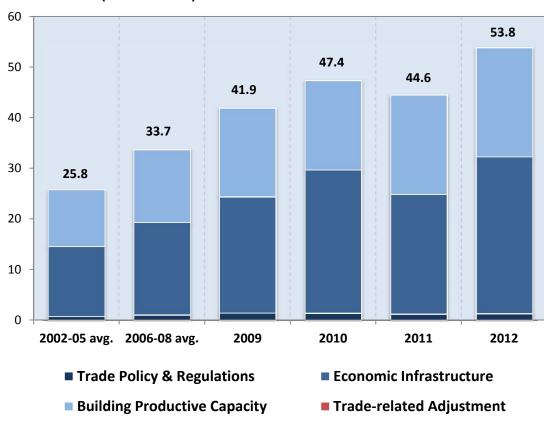
OUTLINE

- How much Aid for Trade was committed and disbursed?
- What does it support?
- Who gets it?
- Who provides it?
- Conclusions



Commitments continue to expand...

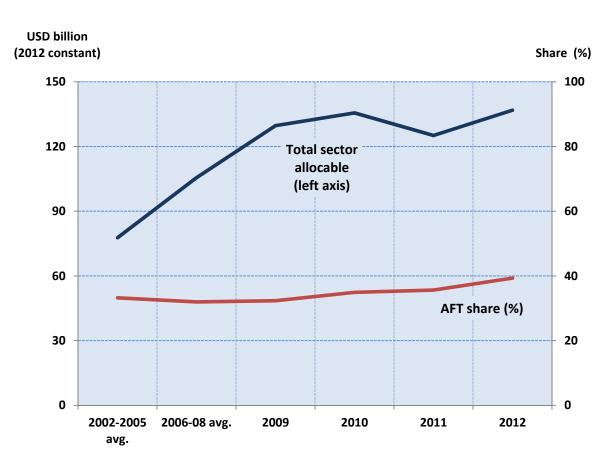
USD billion (2012 constant)



- Commitments up 20% since 2011 and up 110% since 2002-05 baseline
- Economic infrastructure
 USD 31 bn up 125% 57%
 of total flows
- Building Productive Cap.
 USD 21.6 bn up 92% 40% of total flows
- But support for trade policy and regulations has stagnated



...increasing the share of AfT in overall ODA...

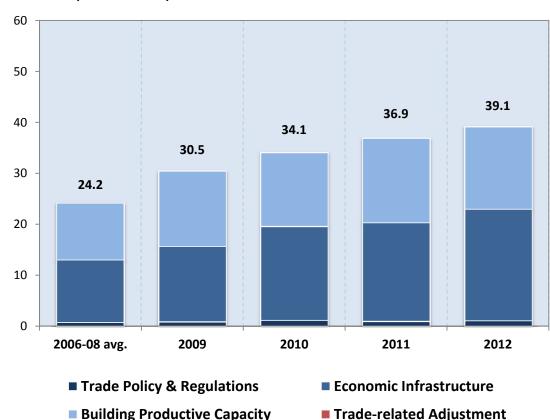


- Share of AfT in Sector
 Allocable ODA has
 increased from 33% in
 past years to almost 40%
 in 2012
- Increases in AfT drove the overall rise in Total Sector Allocable ODA in 2012



...resulting in higher disbursements...

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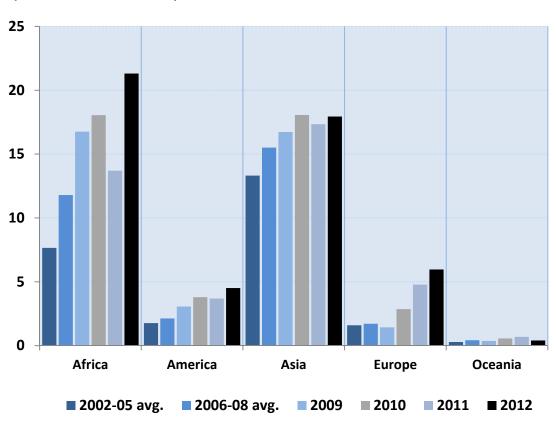


- Disbursements increased to USD 39 bn as earlier commitments are being disbursed
- USD 213 bn has been disbursed since 2006
- Growth rate slowing from an average of over 10% during 2010 and 2011 to 5% in 2012



...largely benefiting Africa...

(USD billion 2012 constant)

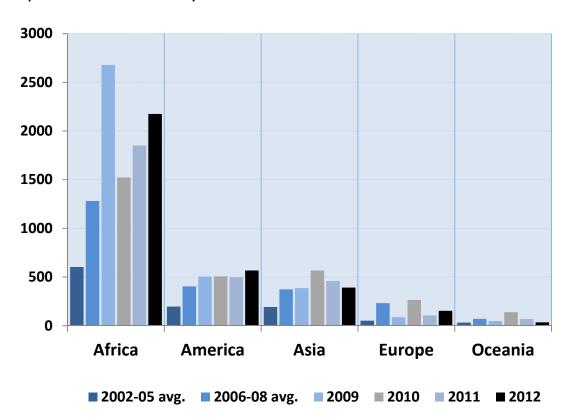


- African share of aid for trade was 30% during 2002-05 but this has risen to 40% in 2012
- USD 21.3 bn was provided in 2012, almost 180% higher than the baseline and 55% higher compared to 2011
- Flows to Europe have also expanded while they have stagnated to other regions



...and regional and global programmes...

(USD million 2012 constant)

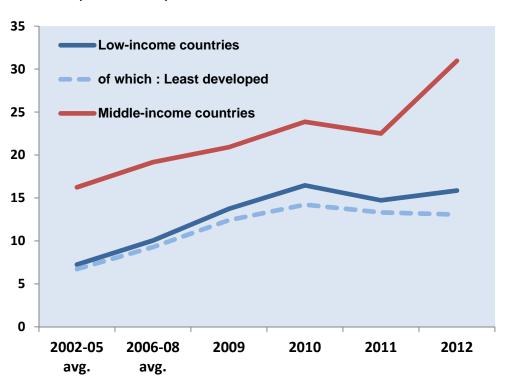


- Multi-country and regional programmes reached USD 7.0 bn in 2012 up from USD 2.3 bn during 2002-05
- Increasing regional programmes help expand markets by reducing the thickness of borders, especially in Sub-Saharan Africa



...but LDCs are not keeping pace...

USD billion (2012 constant)

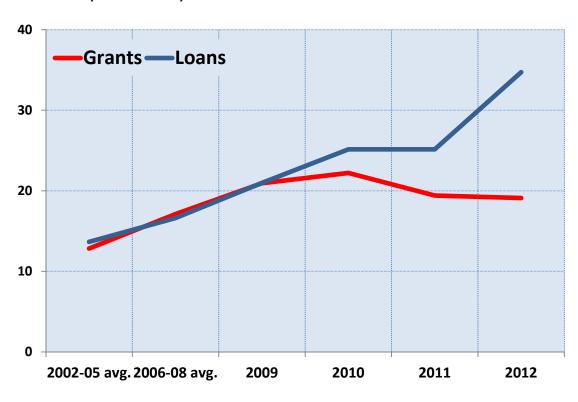


- The large increase in aid for trade was driven by Middle-Income Countries with USD 31 bn (58% of the total) -38% higher than 2011
- LDCs received USD 13.1 bn (24% of the total) down 2% from 2011



...and terms of assistance are hardening...

USD billion (2012 constant)

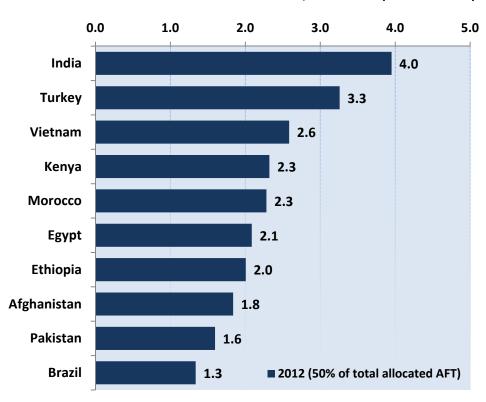


- Traditionally aid for trade is split evenly between loans and grants
- However in 2011 and especially 2012, loans have increased significantly while grants have declined
- In 2012, only 35% of aid for trade was in grant form



...with Middle Income Countries dominating

Commitments, USD billion (2012 constant)

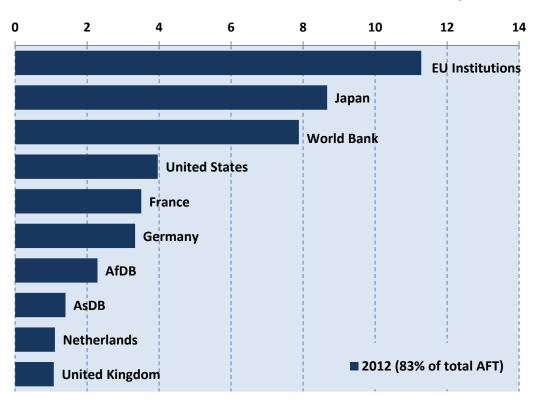


- Top 10 recipients received
 50% of total flows
- Recipients include:
 - 7 Middle Income Countries and only 2 LDCs
 - Africa (4)
 - Asia (4)
 - Europe (1)
 - Americas (1)



...and 5 Donors providing the bulk of AfT...

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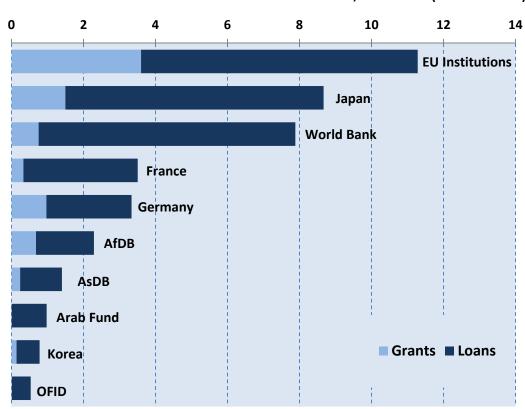


- Top 5 donors provide 66% of total aid for trade but mostly in loans
- The EU increased significantly in 2011 and 2012 to reach USD 11 bn
- Japan (USD 8.7 bn) and World Bank (USD 7.9 bn) remain major donors



...mostly by expanding loan-financed programmes...

commitments, USD billion (2012 constant)

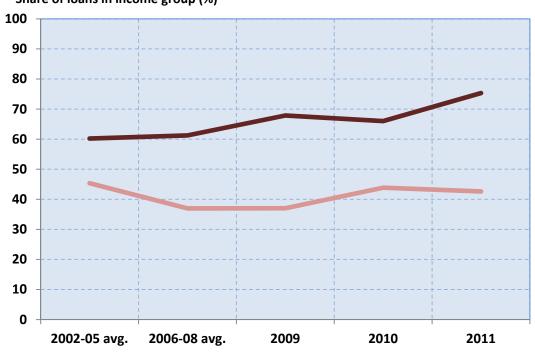


- Some of the top donors have expanded their aid for trade through greater use of loans
- Traditionally the majority of support provided by the EU was in grant form but in 2012 its programme was dominated by loans
- Multilateral donors typically have a higher proportion of loans



...in middle income countries

Share of loans in income group (%)



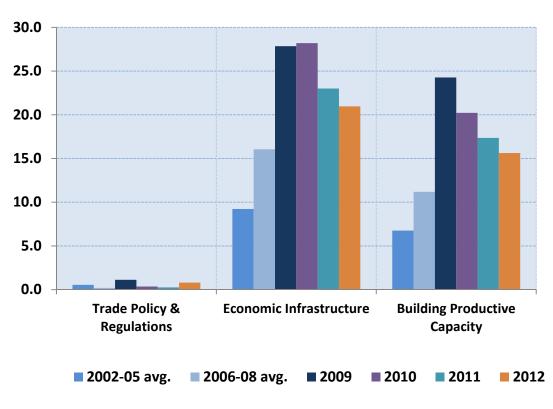
- AfT provided to middle income countries is almost 80% loans and this share has been increasing since 2002-05
- For LICs, the share of loans is much lower and relatively unchanged at 40%

Low-income loan share —Middle-income loan share



Other official flows continue to decline...

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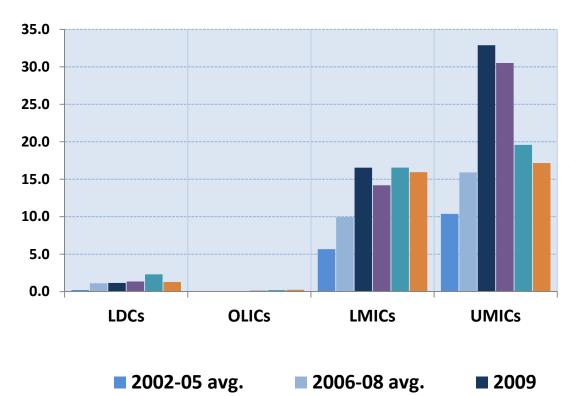


- OOF have fallen in recent years following a surge of post-crisis lending in 2009
- USD 37.4 bn was committed in 2012 – USD 21 bn for economic infrastructure and USD 15.6 bn for building productive capacity. Less than USD 1 bn for trade policy and regulations



...and remain concentrated in MICs

USD billion (2012 constant)



- OOF fell 13% to USD 43 bn after a large 2009 increase
- Multilaterals provide most of the support
- Indonesia, China, Brazil,
 Turkey and Kazakhstan are the largest recipients
- Mostly large projects in better-off countries



Conclusions

- Overall a mixed picture
- Aid-for-Trade Commitments and disbursements continue to grow strongly
- Financing major infrastructure and private sector development projects in Africa
- But growing concern about the terms of assistance and the allocation to LDCs



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