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## FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENTS IN LAND: A DRIVER FOR LAND USE CHANGES AND CONFLICTS

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### **1** Introduction

#### 1.1 Definition of foreign direct investment (FDI)

An investor's perspective on FDI? Agrica LTD http://www.agrica.com



Carter Colman, Agrica LTD. London 2015, Tropentag interview

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## **1** Introduction

#### 1.1 Definition of foreign direct investment (FDI) in land

Foreign direct investment in land vs. land grabbing?



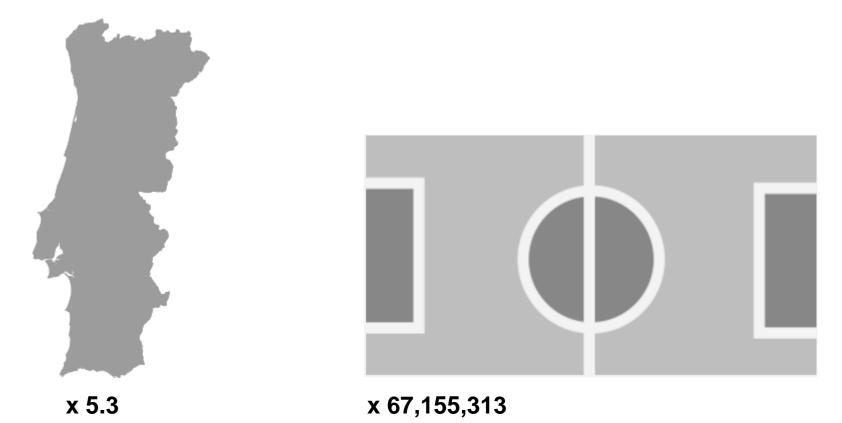
https://handsontheland.net

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## **1** Introduction

#### 1.1 Impression of foreign direct investment (FDI) in land

How much land is declared as FDI in land?



http://www.landmatrix.org/en/get-the-idea/web-transnational-deals/



### **1** Introduction

#### 1.2 Definition of FDI types

- Investment from one country into another that involves establishing operations or acquiring assets Graham and Krugman (1995), Lizondo (1990)
- FDI in economic theory: trade theory, regional theory, organizational theory
- FDI defined by IMF: investment to hold a long-lasting interest to be measured by 10 % of foreign firm's voting stock of shares, recent (annual) in and out flows
- FDI different from portfolio investments as

(a) high degree of foreigners' participation and control in host firm = TNC,(b) high involvement of non-monetary capital (know-how, machinery)

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## **1** Introduction

#### 1.2 Definition of FDI types

- Integration
  - 1. Horizontal: same products produced abroad
  - 2. Vertical: intermediaries produced abroad (raw materials)
- Degree of control
  - 1. Indirect: via means for capital flows like funds
  - 2. Non-equity: control via contractual arrangements; licenses, contract farming
  - 3. Direct, equity: coordination and control fully internalized within the TNC
- Type of cooperation with host firms as
  - 1. Joint ventures: new company owned by former different companies
  - 2. Mergers and acquisitions: fusion of companies/public authorities
  - 3. Greenfield investments: completely new founded companies

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## **1** Introduction

#### 1.2 FDI in land

FDI in land has widespread definitions

- No international consensus on a definition!
- "Lasting interest in taking control over land use rights. The transaction includes either <u>rights of land use</u> or land-ownership. The land use rights are generally valid for a limited period and can possibly be extended" GIZ (2009)
- Often long-term lease (e.g. 99 years) as purchase agreement Cotula (2009)
- Large scale land acquisitions in DC as "land grabbing-definition" in public discussion



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### 2 Drivers, Motivation, Challenges of FDI

- 2.1 Motivation for investor countries to engage in FDI
- 1. Increasing prices and volatility
  - Land FDI as food security strategy for food importing countries
  - Land FDI as asset for financial investors
- 2. Resource-seeking
  - Land in EU especially scarce = expensive
- 3. Efficiency-seeking
  - Other production factors than land are cheaper in target countries
  - Low or non-existent labour and environmental standards or energy costs
- 4. Barrier hopping
  - Avoiding high tariffs if producing for target country
  - Benefitting from EU preference tariffs for developing countries (e.g. generalized system of preferences GSP)



### 2 Drivers, Motivation, Challenges of FDI

#### 2.2 Motivation for target/host country to attract FDI in land

#### 1. Capital stock increase

- Crowding in by new capital: investment push even beyond the original investment (compensation for ODA)
- Public revenues, investment-related tax income
- External capital often used for external debts (exchange revenue)

#### 2. Technology, knowledge transfer

- Capacity building, management capacity -> Employment creation
- Productivity increased -> input use
- 3. Increased food availability + security
  - Crowding in higher than crowding out
  - Or: export increase or import substitution
- 4. Access to capital, markets
  - Both at host country and international markets



### 2 Drivers, Motivation, Challenges of FDI

#### 2.3 Possible negative effects of FDI for low and middle-income countries

- Lack of responsibility of investors in case of food insecurity / malnutrition
- Deprivation of rural communities to access and use land / land rights
- Eviction of rural population / refugees
- Social inequality between smallholders and land investors / social peace
- Political instability can be caused / economic development
- Environmental degradation (e.g. soils, fresh water appropriation affects downstream countries)



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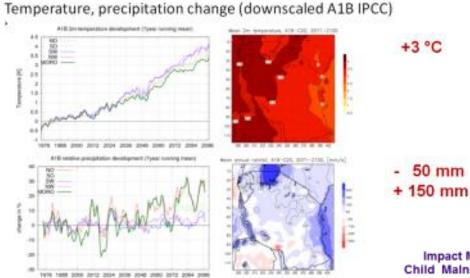
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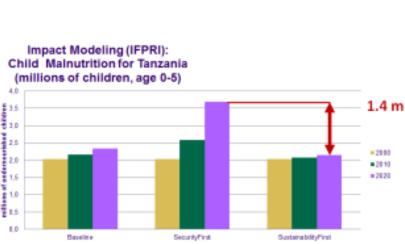
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#### 3.1 Drivers in agriculture

#### Frame conditions: Climate change, Natural resources







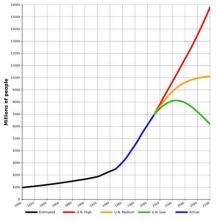
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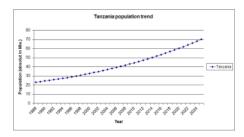
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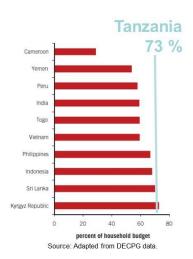
#### Socio-Economic frame conditions

Population



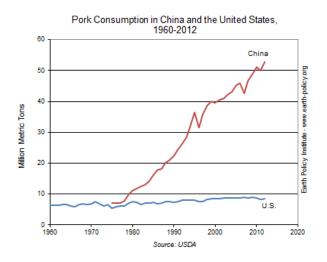
UN (2010), World population estimates from 1800 to 2100 based on projections (red, orange, green)





Income

#### Consumption



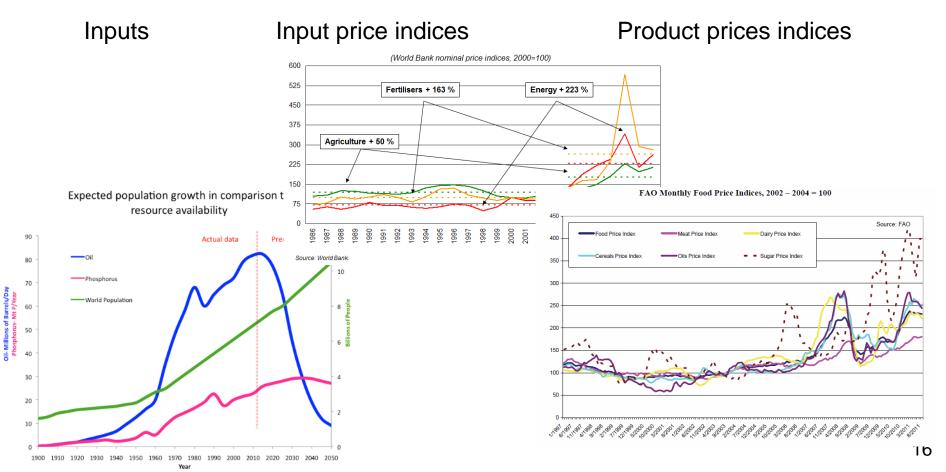
Population + 2,21 % , land pressure migration



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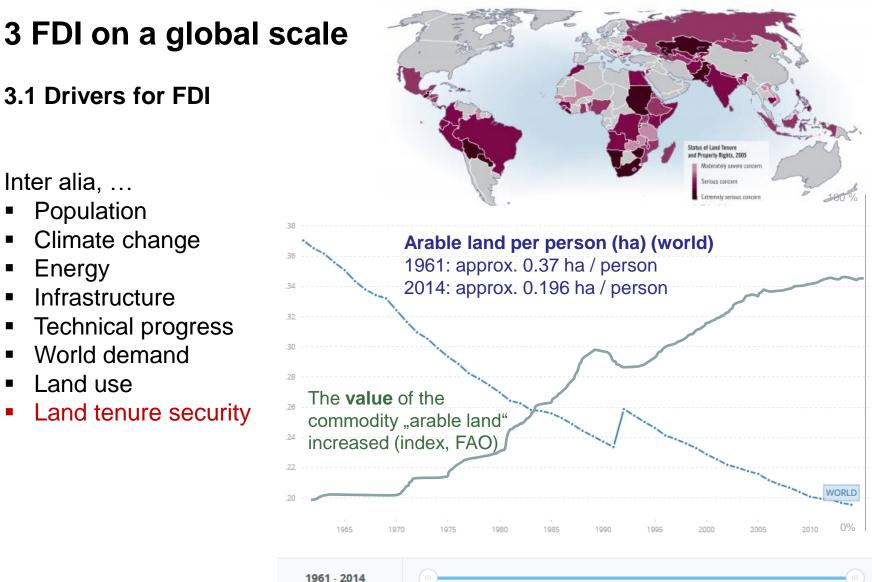
#### 3.1 Drivers in agriculture

#### Input resources and globalization



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Worldbank, accessed 24.06.2017 and FAO, value price, statistic 2015 (http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/AG.LND.ARBL.HA.PC)



### 3 FDI on a global scale

#### **3.2 FDI Land Investment statistics**

|                            | Implemented till Status<br>2009/10 unknown |  | Sum implemented + unknown |          |                            |   |                 |         |
|----------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|----------|----------------------------|---|-----------------|---------|
|                            | Mill.<br>ha                                | Share in<br>agr. Area<br>(%; sum<br>global 1,2<br>bil. ha) | Mill. ha                  | Mill. ha | Share in agri. area<br>(%) | Share in<br>cereals' area<br>(%; sum<br>global 613<br>Mill. ha) |                 |         |
| GRAIN (2007–2010)          | 19   | 1,6  | 13                        | 32       | 2,7                        | 5,2   | Grain 2012      | 35 m ha |
| World Bank (2008–2009)     | 9  | 0,75   | 37                        | 46       | 3,8                        | 7,5   | World bank 2011 | 56 m ha |
| GTZ (2000–2009)            | 18   | 1,5  | k.A.                      | 18       | 1,5                        | 2,9   |                 |         |
| IFPRI (2006–2009)          | 3,1  | 0,25   | 7,2                       | 10,3     | 0,9                        | 1,7   | IFPRI 2016-2010 | 20 m ha |
| Land Matrix<br>(2008–2010) | 12,3                                       | 1  | 32                        | 44,3     | 3,7                        | 7,2   | Land matrix     | 49 m ha |

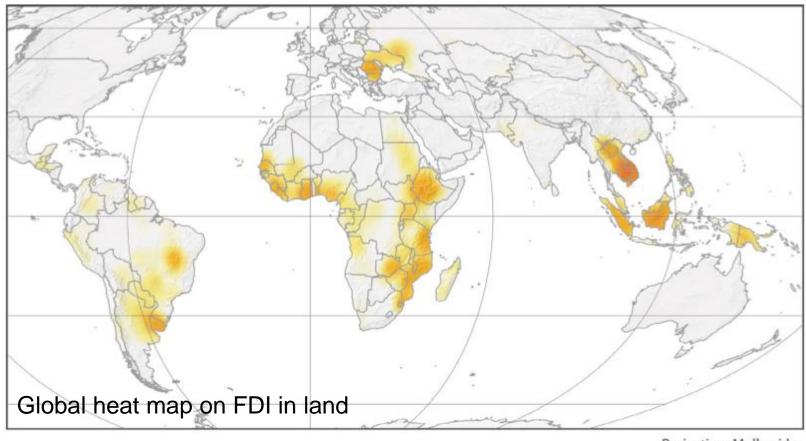
Rudloff, 2015

own update, 2017

### 3 FDI on a global scale

#### 3.3 FDI – Investor countries since 2000: Number of land deals per country

In total 1,338 deals and 48,845,436 ha, transfer of rights of land



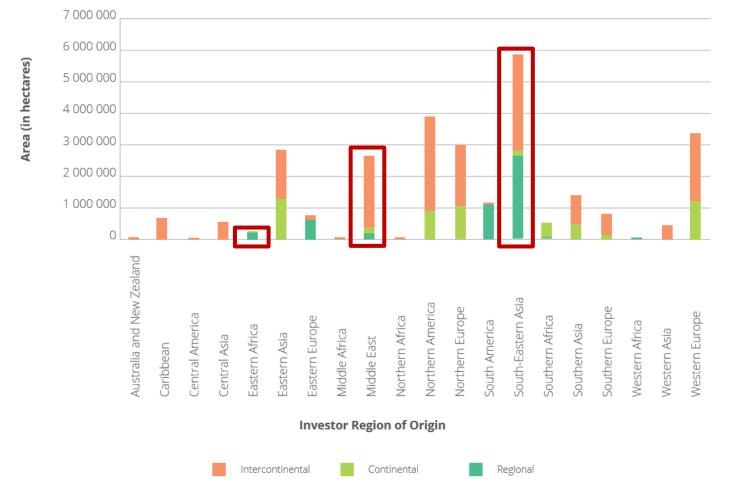
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#### 3.4 Type of deals by investor region of origin



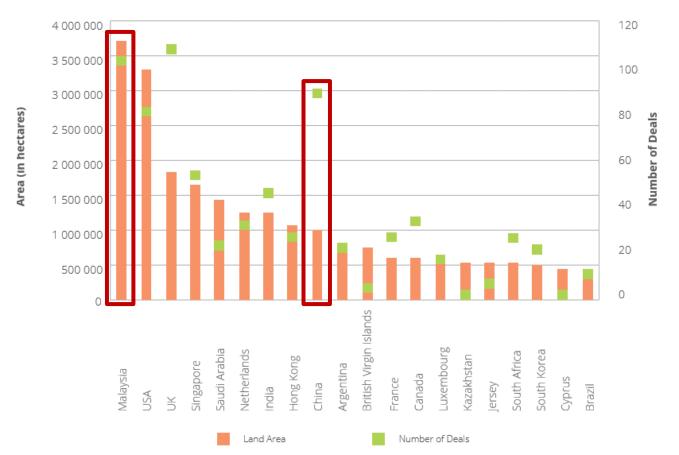
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3.5 Top 20 investor countries for concluded deals with agricultural intention



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#### 3.6 Land acquisitions by investor type and nature of deals

| INVESTOR TYPE                 | AFRICA | AMERICAS | ASIA            | EUROPE | OCEANIA |
|-------------------------------|--------|----------|-----------------|--------|---------|
|                               |        | ARE      | A IN 1 000 HECT | ARES   |         |
| Private company               | 4 571  | 2 139    | 1 247           | 2 224  | 1 907   |
| Stock exchange-listed company | 1 683  | 1 334    | 3 1 5 2         | 2 257  | 60      |
| Investment fund               | 1 254  | 809      | 6               | 452    | 0       |
| State-owned entity            | 422    | 190      | 277             | 36     | 0       |
| Individual entrepreneur       | 223    | 314      | 6               | 106    | 0       |
| Other                         | 67     | 0        | 0               | 7      | 0       |
| No information                | 2 332  | 31       | 522             | 55     | 263     |
|                               |        |          |                 |        |         |

| TARGET CONTINENT | LEASE/COI<br>(NUMBER O |     |     | PURCHASE<br>F DEALS/%) | TOTAL (NUMBER OF<br>DEALS) |
|------------------|------------------------|-----|-----|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Africa           | 376                    | 94% | 22  | 6%                     | 398                        |
| Americas         | 20                     | 10% | 176 | 90%                    | 196                        |
| Asia             | 207                    | 96% | 8   | 4%                     | 215                        |
| Eastern Europe   | 38                     | 72% | 15  | 28%                    | 53                         |
| Oceania          | 40                     | 98% | 1   | 2%                     | 41                         |
| Total            | 681                    | 75% | 222 | 25%                    | 903                        |

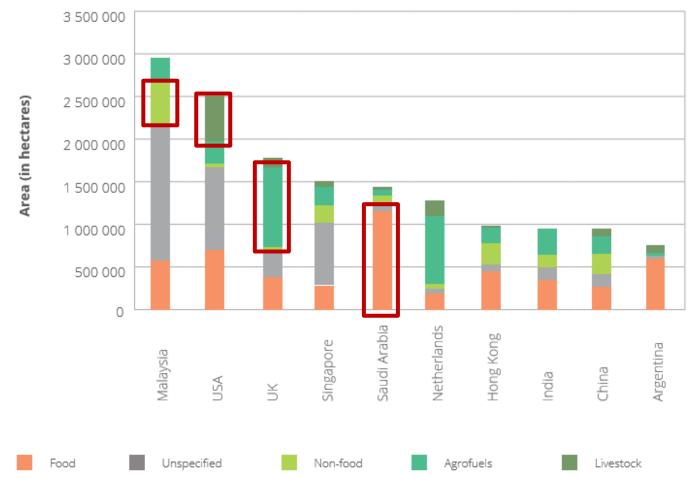
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#### 3.7 Intentions of top 10 investor countries

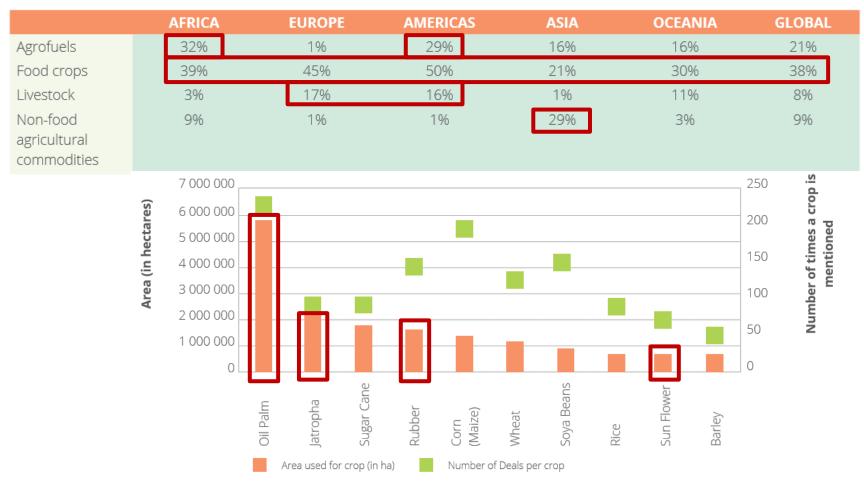


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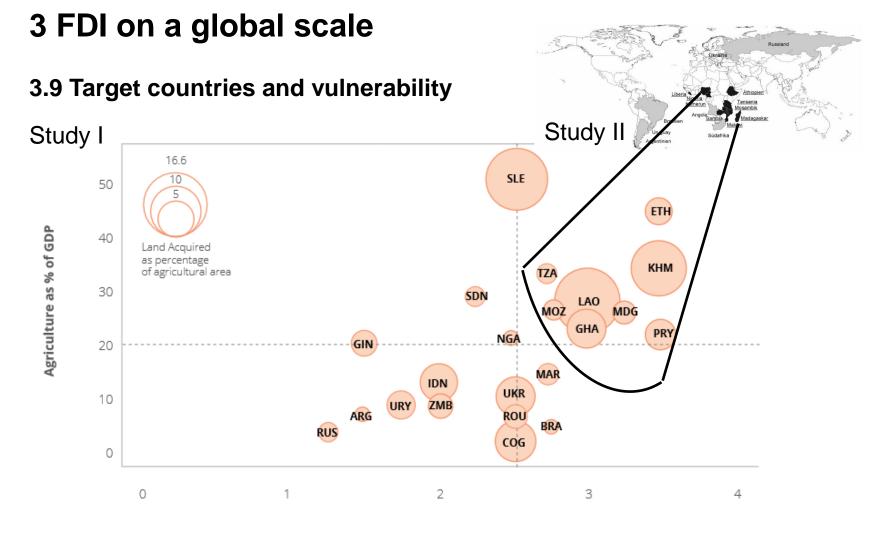
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#### 3.8 Target continents, intentions and leading crops



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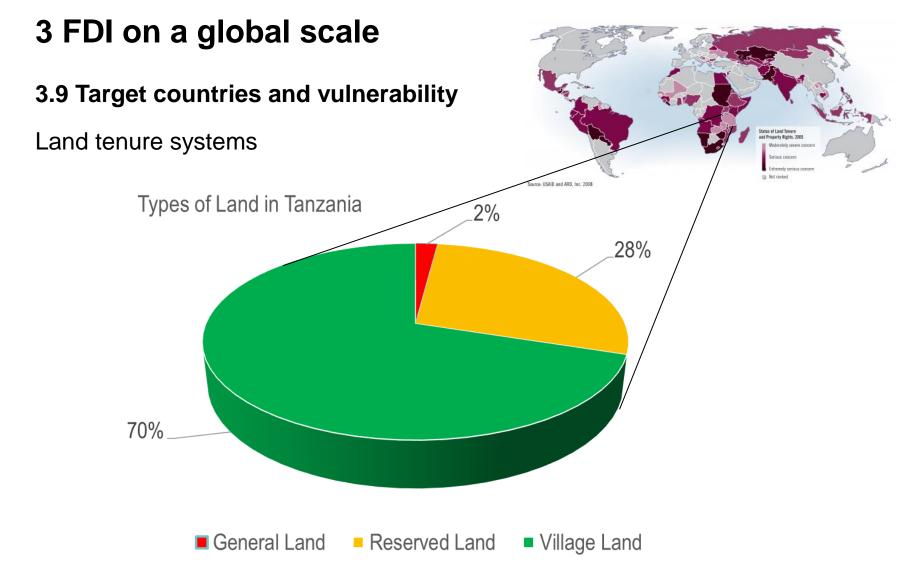




Land Tenure Insecurity

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### **4 Theory: The Welfare Analysis**

#### 4.1 Theories applied to FDI

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| Relevant theory                         | Major target                                | Determinants of FDI  |
|---|---|--|
| Welfare (economic) theory               | Welfare among consumer, producer government | Goods and commodities produced and demanded                |
| International trade theory              | International allocation of production      | Availability of resources (raw materials, labour, capital) |
|   | Comparative advantages                      | Productivity level   |
|   | Consumer tastes                             | So far no specific studies                                 |
| Theory of the firm                      | Optimal size of multinational enterprises   | Degree of market inefficiencies                            |
|   | Transaction costs                           | Ability to overcome market inefficiencies                  |
|   | Internalisation of imperfect markets        | Market growth rate   |
|   | Ownership & location-specific advantages    | Market size and per capita income                          |
|   | Ideal structure of enterprises              | Productivity level   |
| Theory of international capital markets | Origins of finance                          | Risk diversification                                       |
|   | Funding                                     | Risk of sales  |
|   | Risk bearing                                | Risks of equity  |
|   |   | Interest rate  |
|   |   | Exchange rate  |



### **4 Theory: The Welfare Analysis**

#### 4.2 Positive vs. normative Theory: Neoclassic

Target-mean-analysis (positive analysis)

TINBERGEN (1968) developed the quantitative analysis concept [Traditional economic and agricultural policy] -> General equilibrium theory (basis for computer modelling)

Welfare economics - analysis (normative analysis)

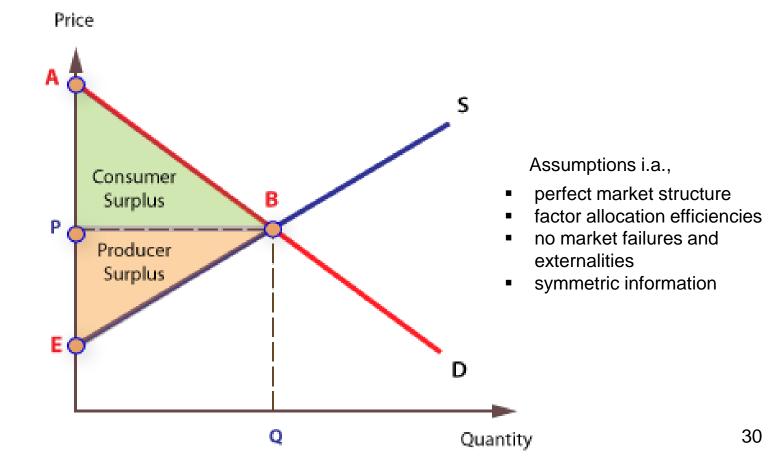
A scientific attempt to evaluate normative economic well-being within competitive general equilibrium within an economy -> Maximization of individual utilities to a societal view

- Problems
  - Value-judgement problem: "Wertfreiheitspostulat" (Max Weber)
  - Second-best principle: abolishing milk quota cause welfare decrease
  - Defined assumptions do not meet reality (e.g. rational principle)

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Two theorems of Pareto and Adam Smith







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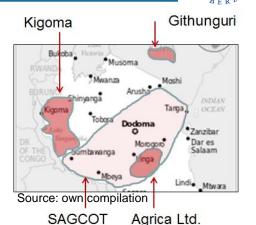
- 5.1 Case study AgriSol Energy (Tanzania)
- → Expulsion/ eviction Movie click!

**Description:** 

- US company AgriSol Energy leased 325,000 ha land in Kigoma and Rukwa region in western Tanzania.
- The favourable land is used for commercially for bioenergy products.
- Small-scale farmers cannot produce anymore.

#### Effects:

- No adequate compensation for affected people.
- Evicting 200,000 Burundian refugees to different Tanzanian regions.
- Agricultural arable land has been decreased for internal production .
- The consumption pattern changes and demand is decreased.
- The production only targets the export of produced goods.





## **5 Implications of FDI**

#### 5.2 Case study - Githunguri (Kenya)

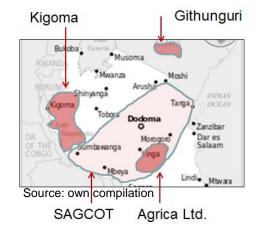
**Description:** 

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- Green beans are produced on extended agricultural
- Land (conversion fallow land to agricultural land)
- Technology transfer, access to seeds, agricultural education, production and processing of the good is in the country (value chain)
- Development of infrastructure, capacity building.
- Partnerships with 60,000 farmers, 600 pickers for harvesting and 3,000 processors.

#### Effects:

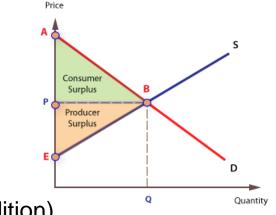
- 100 % of the production is used for domestic consumption.
- <u>Agricultural arable land has been even enlarged.</u>
- Jobs has been created, increased capital inflow and <u>demand</u> on agricultural <u>goods increased</u>
- The increase of supply is comparatively higher than the increase of demand, because <u>technical progress</u> accelerates high productivity gains





### **5 Implications of FDI**

- **5.3 Applying Welfare Analysis** 
  - case 1: AgriSol Energy (Tanzania)
  - case 2: Githunguri (Kenya)
    - ▲ supply function
    - ▲ demand function
    - ▲ technical progress
    - ▲ governmental tariff (voluntary addition)

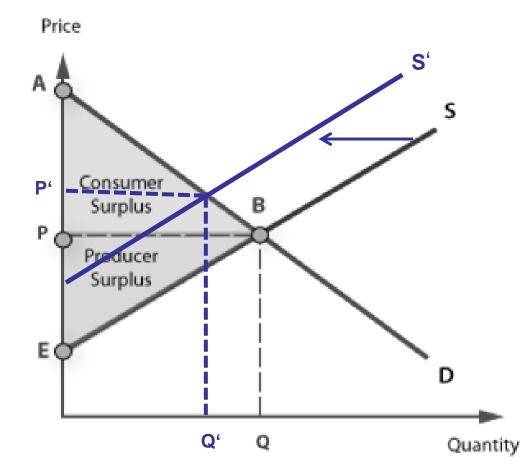






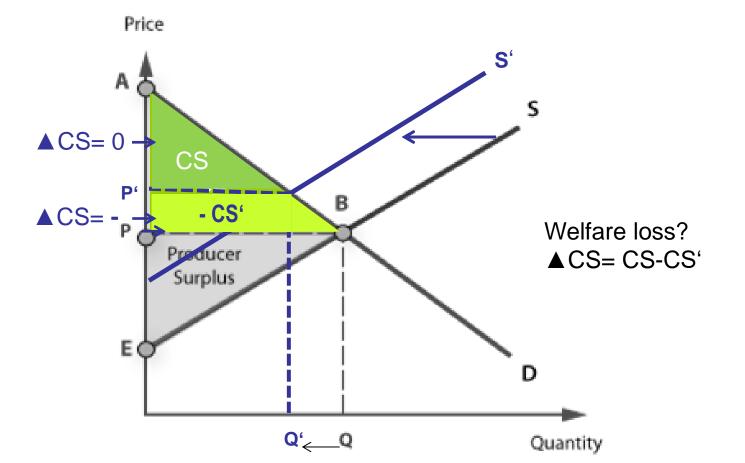
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- Welfare Analysis: Supply ▼ consumer surplus

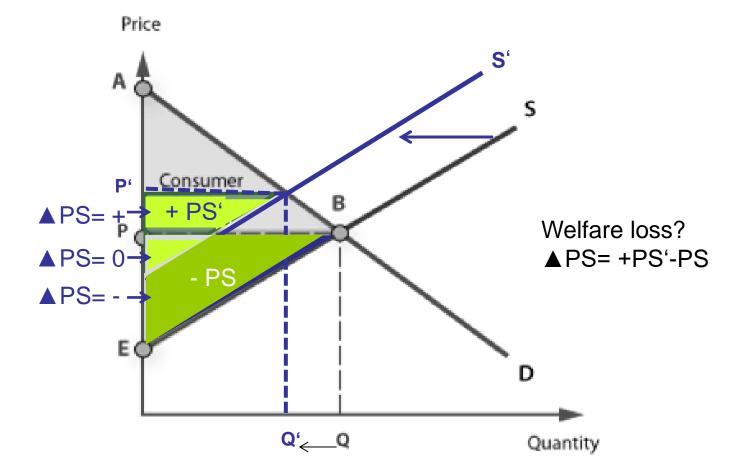


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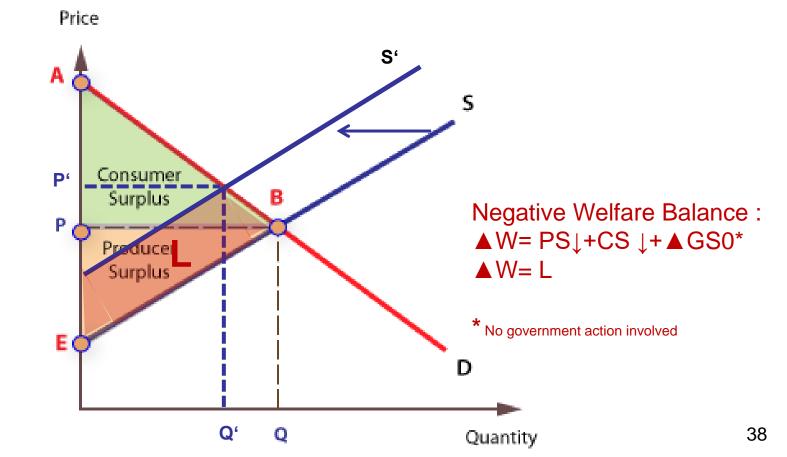
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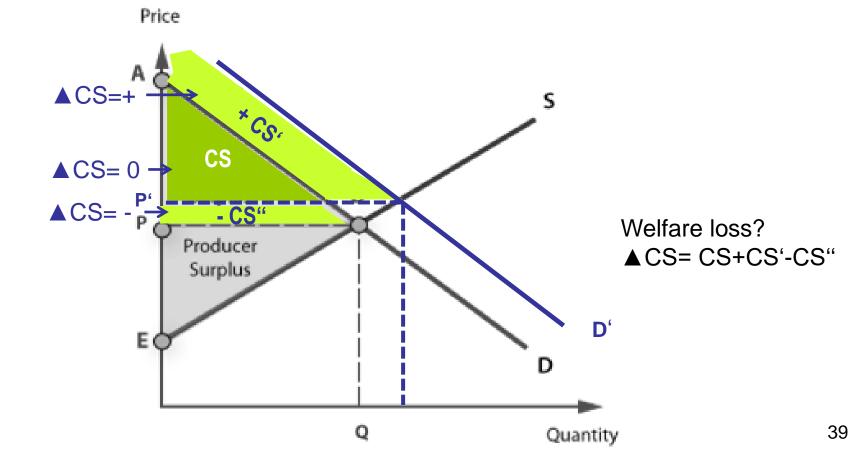
Welfare Analysis: Welfare balance



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   <u>Consumer surplus</u>

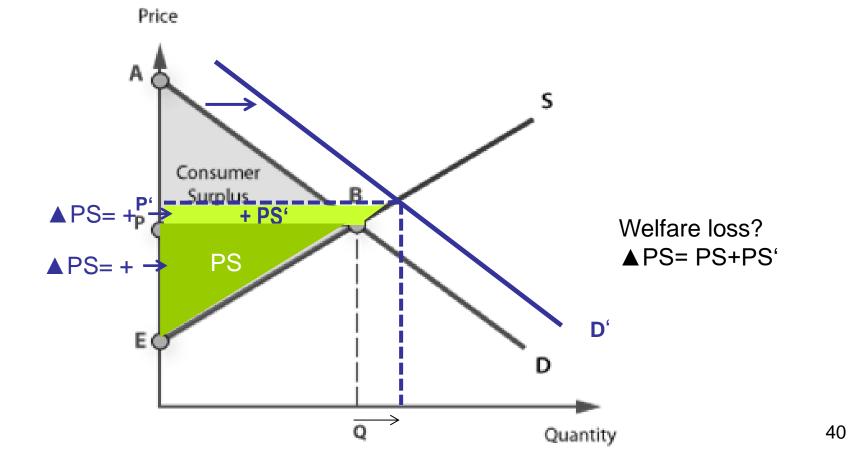




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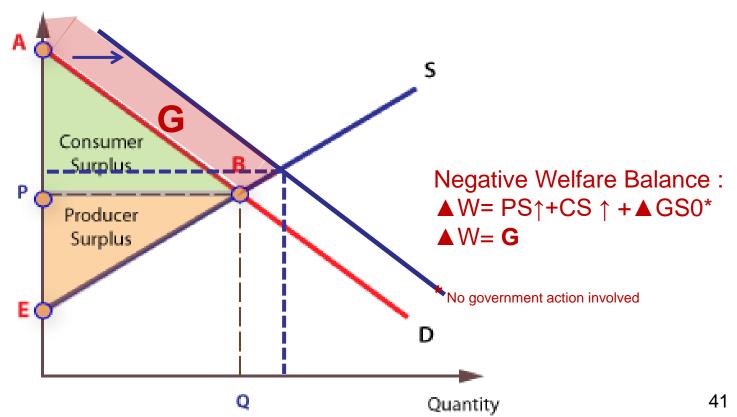


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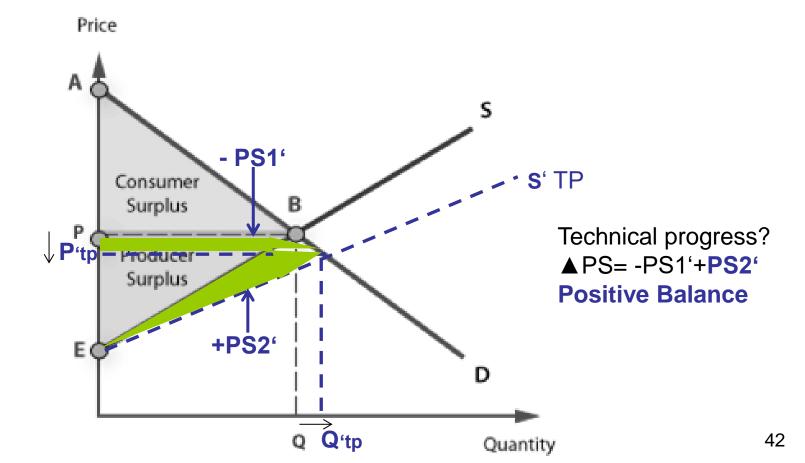
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Welfare Analysis: Technical progress 
 elasticity of supply

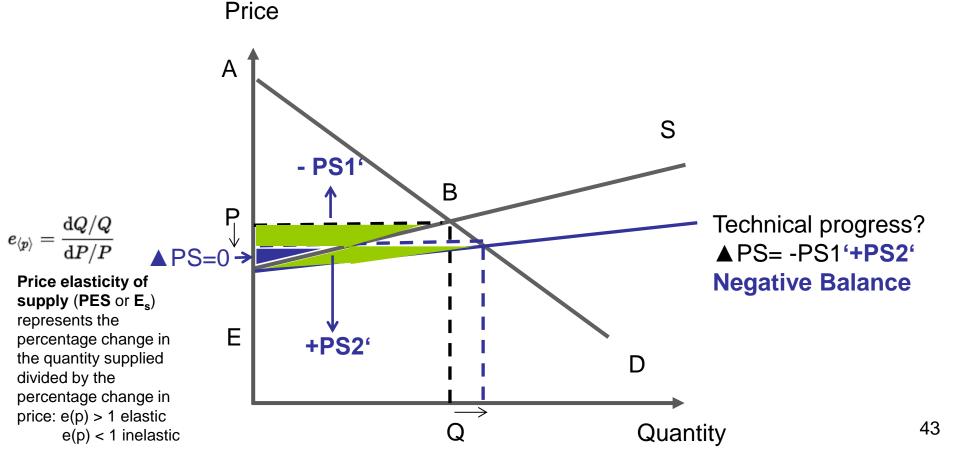




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## 6 SAGCOT: A successful model?

### 6.1 SAGCOT (Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania)

The SAGCOT is an inclusive, multi-stakeholder partnership to rapidly develop the region's agricultural potential.

SAGCOT initiated at the World Economic Forum (WEF) Africa summit 2010

#### **Objectives**

- Benefit small scale farmers
- Food security
- Reduce rural poverty
- Environmental sustainability

#### Approach

 $\rightarrow$  First large scale public-private-partnership (PPP) in Tanzania



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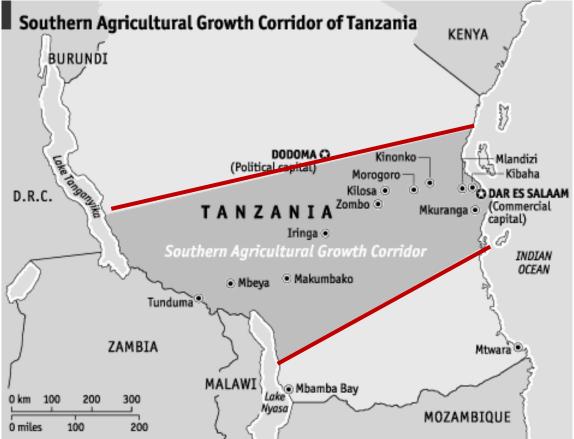
- Partners include local and international companies, farmers, development partners, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and the Tanzanian Government.
- By 2030, the partnership aims to attract USD 3.2 billion of investments, transforming 350,000 hectares of arable land into profitable production and lifting 10,000 small scale farmers into commercial farming to the Southern Corridor.
- The Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor (SAGC) covers approximately one third of mainland Tanzania.

http://www.sagcot.com/uploads/media/Invest-Blueprint-SAGCOT\_High\_res.pdf



## 6 SAGCOT: A successful model?

### 6.2 SAGCOT - Corridor



http://www.sagcot.com/who-we-are/what-is-sagcot/



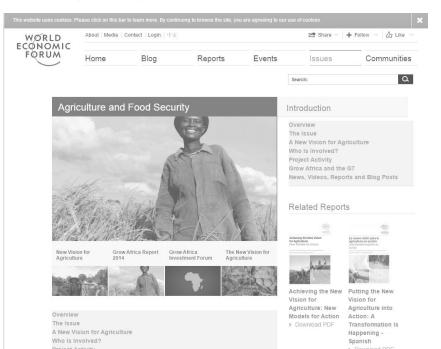
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#### 6.3 Development

#### World Economic Forum 2010

http://www.weforum.org/issues/agriculture-and-foodsecurity#nva

http://www3.weforum.org/docs/IP/2014/GA/WEF\_GrowAfrica\_ AnnualReport2014.pdf



Grow Africa and the G7



http://www.sagcot.com/



SAGCOT's objective is to foster inclusive, commercially successful agribusinesses that will benefit the region's small-scale farmers, and in so doing, improve food security, reduce rural poverty and ensure environmental sustainability. The risk-sharing model of a public-private partnership (PPP) approach has been demonstrated to Attached is the undated list of

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Partners

## 6 SAGCOT: A successful model?

### 6.4 Land Investment Rules

#### SAGCOT Investment Blueprint

The SAGCOT Investment Blueprint showcases investment opportunities in the Corridor and lays out a framework of institutions and activities required to reap the development potential of the region. This Blueprint was launched by President Jakaya Kikwete at the 2011 World Economic Forum in Davos.



http://feedthefuture.gov/model/southern-agricultural-growth-corridor-tanzania-sagcot





### 6 SAGCOT: A successful model?

### 6.5 SAGCOT Land Investments

- 3.4 billion of public and private sector investment triple agricultural output over a 20-year period, achieving food security for the region, creating 420,000 jobs and lifting two million people out of poverty.
- Tens of thousands of subsistence farmers would have opportunities to become profitable, commercial farmer in their own right, with access to modern inputs, irrigation and international markets.
- New financing facilities will be established in order to achieve these results, including a 50 million Catalytic fund – backed by the Tanzanian government and international donors – to provide low-cost capital for start-up agriculture business.
- Early wins in the corridor include agricultural investments, which could achieve rapid results in terms of increased output and benefits for small-scale farmers an local communities.
- A SAGCOT partnership organization, with a professional Secretariat, will help coordinate and monitor public and private sector investments.



### 6 SAGCOT: A successful model?

- The FAO defines an out-grower scheme as a <u>contractual partnership</u> between growers or landholders and a company for the production of commercial forest products.
- Outgrower schemes or partnerships vary considerably in the extent to which inputs, costs, risks and benefits are shared between growers/landholders and companies.
- Partnerships may be short or long-term (e.g. 40 years), and may offer growers only financial benefits or a wider range of benefits. Also, growers may act individually or as a group in partnership with a company, and use private or communal land.

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### 6.6 Outgrower Scheme

Characteristics:

 Competing land uses, 2. Production Methods, 3. Access to financial loans,
 Competitive markets, 5. Negotiating Arrangements, 6. Scope of partnership



Outgrower arrangements between growers (or co-operatives) and processors:

- partnerships in which growers are largely responsible for production, with company assurance or guarantee they will purchase the product;
- partnerships in which the company is largely responsible for production, paying landholders market prices for their wood allocation;
- land lease agreements in which landholders have little involvement in plantation management; and
- land lease agreements with additional benefits for landholders.



### 6 SAGCOT: A successful model?

#### 6.6 Outgrower scheme

**Contract farming = Outgrower scheme** involves agricultural production being carried out on the basis of an agreement between the buyer and farm producers

- Buyer and farmer agree *ex-ante* on the quality / price / time of delivery of the product
- Buyer secures the price and often supports the farmer with input materials, land preparation, transportation

#### Advantages

- Enhanced market access and production support for the buyer
- Establishment of "economies of scale" (Collier & Dercon 2014)
- Secured input supply

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# 6 SAGCOT: A successful model?

#### 6.6 Outgrower scheme

#### **Risks and Challenges**

### Principal (farmer)

- Buyer fails to buy the agreed quantity and meet price agreements
- Law enforcement when contract is broken by the buyer
- Smallholder farmers often do not have the same leverage than contractors with regard to price negotiations

### Agent (investor)

- Farmer sells his product to third parties (side selling, extra- contractual marketing)
- Misuse of provided materials
- Low legal protection of contracts

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## 6 SAGCOT: A successful model?

#### 6.6 Outgrower scheme

### **Risks and Challenges**

- Contract farming has significant positive impact on efficiency, productivity and income (Wang et al. 2014)
- Contract farming facilitates the transition from subsistence to commercial farming (Setboonsarng et al. 2008)
- Success of contract farming depends on multiple factors such as prevailing land rights, gender, ethnic relationships, social standards
- Laws and regulations as well as enforcement of contracts are important to maintain principal and agent security (da Silva & Rankin 2013)



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## 6 Successful model of FDI: Policy

6.1 Policy response to FDI – Guidelines published by FAO 2012

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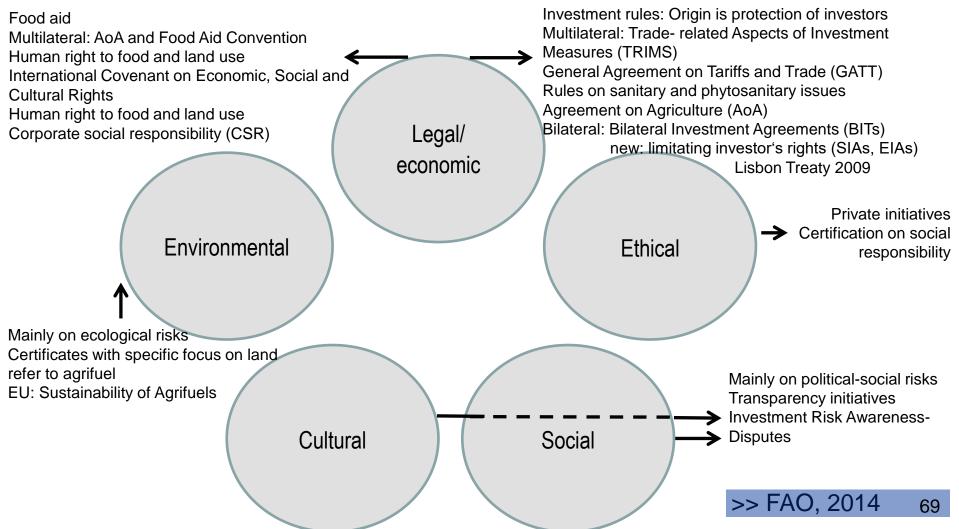
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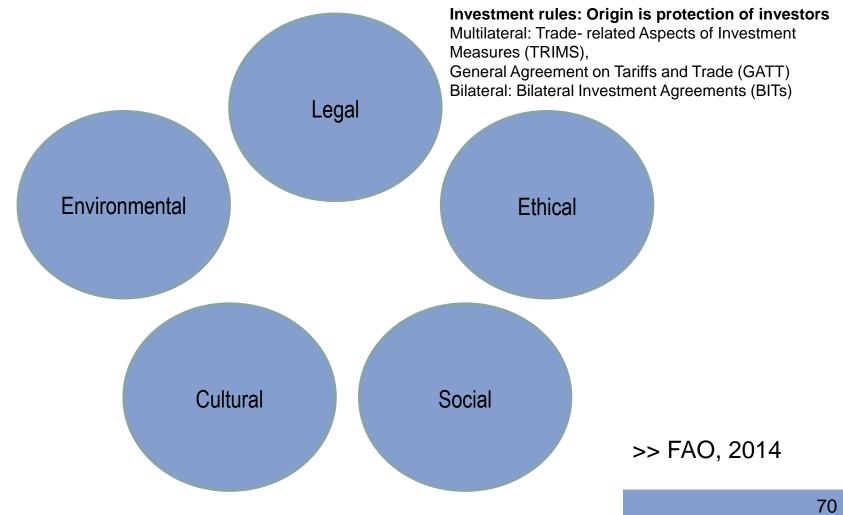
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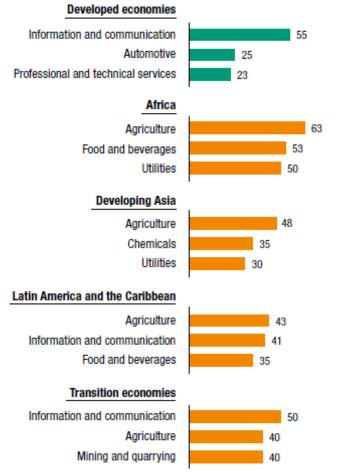


## 3 FDI on a global scale

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### 3.7 Land investments in target countries

IPAs' (investment promotion agency) selection of most promising industries for attracting FDI based on the sector, by region (2017). In percent of IPA responses.



- IPAs in developed economies focusing on IT and professional services
- IPAs developing economies mention agribusiness among the most attractive industries
- → The results are in line with the IPAs responses from previous years

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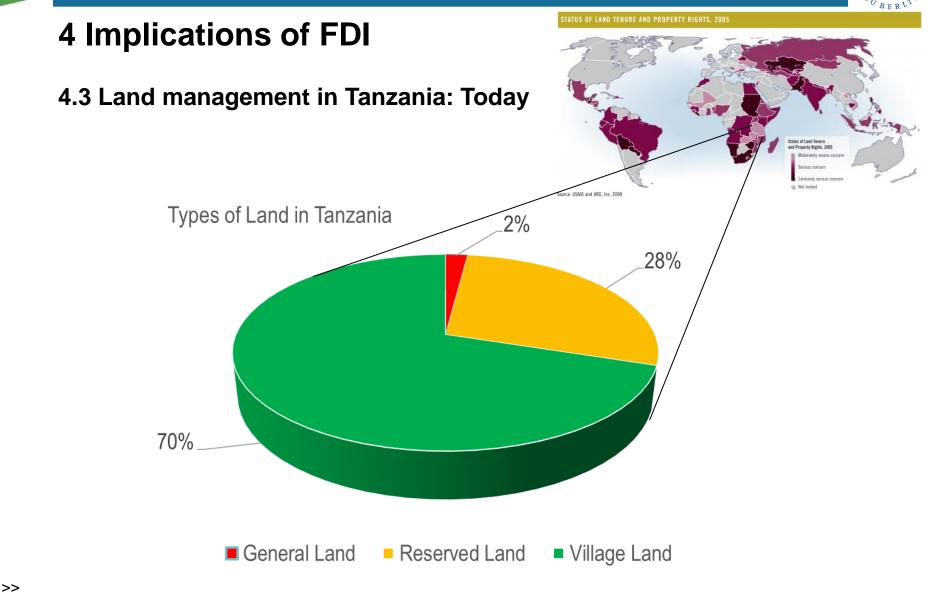
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# 2 Drivers, Motivation, Challenges of FDI

### 2.6 Rules agains risks

- 1. Classification principles
- Public or private
- Legally binding or voluntary
- Regulatory spatialy level: multilateral, national, local
- Regulatory frame: trade rules, investment rules
- Main objective: economics, ecologics ...
- 2. Objective-focussed combined with regulatory and spatial level
- Economics: Investment and trade rules, food aid, human rights/ land use
- Ecological: Corporate social responsibility, certificates
- Socio- Political: Risk awareness tools

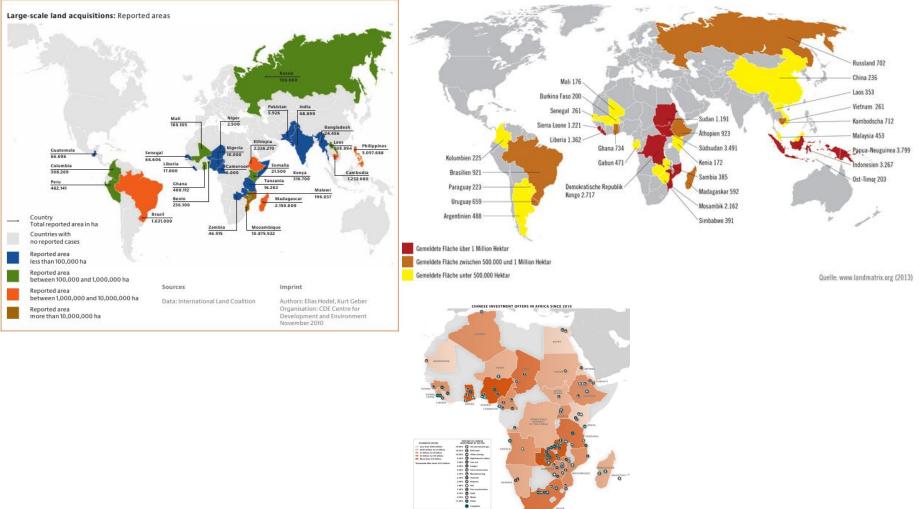




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### **1 Overview – comparative studies**



Großflächiger Landkauf und Pachtgeschäfte (in 1000 Hektar)



# 2 Drivers, Motivation, Challenges of FDI

### 2.6 Legal barriers for FDI in land in low and middle income countries

### Formalization of property rights of land

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Popular scholars advertise the formalization of property rights of land to reduce poverty and empowerment for the poor and reduce the barriers for FDI

### (De Soto, 2000; Fairhead et al. 2012; Li 2014 World Bank)

Formalization of property rights in low and middle income countries ?

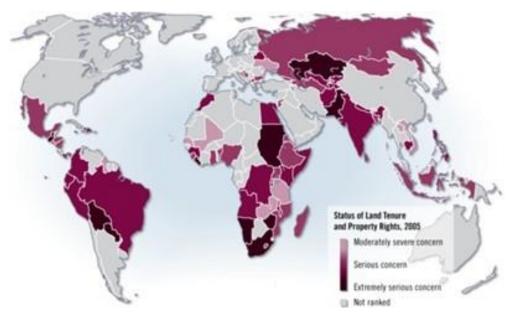
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## 2 Drivers, Motivation, Challenges of FDI

### 2.7 Example: 5 Dimensions of land acquisition

**Legal Perspective** 



- Traditional land tenure. Most of the indigenous nations or tribes of North America had no formal notion of land ownership (formal rules).
- These rules may be established by the state or by custom, and rights may accrue to individuals, families, communities, or organizations.
- The customary rules of land tenure predominate in Africa (e.g. Ethiopia and Mozambique, the nations' land belongs to the state)