

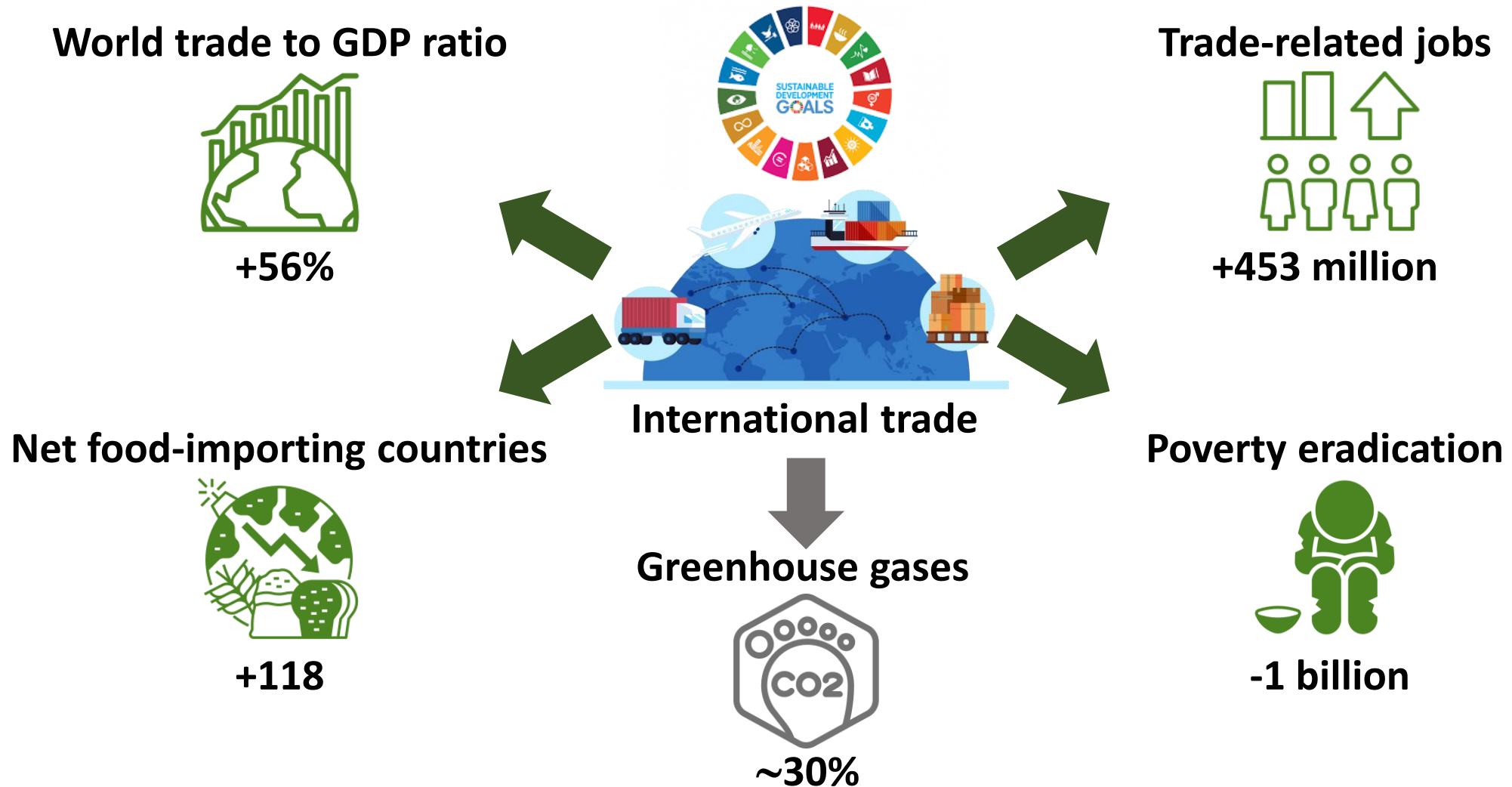


The Transformative Role Of Trade In Adapting To Climate Change

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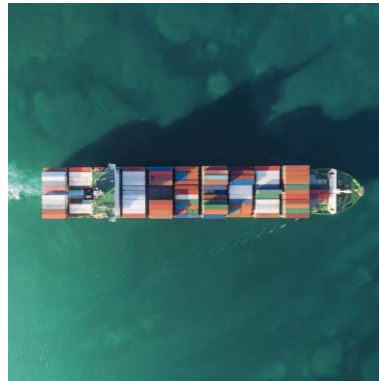
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Main messages



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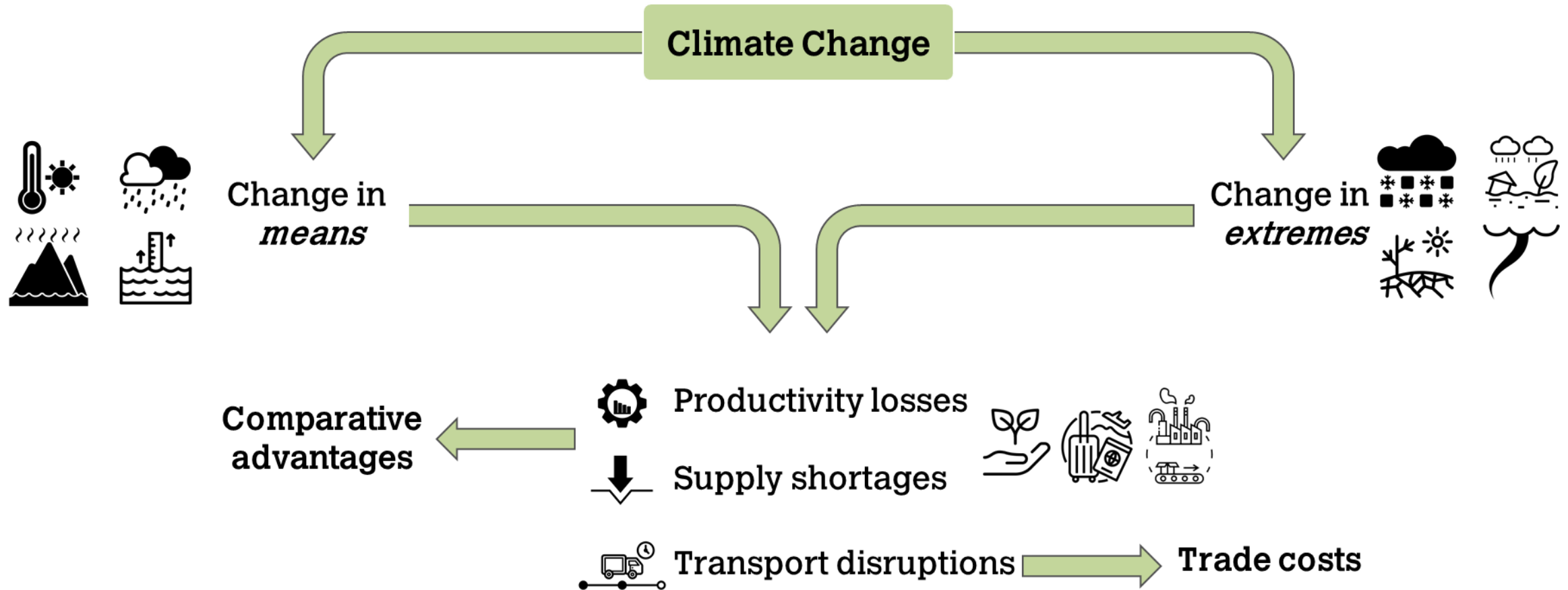


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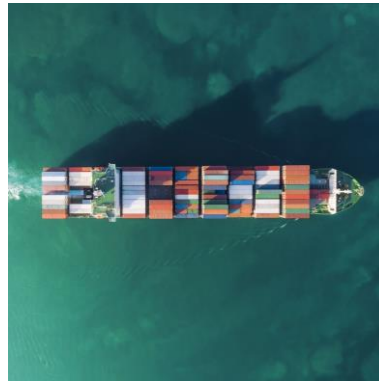
Climate change impacts trade in different ways



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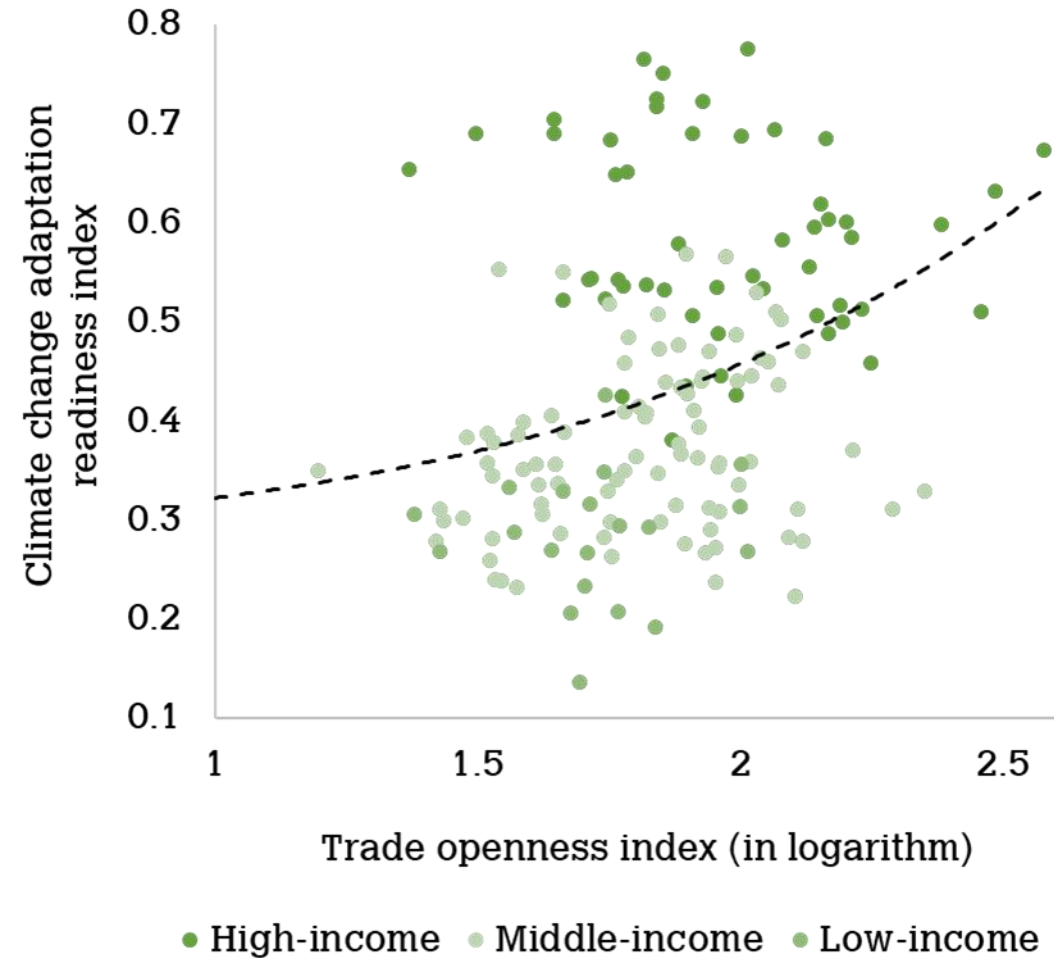
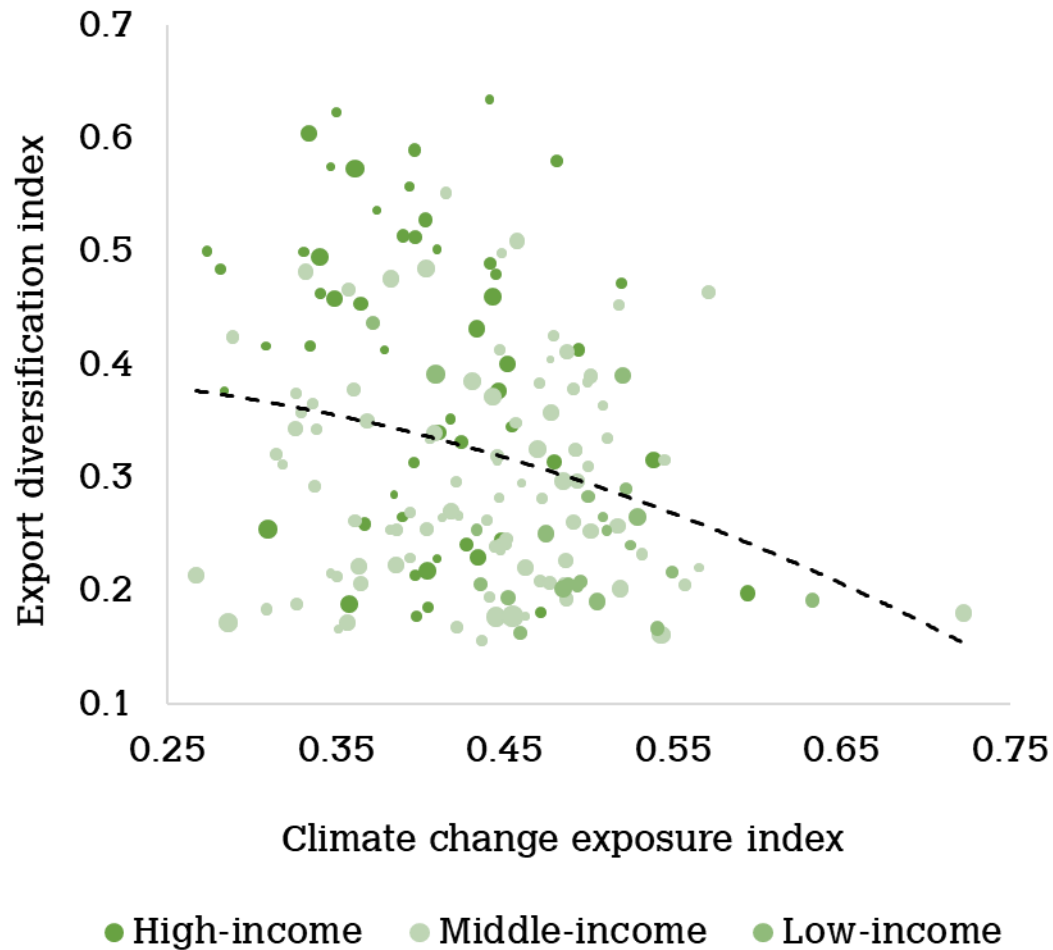


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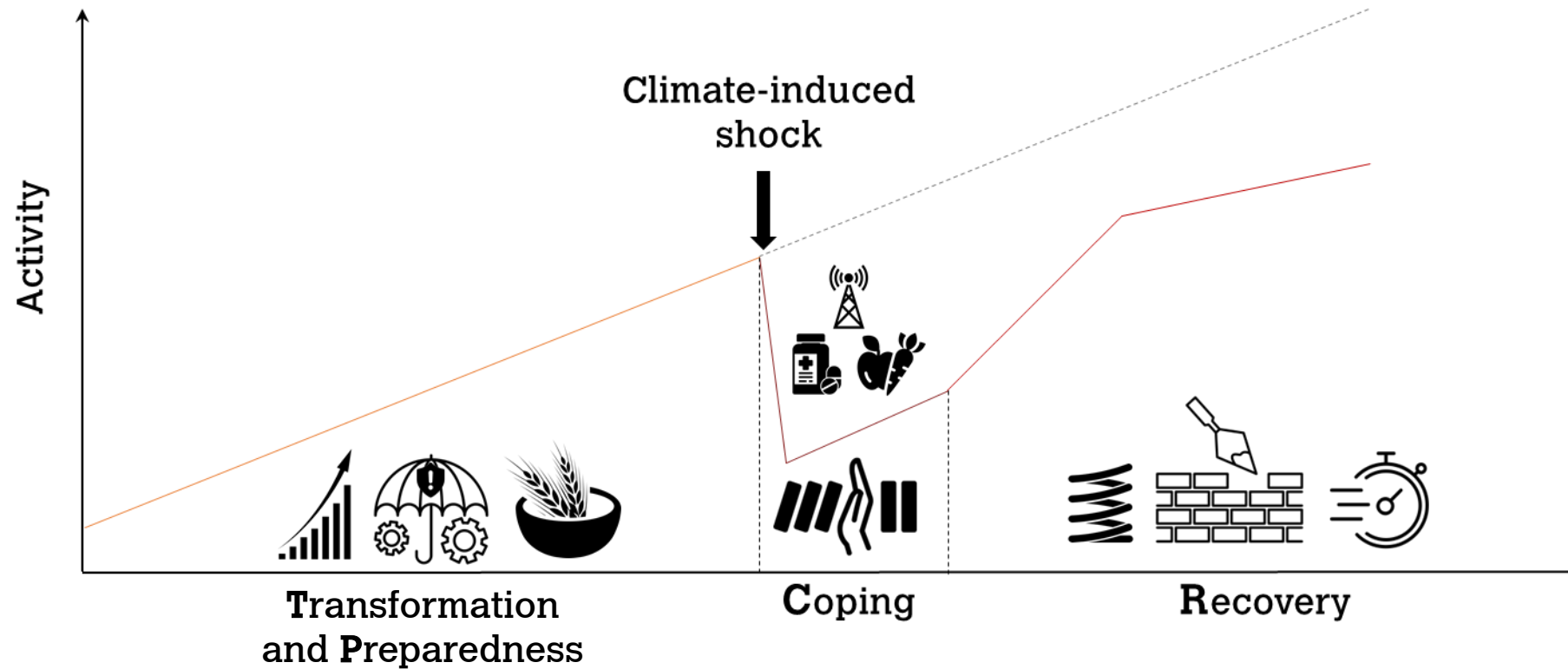
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Greater climate change adaptation capacity tends to be associated with greater openness to trade



Source: WTO (2022)

International trade and trade policies can support climate change adaptation strategies



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More climate resilience requires more (trade) cooperation

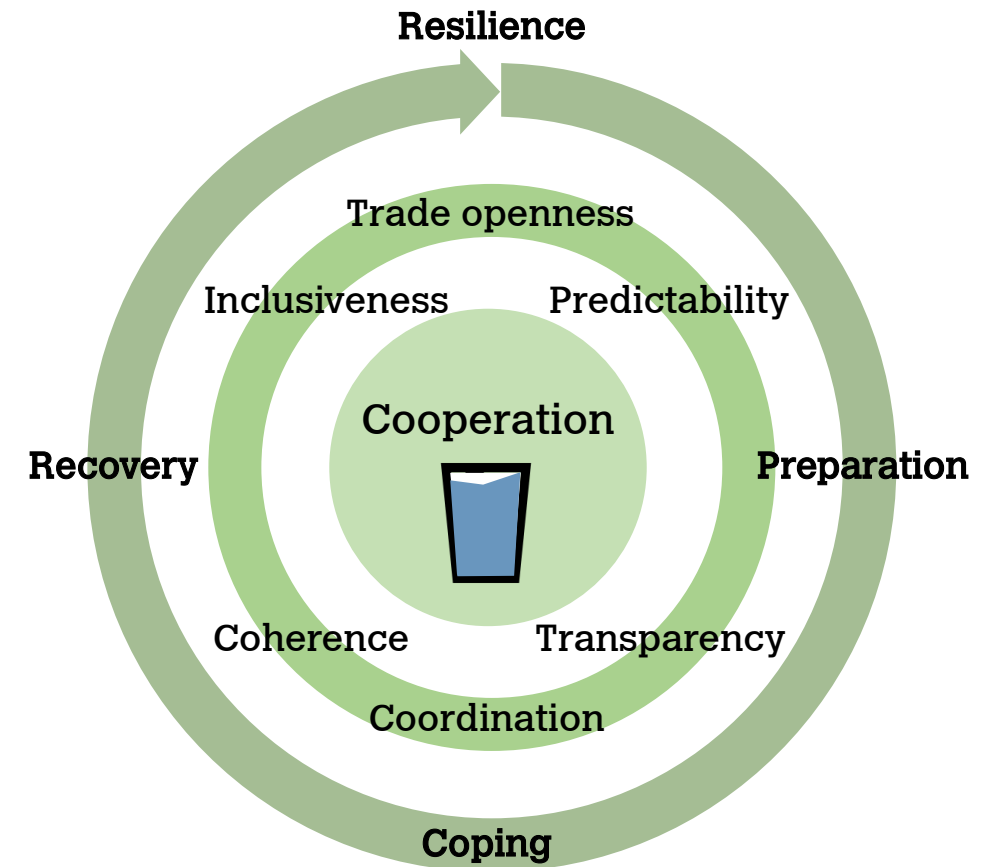
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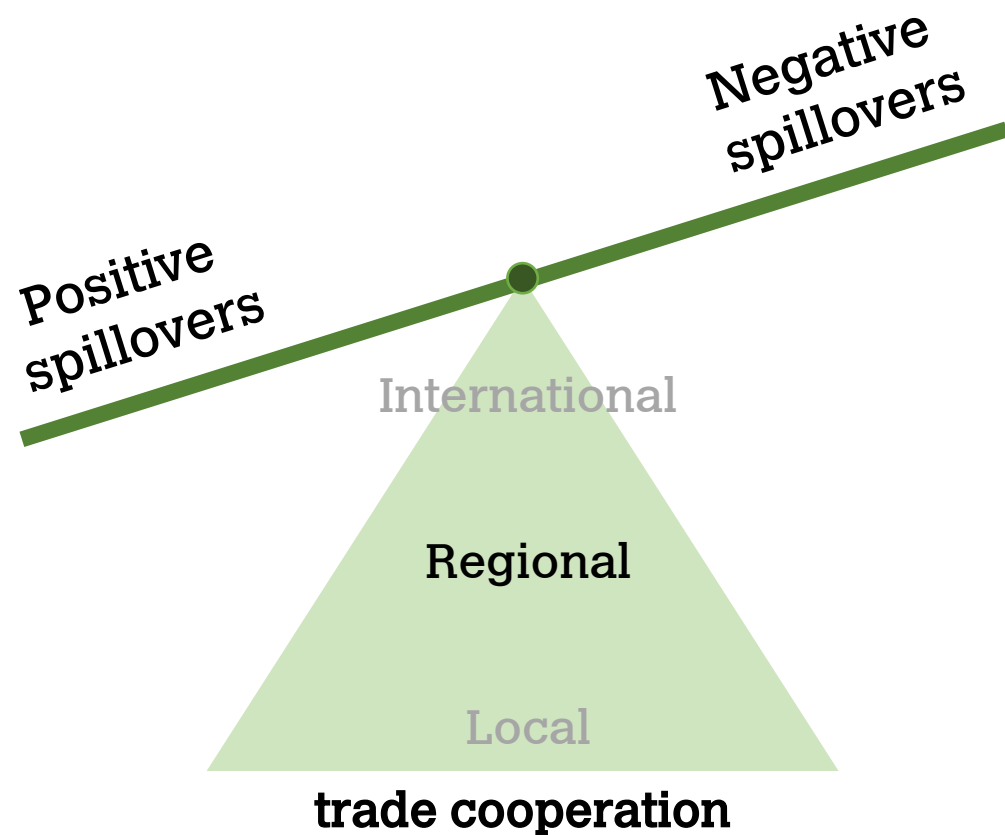
Positive spillovers
Suboptimal achievement



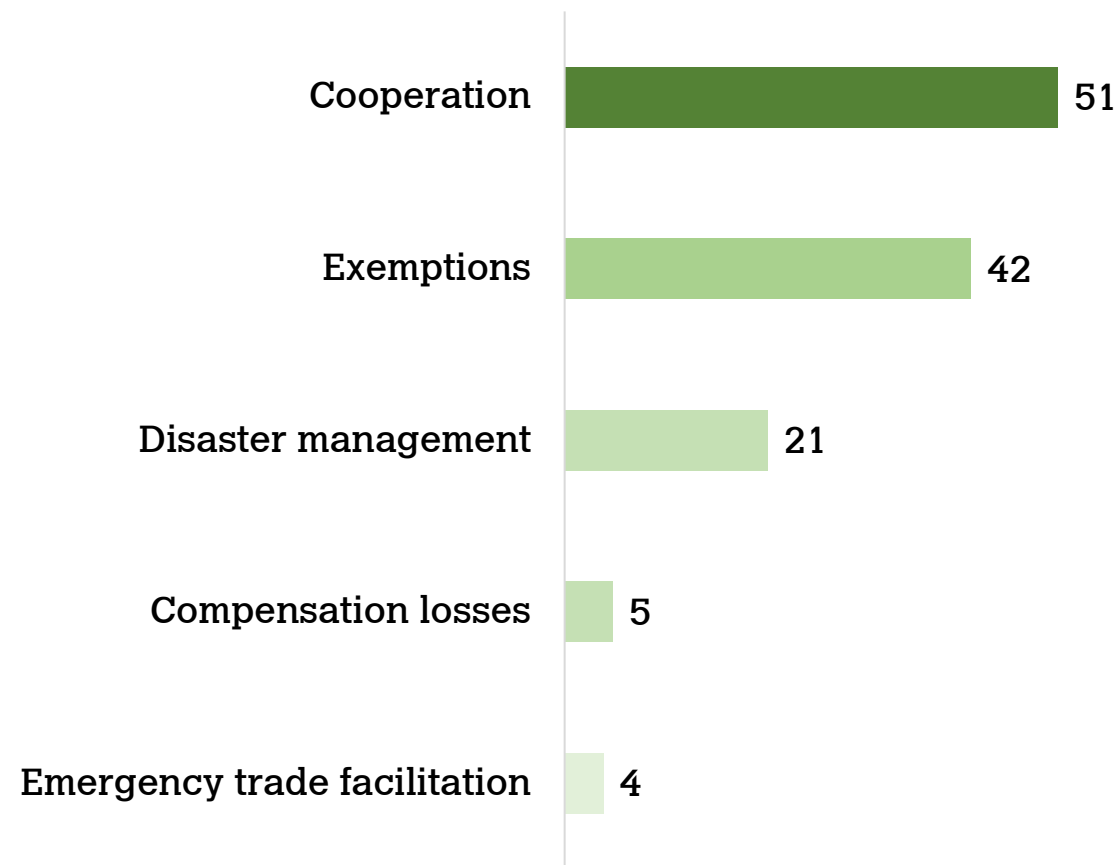
Negative spillovers
Risk of cross-retaliation
Income and welfare loss



Adaptation gradually addressed in trade agreements

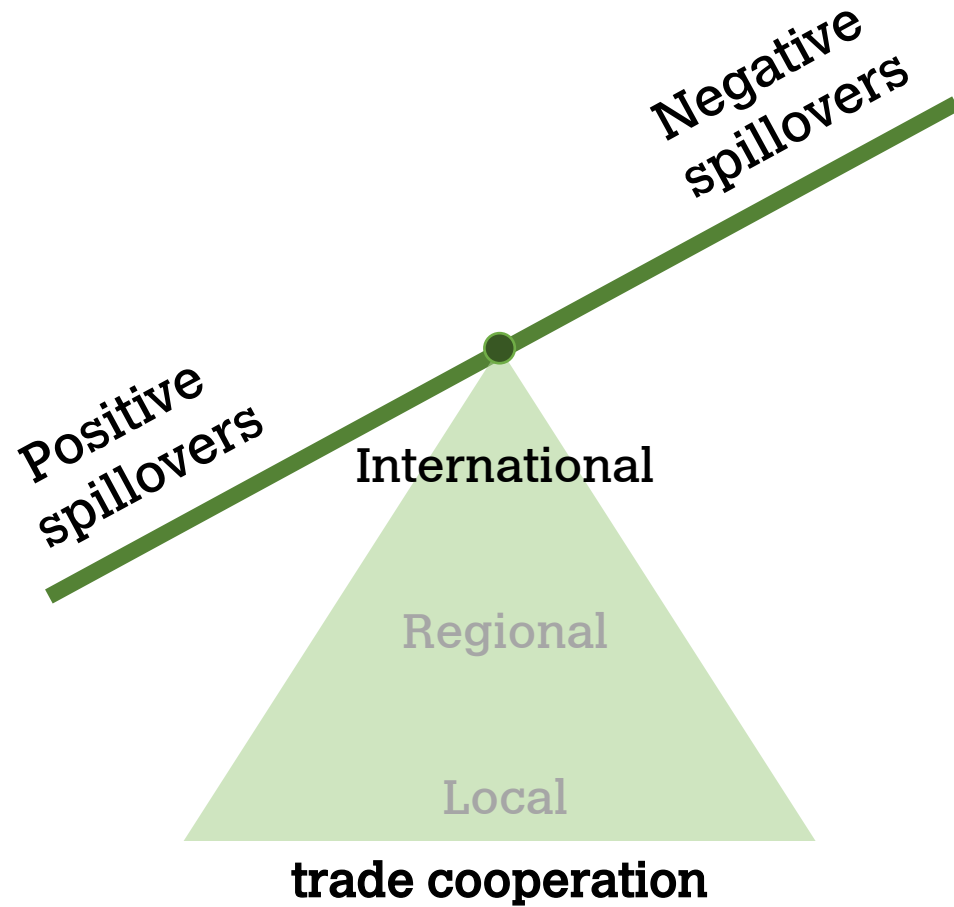


Number of regional trade agreements (RTAs)
with natural disasters provisions



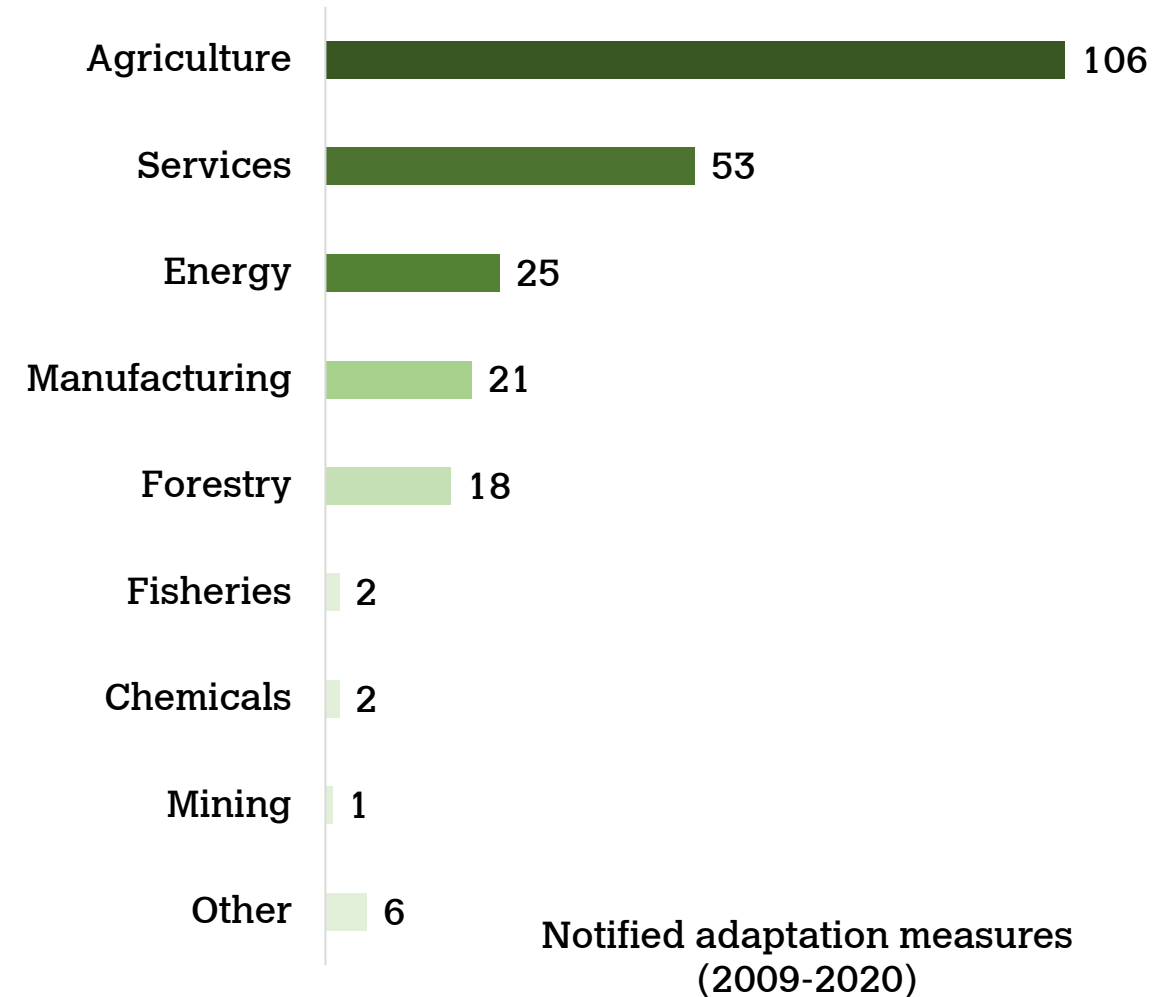
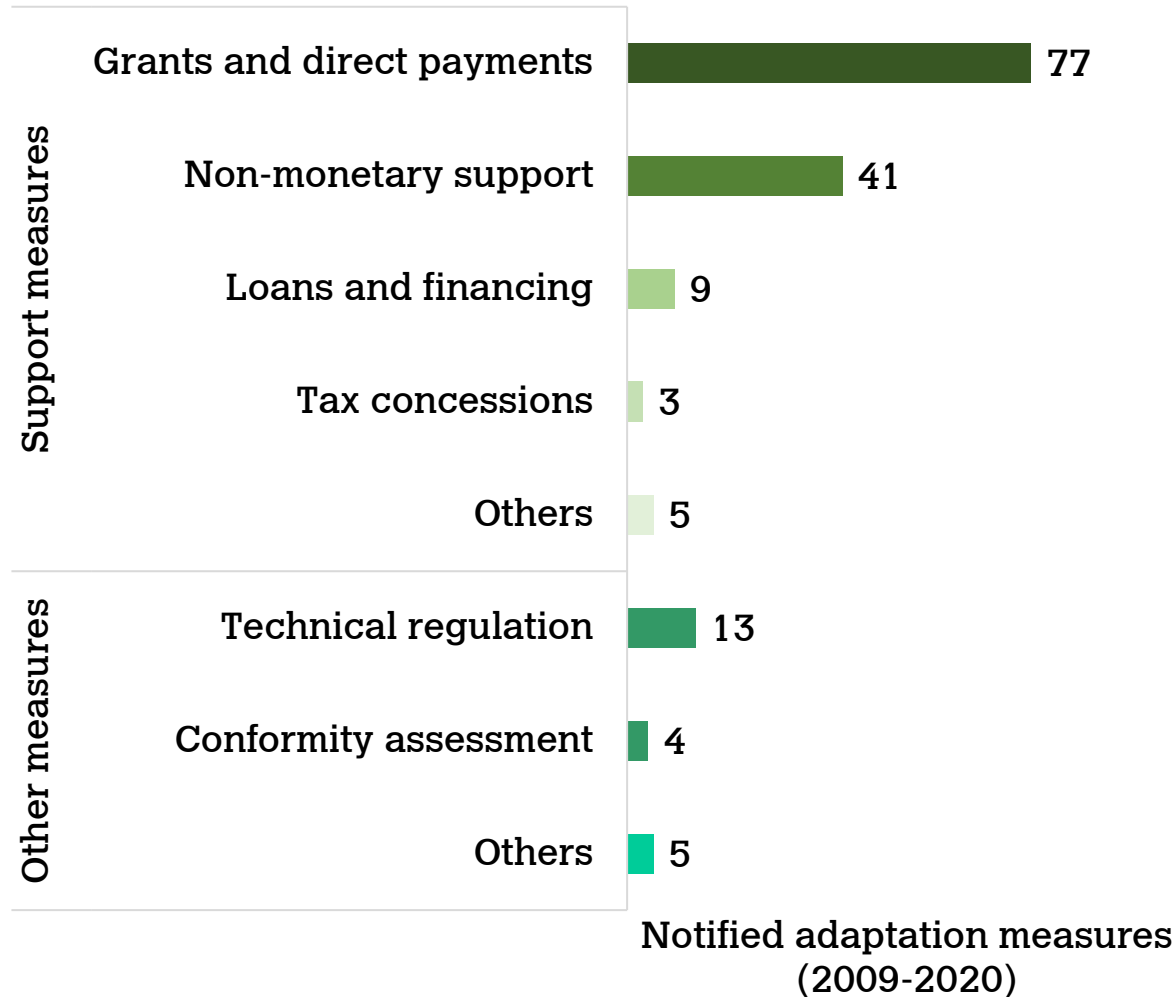
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The WTO contributes to transformative adaptation...



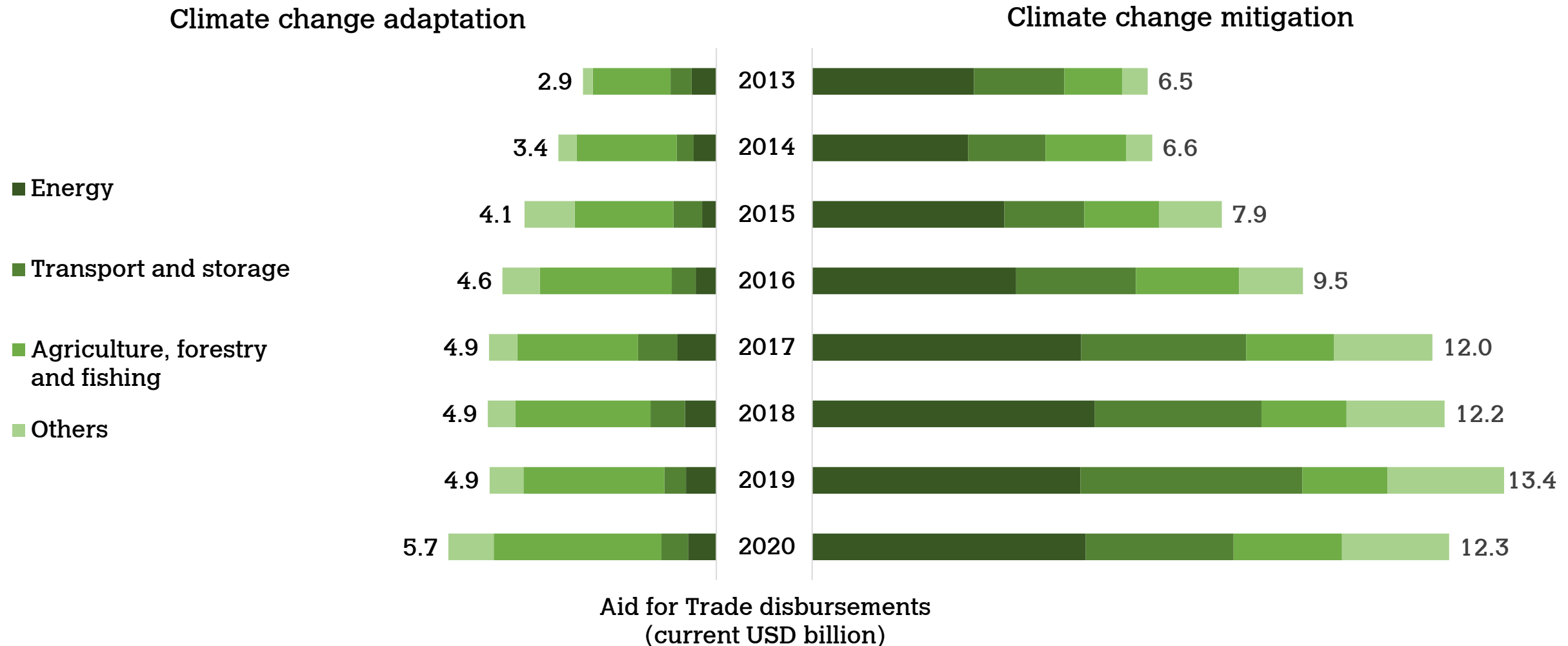
- Trade barriers reduction on adaptation technologies, food and critical supplies
- Streamlined customs procedures supporting emergency responses
- Policy transparency and predictability
- Climate-resilient trade capacity and infrastructure building
- Collaboration with other international and regional organizations

Limited but increasing trade-related measures on adaptation notified to the WTO



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Limited but increasing Aid for Trade disbursements related to climate change adaptation



WTO 12th Ministerial conference agrees that trade must be part of the solution to climate change

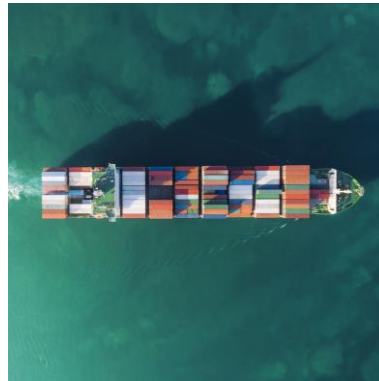


- Agreement on fisheries subsidies curbing illegal, unreported, unregulated fishing and overfishing
- Ministerial decision on the exemption of World Food Programme purchases from export restrictions
- Ministerial declaration on the emergency response to food insecurity
- Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) declaration on responding to modern SPS challenges
- On-going trade and environmental sustainability structured discussions

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