

Doha:

What Does Development Policy Tell Us Is Critical for Asia?

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“Poverty” includes:

- Limited economic opportunities
- Multiple deprivations
- Constraints on choice and power
- Vulnerability

What can trade policy do?

- Remove impediments
- Address important issues
- Improve governance
- Provide flexibility
- Coordinate with other agencies
- Advocate for development

“Enlightened standard view:”

- Market access in ICs
- Comprehensive DC reforms
- Market access in DCs
- Aid for trade
- WTO governance

Aggressive Critique:

- Rectify imbalances – e.g., TRIPs
- Reconceive reciprocity
- SDT – institutional variations
- Address DC concerns – e.g., commodities
- Food security
- Coordinate on deprivations of poverty

Doha Declaration

- Addresses many issues –ambiguously
- Meaning amplified by negotiations
- Keep development insights, commitments central

- Other issues not addressed
- Continue debate