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Enhancing food security through trade

The presentation will explore the role of trade in rural development and food security. In particular, it will focus on the increasing importance of global value chains in the agrifood business and the shift in the trade paradigm this implies. The question thus becomes: how to join and move up GVCs? How to maximize the benefits (transfers of knowledge, technology, capital, etc.) and minimize the risks (land grab, competition issues, principles for responsible investment in agriculture) associated with developing countries participation to GVCs. It will point at the different trade obstacles to be removed and other positive actions to be taken to enhance food security. It will in particular stress the need for capacity building to be delivered by both public (aid for trade) and private actors, and as much as possible in coordination to maximize the impact of the initiatives.