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Transport and Trade Facilitation for Development: Scaling-up Public Finance and Investments

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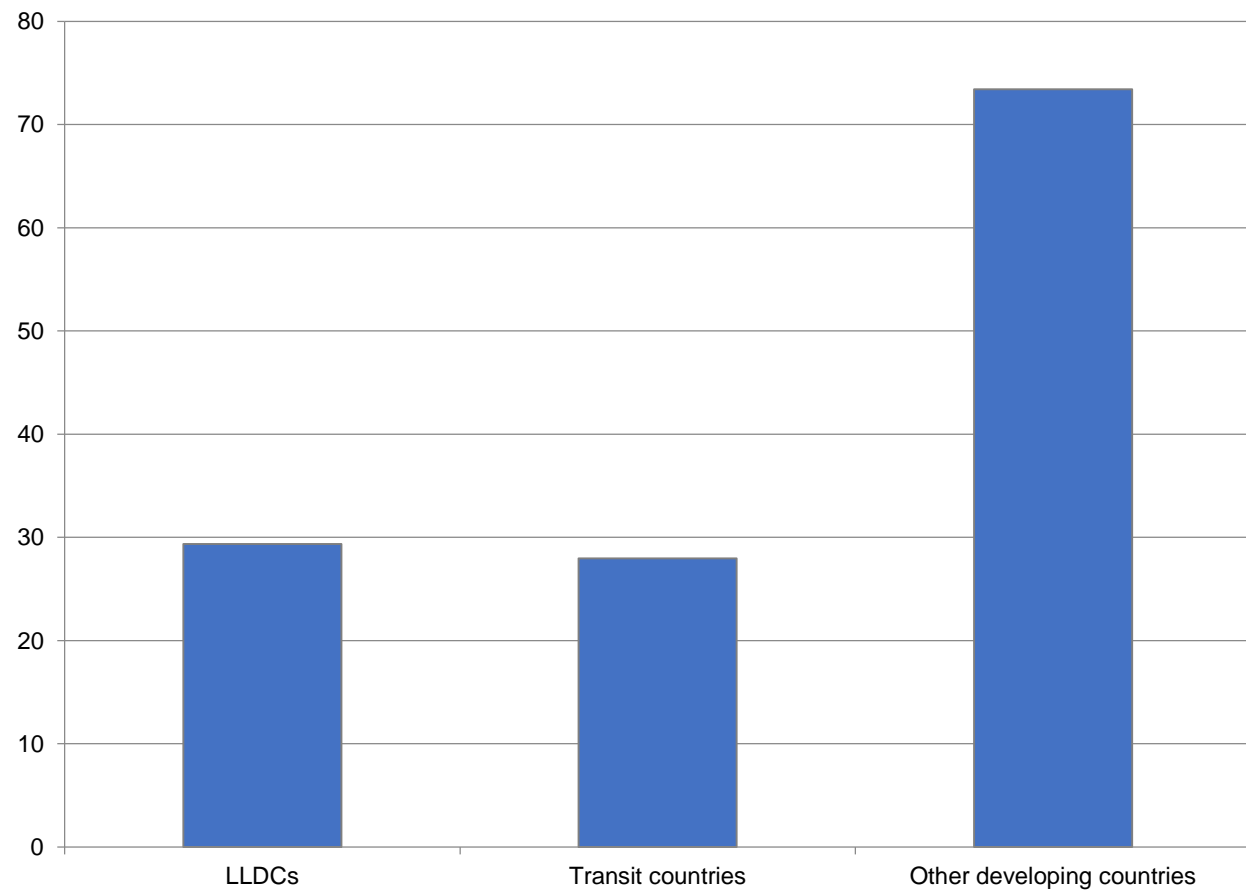
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Development-oriented trade facilitation requires:

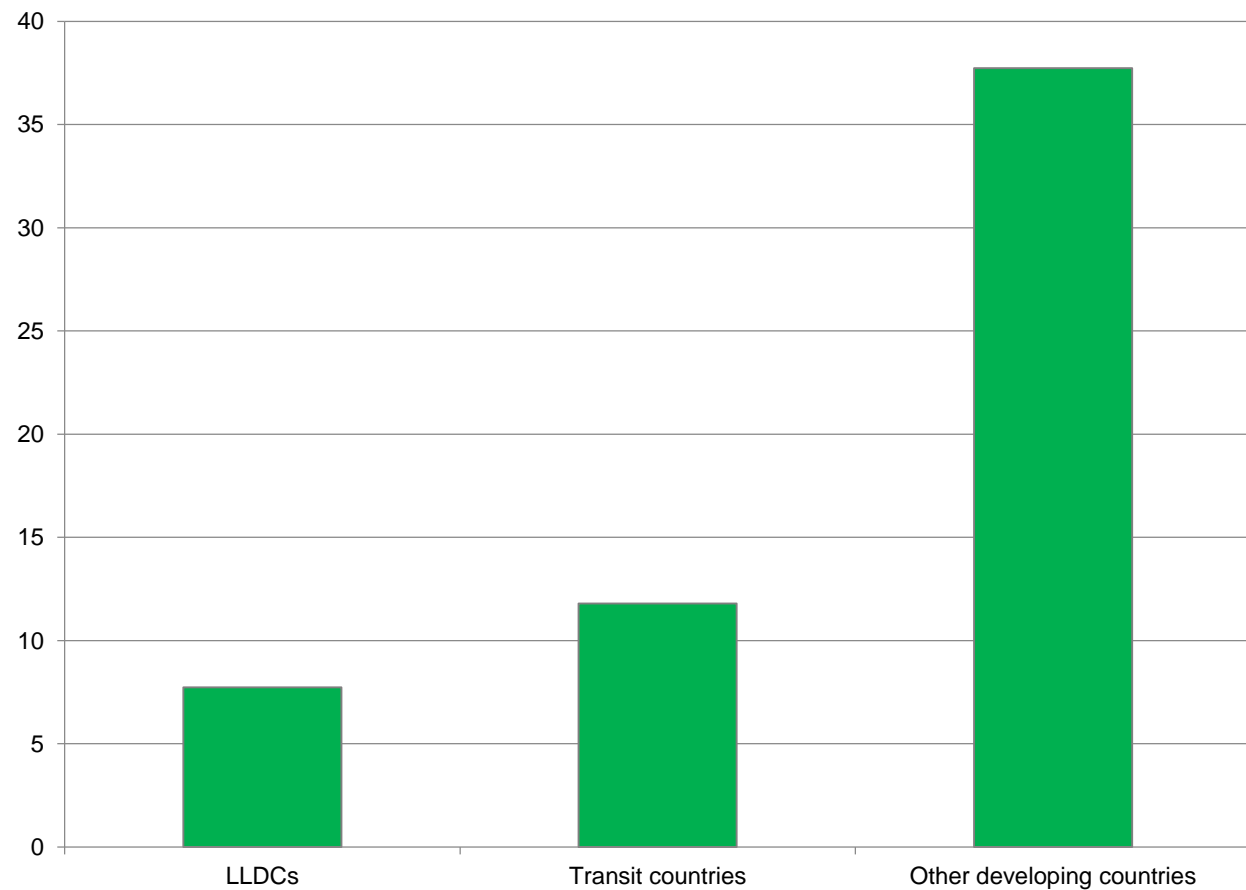
- Modern and efficient transport infrastructure
- Regional and international connectivity (Silk Road Initiative)
- Technology-driven and rule-based logistics
- Flexible regulations, rules and procedures
- Vibrant and capable institutions including private sector
- Capacity to effectively implement multilateral, regional and bilateral transport and trade agreements such as WTO TFA
- Regional cooperation, including in the context of CFTA (for African LLDCs)
- Cooperation between LLDCs and their transit neighbors

Key transport infrastructure: Road and Rail

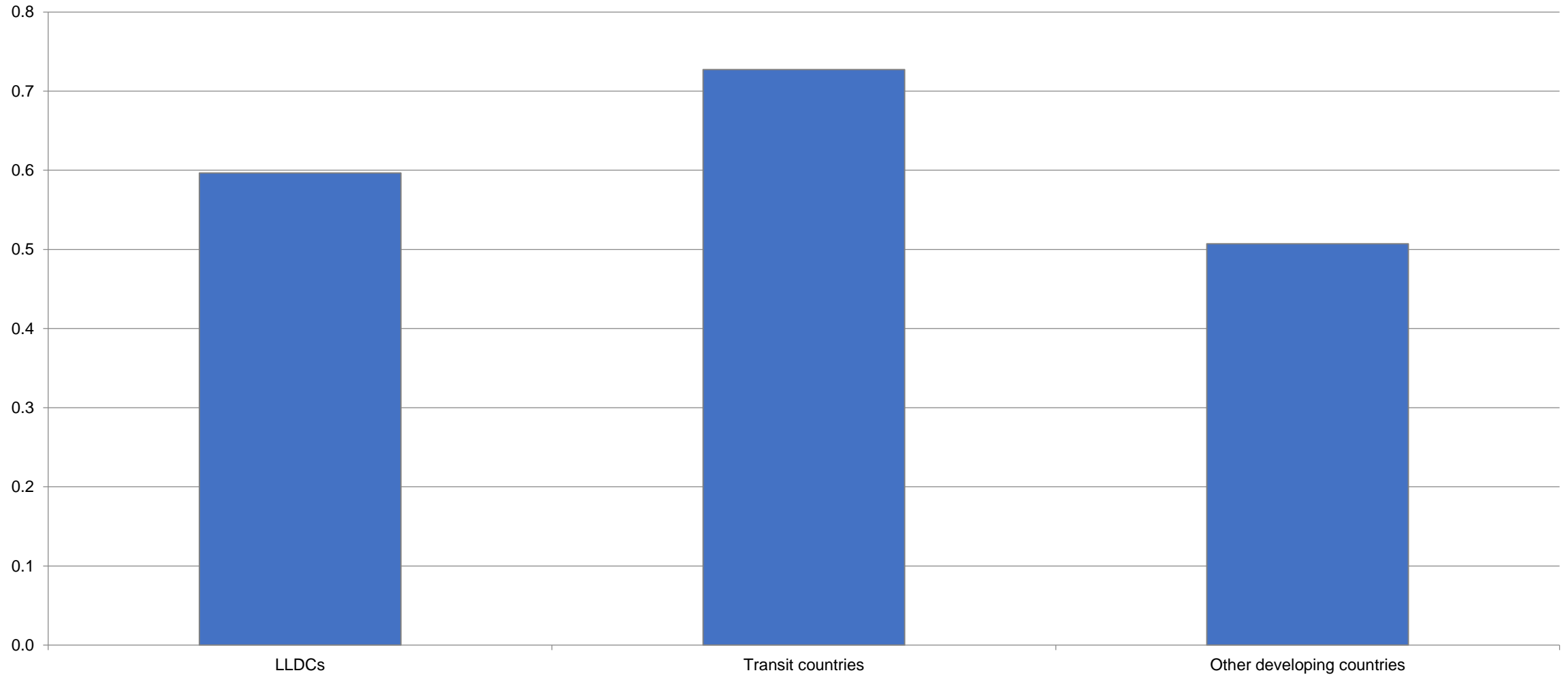
Roads paved (% of total roads)



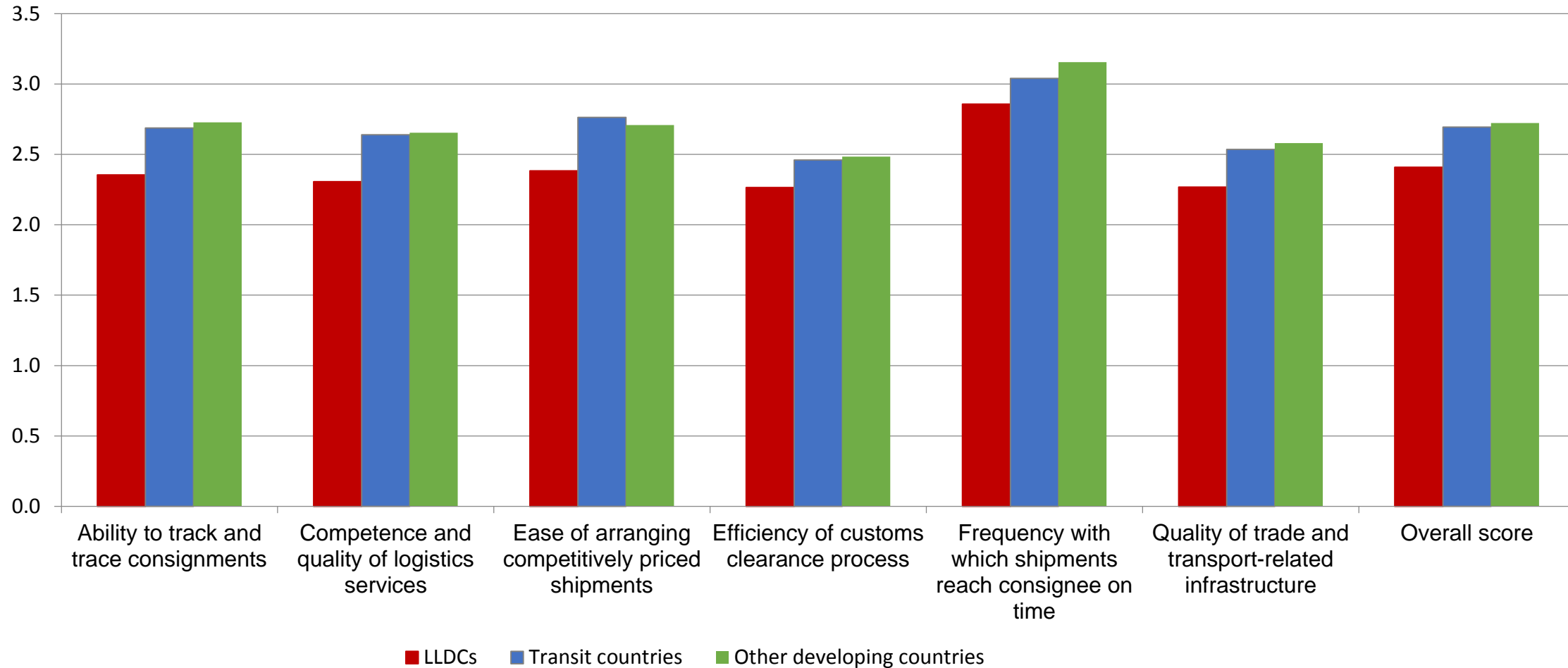
Road density per 100 sq.km of land area



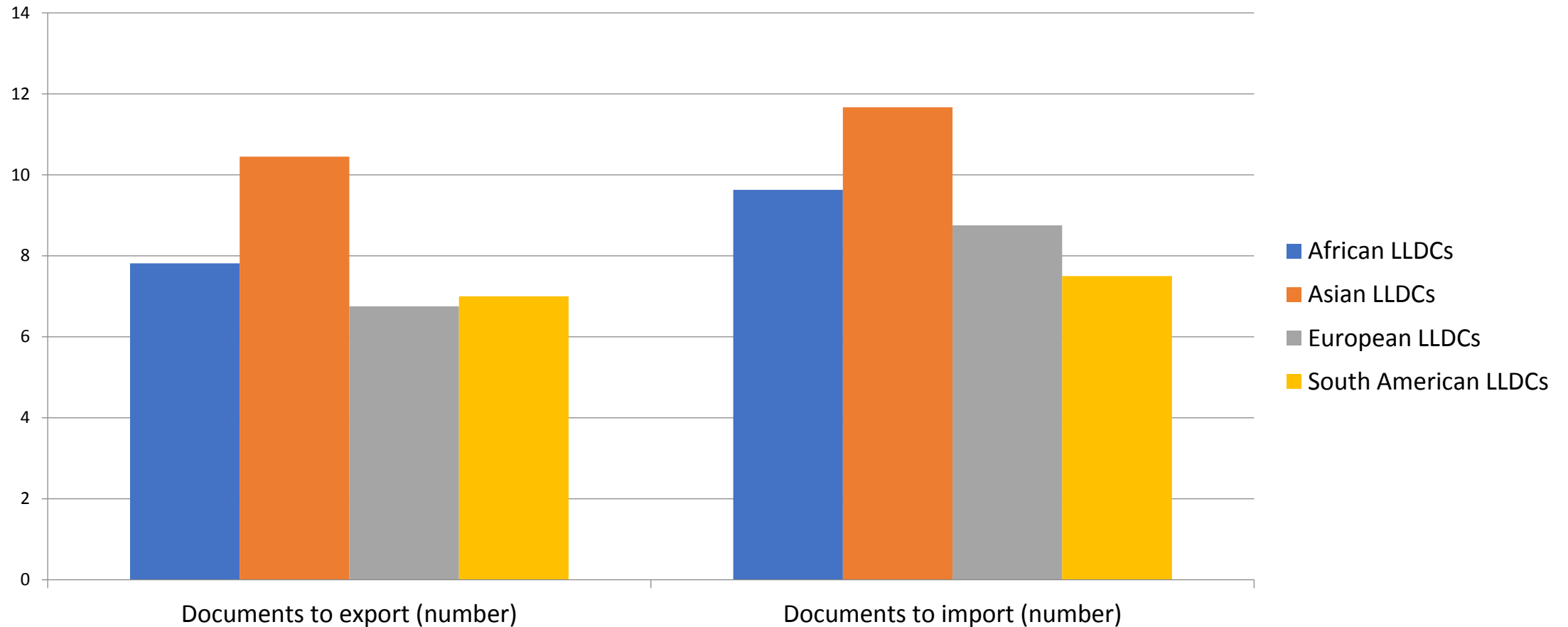
Rail Density(Rail lines per 100 sq.km): DCs, Transit, and LLDCs



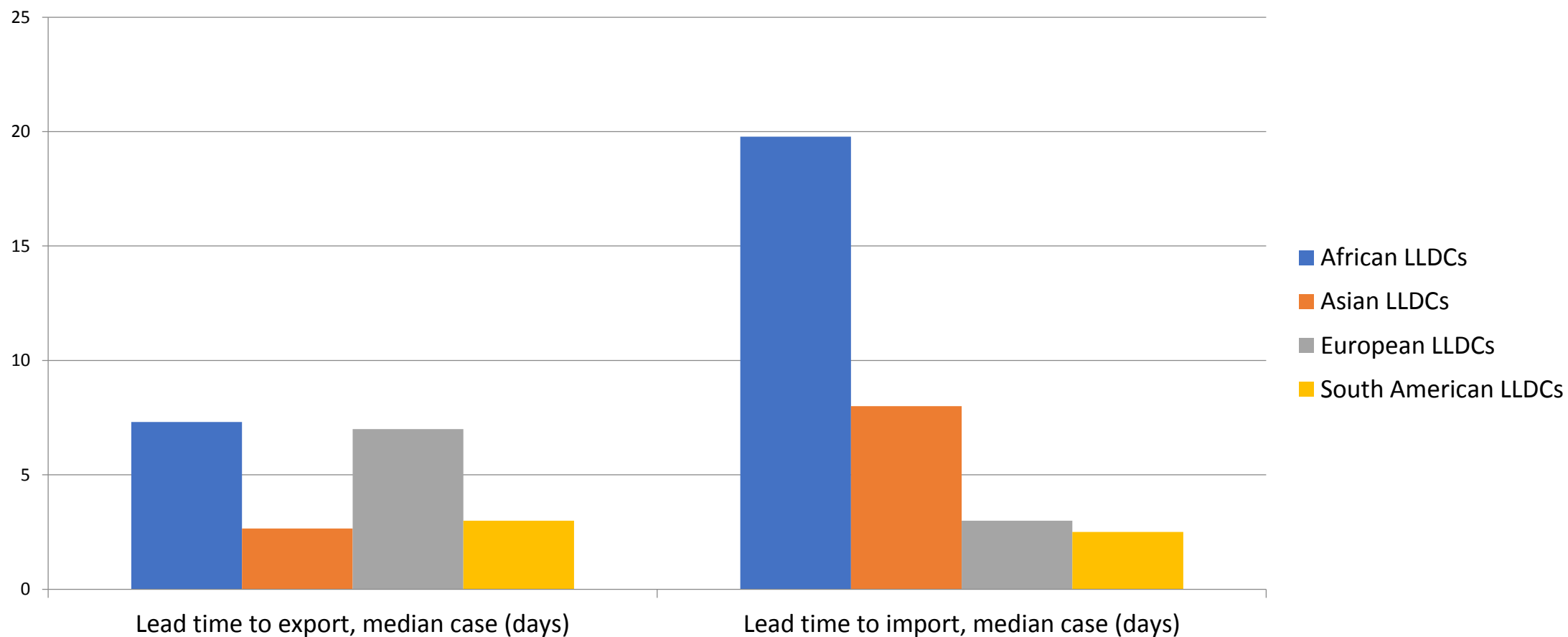
Logistics Performance Index: DCs, Transit and LLDCs



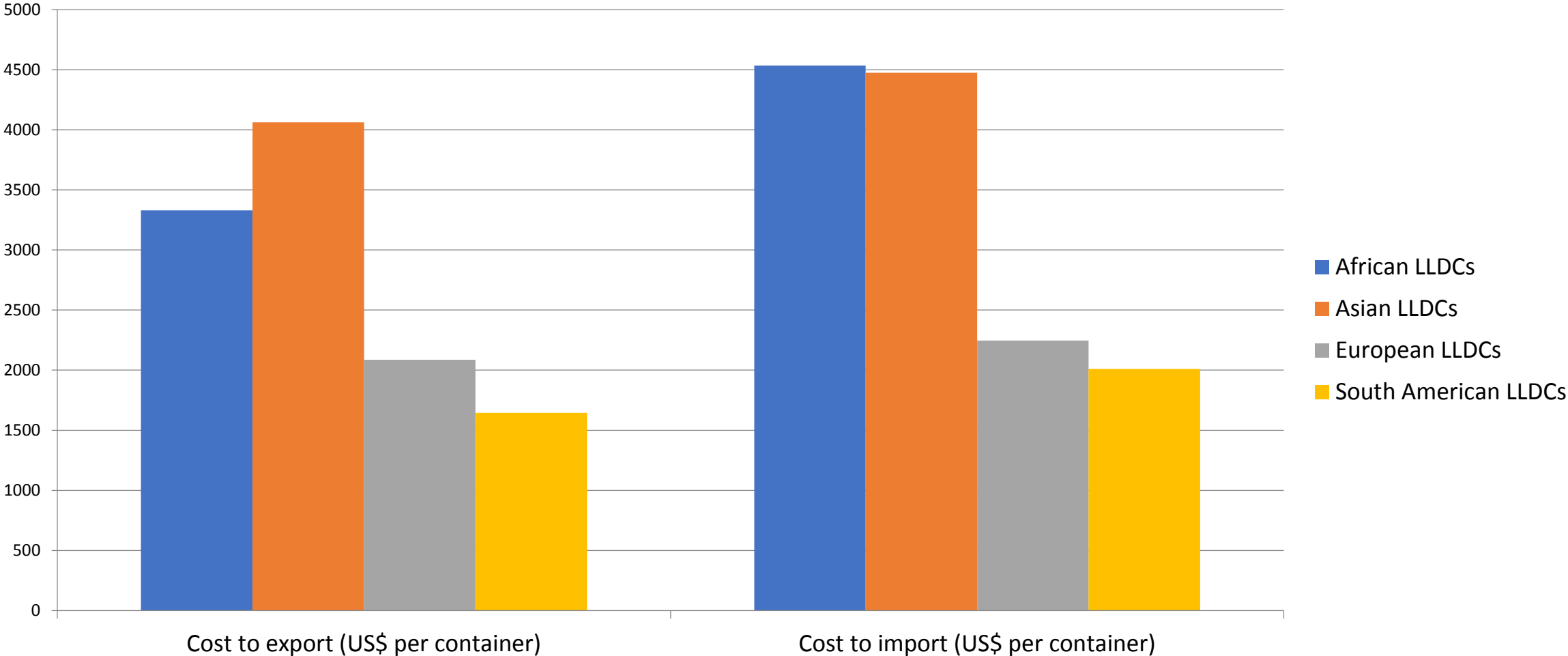
Number of documentation for export and import: Regional performances



Lead time to export and import (days)



Cost to export an import (US\$ per container)



Concluding remarks

- **Trade facilitation and export diversification** should go hand in hand;
- **Streamlining** customs procedures by reducing the number of documentation needed for export and imports is required;
- **Harmonizing** domestic and regional customs procedures with international need to be given equal importance,
- **Automate** customs procedures and introduce risk management systems
- **Promote** greater use of **ICTs in customs modernization** and clearance systems
- **Modernize and upgrade physical transport infrastructure, enhance the role of the private sector (PPP);**
- Effectively **implement regional and international trade facilitation agreements (including WTO TFA);** and
- **Continuously negotiate collaborative** and mutually beneficial transit-transport agreements with transit neighbors.