

# FDI Project Notes

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## Abstract

The study of FDI flows has....

## 1 Data Collection

### 1. FDI Data

- Downloaded from UNCTAD
- Cleaned and appended into panel format

### 2. GDP

- Downloaded from WB WDI

### 3. Distance

- Downloaded from CEPII
- Mayer, T. & Zignago, S. (2011) Notes on CEPII's distances measures: the GeoDist Database  
CEPII Working Paper 2011-25

## 2 Data Cleaning

### 1. Downloading Data: `FDI_UNCTAD.R`

- STP and CIV cannot be scraped due to Uni-code issues
- Downloaded and formatted manually

### 2. Cleaning Data: `clean_UNCTAD.R`

- Gets rid of empty columns and empty rows, then appends all countries together

- Issues; Had to rewrite “Sao Tao and Principe” in its file; Changed “Cote d’Ivoire” to “Ivory Coast”
- Need to check on merging for codes and names, lost data?
- File output `appended_fdi.csv`

### 3. Cleaning Data: `clean2_UNCTAD.R`

- Gets rid of aggregates and adds country codes
- File output `appended_fdi.csv`

### 4. Adding data: `FDI_merge.R`

- Adds gravity variables
- File output: replaces `fdi_panel.csv`