

Facilitating North-South Knowledge Sharing: Conditions for Enhanced Knowledge Flows (Innovation and the Development Agenda)

This chapter discusses framework conditions needed to enhance North-South knowledge flows through the transfer of intellectual property, trade and foreign direct investment (FDI). These conditions include mechanisms for investing in human capital, outward-oriented trade policies and FDI policies that do not discriminate against local firms. As well as investing in education, science and technology, and R&D to enhance absorptive capacity for knowledge transfer, needs are identified for technological infrastructure, socioeconomic infrastructure, productive capacity and a national orientation, including transparent regulation, low risk and support for entrepreneurship. Specific incentives for FDI are also discussed.

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