

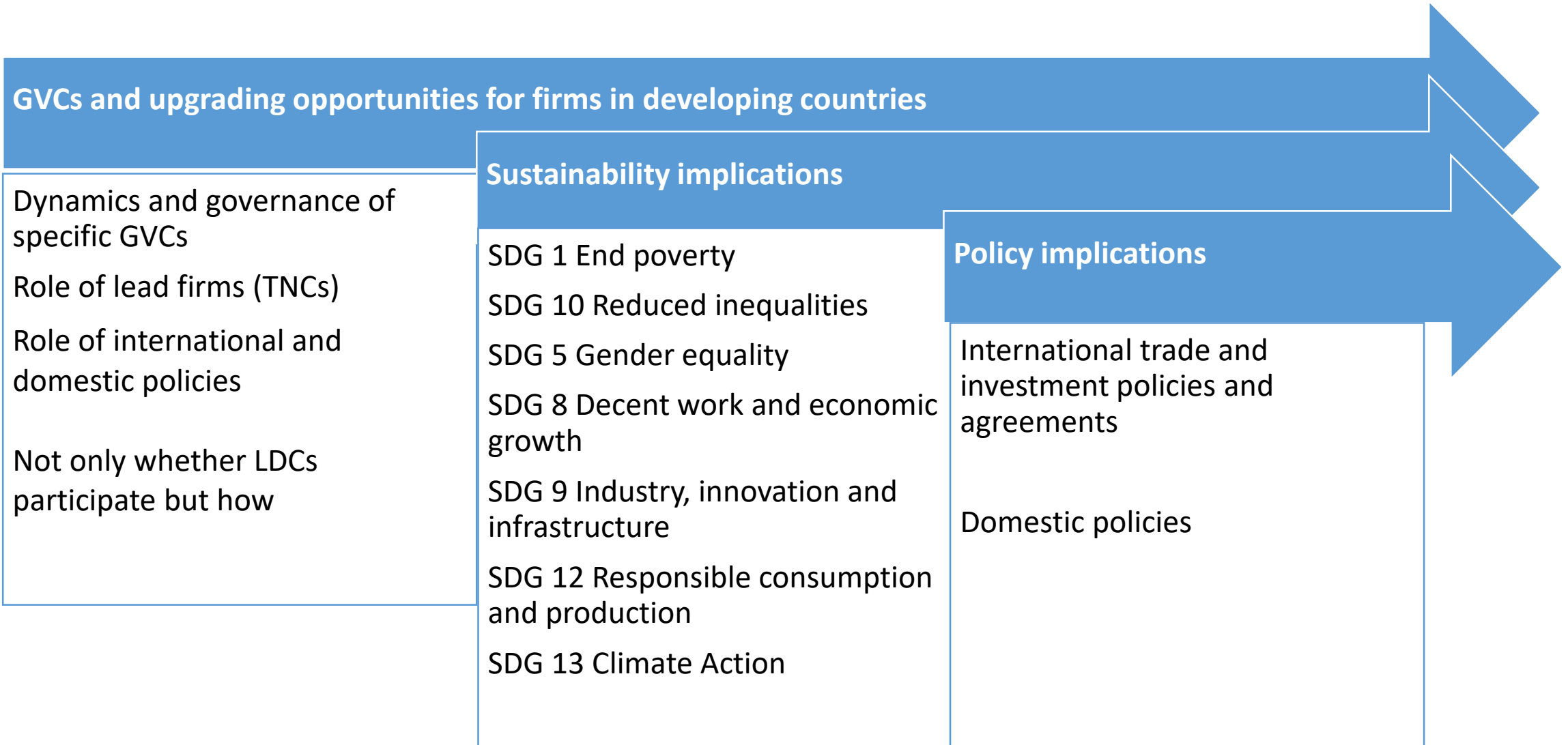
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# **SDGs in the textile global value chain: Sustainability within an Upgrading Perspective**

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# Focus of ICTSD research



# Lesotho

## Trade preferences

- Driven by Taiwan quota-hopping FDI for AGOA
- End of WTO Agreement on Textile and Clothing
- Triangular Manufacturing

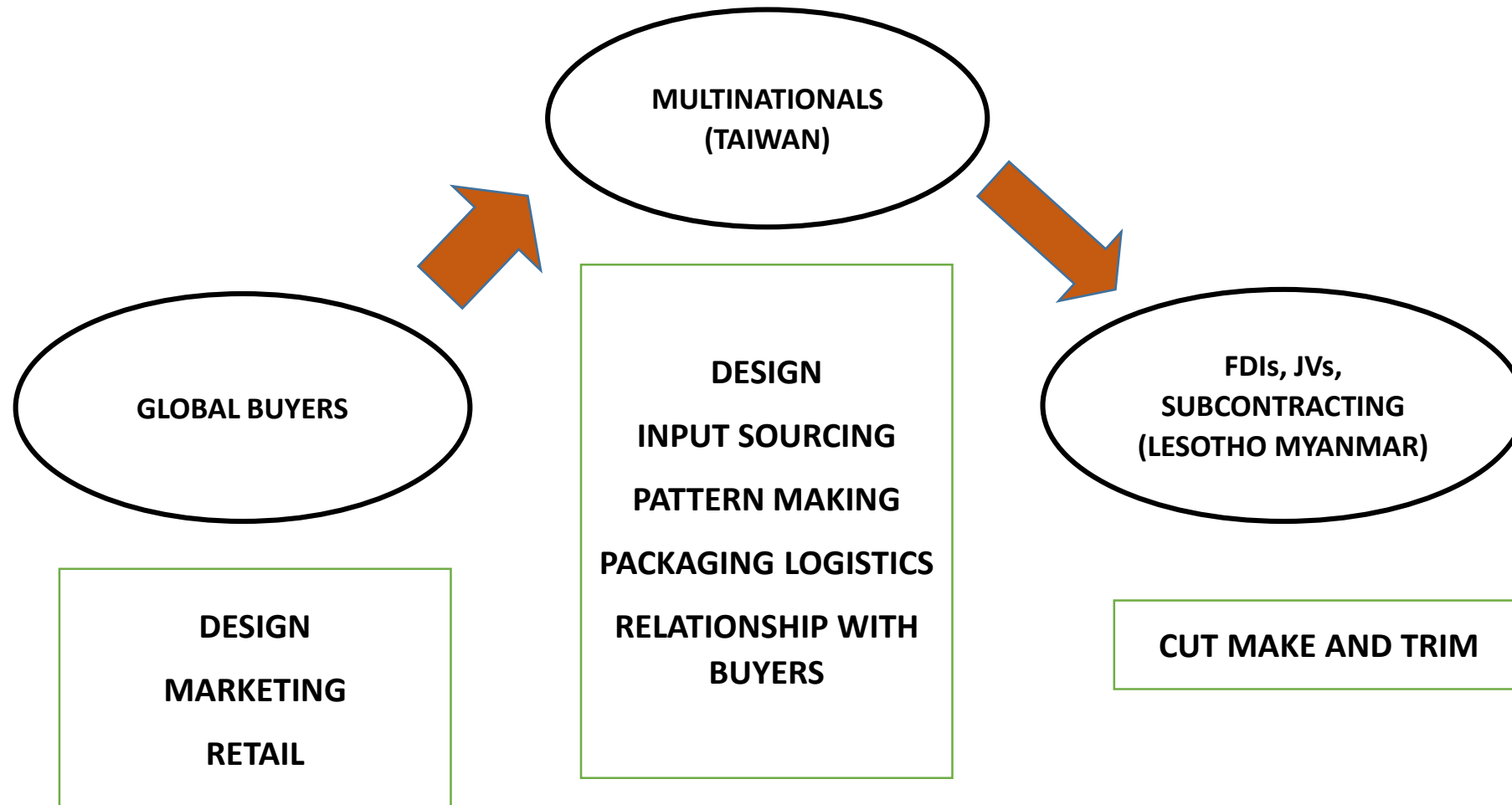
## Regional Value Chains

- Driven by South African retail chains
- More opportunities for upgrading

## Labour

- 60% firms part of ILO Better Work Conditions
- Sustainability for US vs. regional end markets
- Skills transfer

# Triangular manufacturing



# Myanmar

## New frontier for apparel production

- Pre-existing skills and established markets
- Fast growing industry
- Triangular manufacturing

## Labour

- Poor but improving worker conditions
- BSCI driven by EU and US buyers
- Workers' protests

# Ethiopia

## Investment

- Since late 2000s
- Heterogeneous investment
- Vertically integrated textile firms

## Active government policies

- Strategic FDI promotion, export promotion
- Focused on learning, upgrading and local linkages
- Textile Industry Development Institute

## Labour Environment

- Poor working conditions
- Sweden, H&M, ILO initiative
- Climate Resilient Green Economy (CRGE)

# Concluding remarks

