Is informality a growing challenge?
The majority of non-farm employment in developing countries is informal

In sub-Saharan Africa and Southern and South-East Asia, 7 in 10 non-farm workers are in the informal economy.

The share of non-farm workers in the informal economy varies greatly, from 6% to 96%.

The share of non-farm employment in the informal economy appears to be growing.

Northern Africa
- 2005-2010: 53%
- 1985-1989: 34%

Latin America
- 2005-2010: 58%
- 1995-1999: 54%

Most informal workers in developing countries who are self-employed, work informally by necessity.

Share of workers who are self-employed:
- 51% of all developing countries
- 75% of low-income countries

Share of self-employed workers who are working informally by necessity:
- 60% of all developing countries
- 83% of low-income countries