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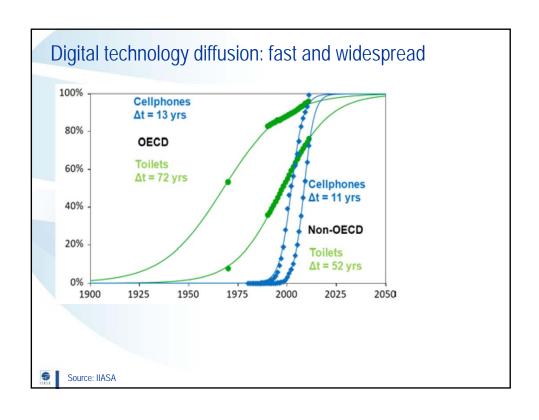
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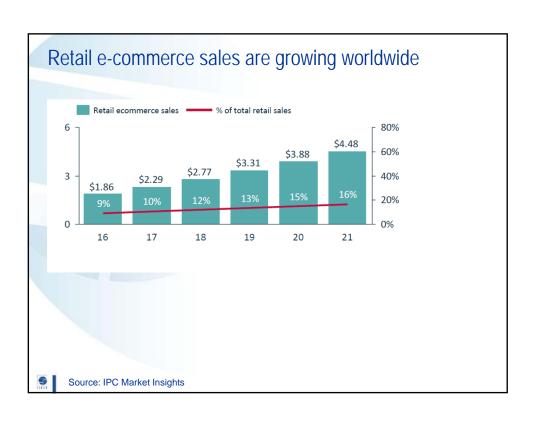
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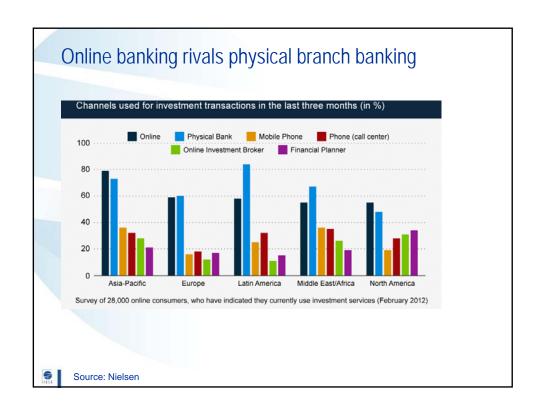
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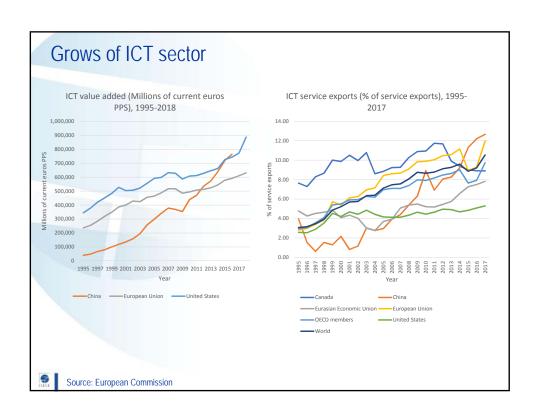




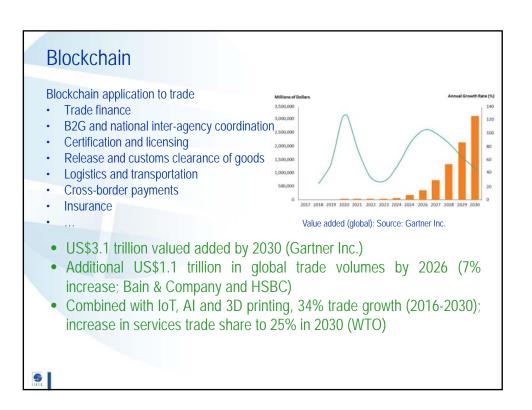


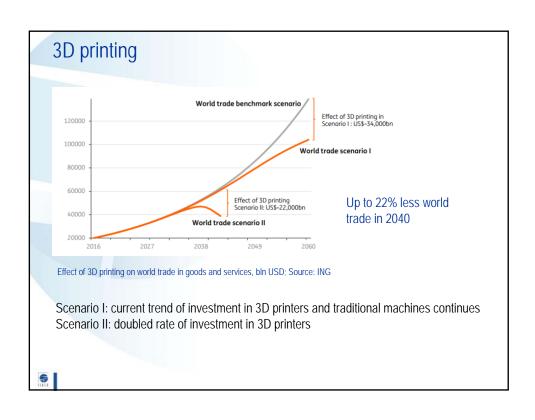






Digital transformation is expected to open up new opportunities



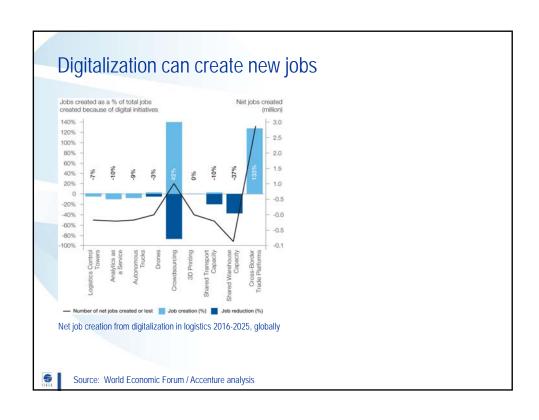


Digitalization to reduce trade costs

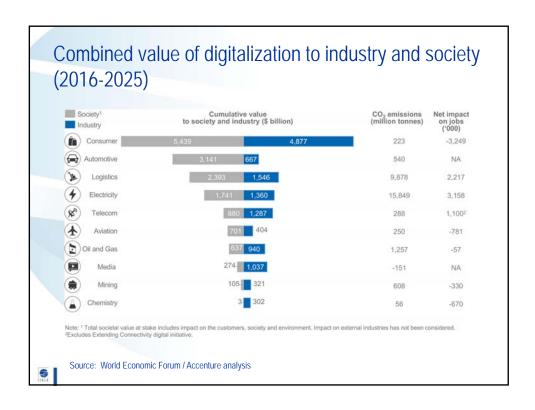
Full implementation of digital trade facilitation (incl. paperless and cross-border trade facilitation) is projected to decrease trade costs by more than 26% in Asia-Pacific region cutting international transaction by about \$1.2 trillion annually (UN ESCAP).

Country/indicator	Documents to export (number)	Cost to export (US\$ per container)	Time to export (days)
China	8	823	21
India	7	1332	17
Japan	3	829	11
Russia	9	2401	21
South Korea	3	670	8
Azerbaijan	9	3460	27
Kazakhstan	10	5285	79
Kyrgyzstan	9	4760	63
Latvia	5	600	10

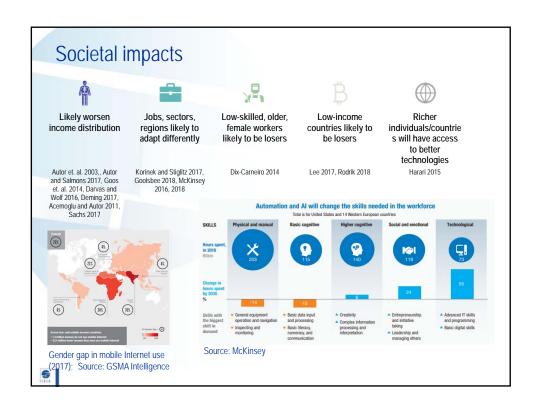
Source: Doing Business, World Bank

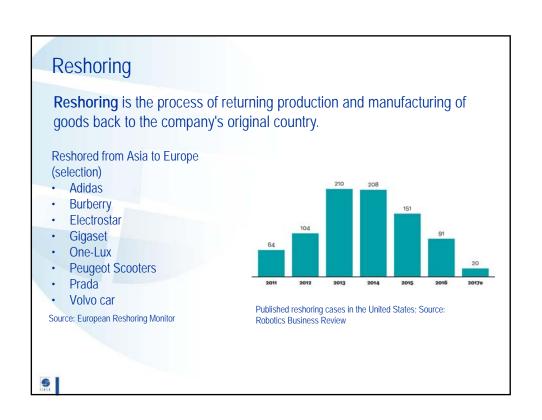


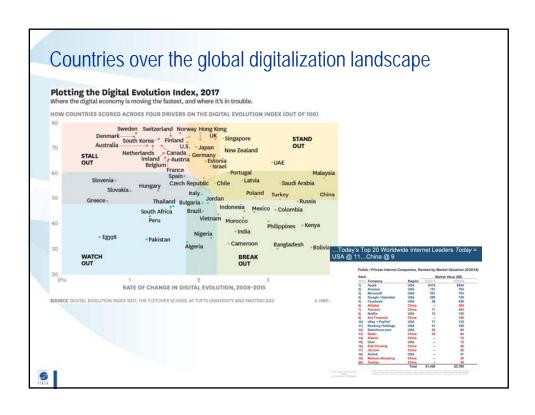


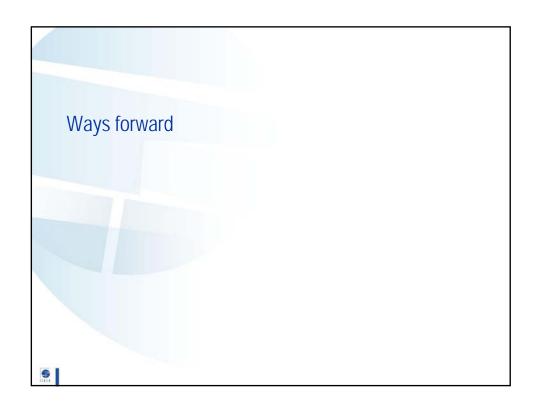












Impacts of previous technological waves

Research on the impact of automation started during the Industrial revolution (1800s), when textile mills started replacing humans



Each wave of new technologies has been seen as a threat to jobs



But has empirically increased employment, jobs, and growth



- International cooperation to
 - Promote an enabling environment for digital innovations
 - Foster competition in the digital economy
 - Bridge digital divides
 - Promote international labor standards
 - Exchange experiences on digital transformation, digitalization of government and innovative models

"The openness of the European market should be maintained and developed further in the digital sphere. The EU should continue to press for the same openness and effective enforcement of intellectual property rights from ... trading partners ... an ambitious digital trade and investment policy should be further developed including by means of the EU's free trade agreements." (A Digital Single Market Strategy for Europe)

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DECLARATION ON THE DIGITAL ECONOMY AS A DRIVER FOR PROMOTING CO-OPERATION, SECURITY AND GROWTH

 We, the members of the Ministerial Council of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, recall the provisions of the OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension adopted in Maastricht in 2003, the Ministerial Council Declaration on Strongthoning Good Governance and Combating Cornation



