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**ENHANCING
THE CONTRIBUTION OF EXPORT
PROCESSING ZONES TO THE
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

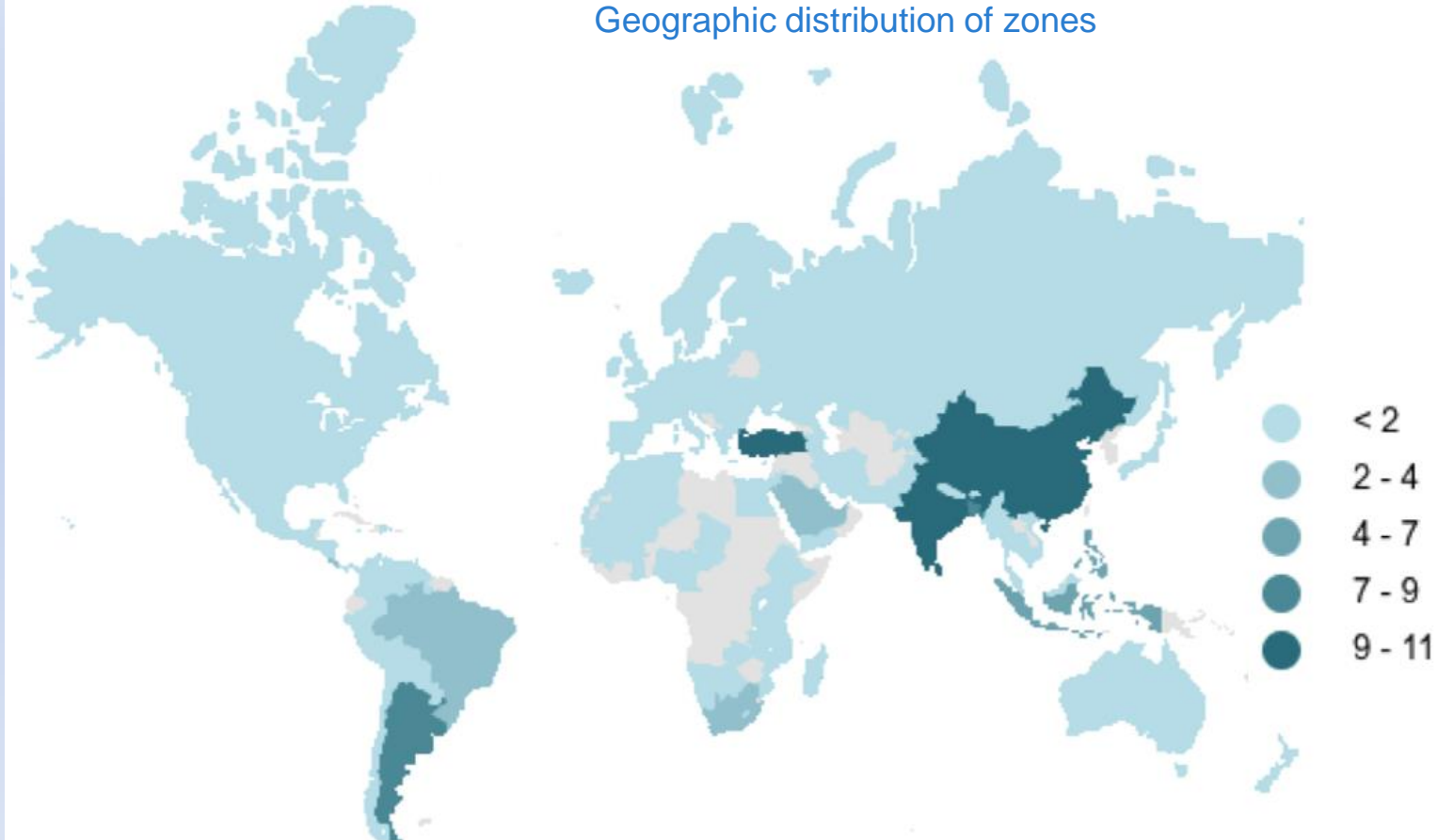
An analysis of 100 EPZs
and a Framework for
Sustainable Economic Zones

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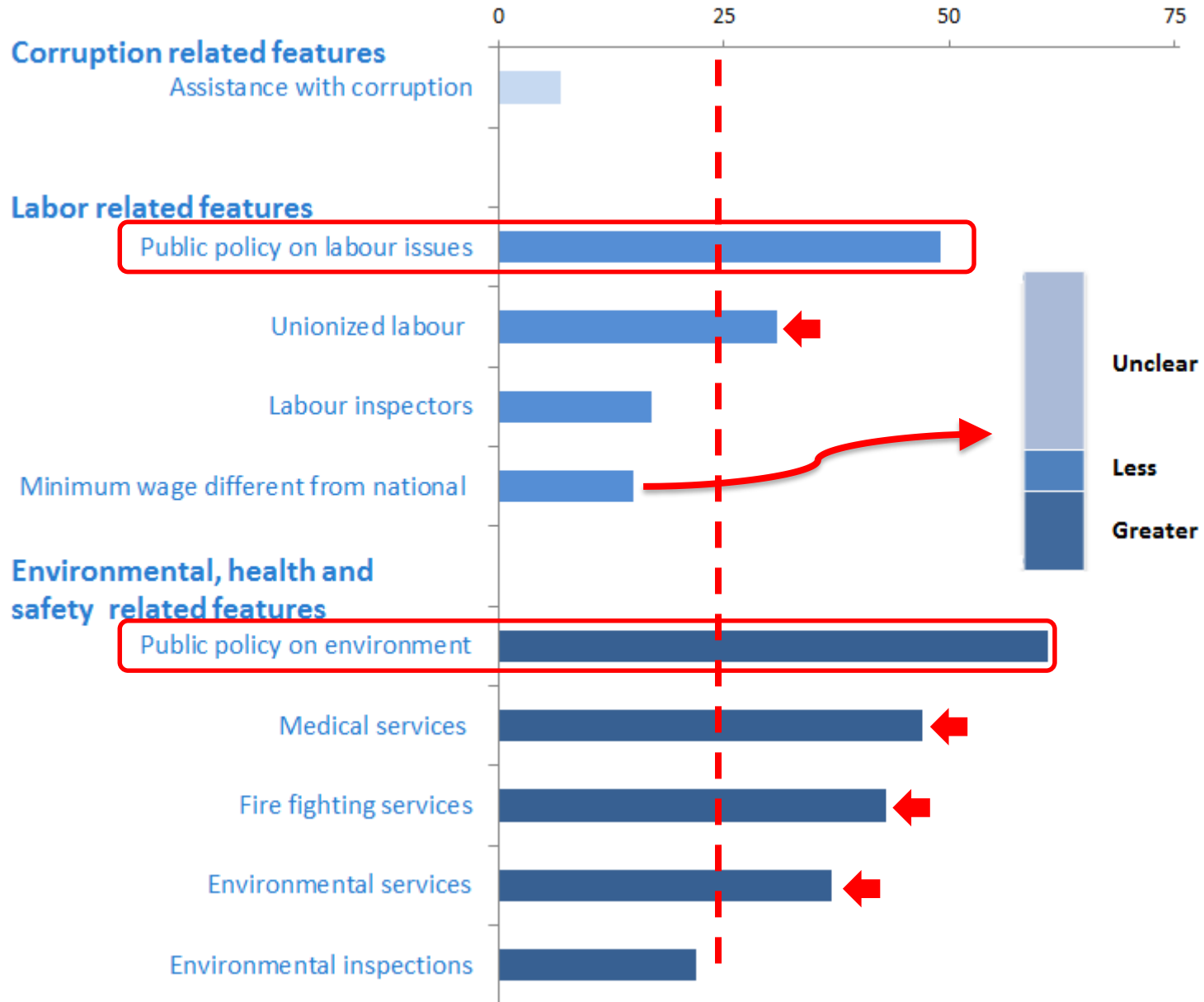


UNCTAD survey of 100 zones from around the world
Geographic distribution of zones



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Some zones promoting environmental and social features
Sustainability related business features promoted by zones (number of zones)





Framework for Sustainable Economic Zones

Key elements for promoting sustainable zones

	Policies/Standards	Infrastructure assistance	Administrative assistance
General Approach	Create multi-stakeholder partnerships to identify opportunities and develop an action plan		
	Maintains and enforces policies and standards, including:	Provides services or specialists to insure compliance/offer assistance, including:	Provides guidance and training to companies, covering how to:
Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minimum wage • working hours and benefits • respecting right of unions to be active within the zone • gender equality and related issues • incentives for third-party certifications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • labour inspectors • conflict resolution specialists • reporting hotlines • gender focal points 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve labour conditions • engage in social dialogue
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • emissions • waste disposal • energy use • incentives for third-party certifications • promoting circular economy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • centralized effluent treatment • water reclamation systems • recycling services • hazardous waste management services • alternative energy sources • reporting hotlines • enabling circular economy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • further reduce natural resource use • reduce waste • increase recycling • improve energy efficiency • adopt renewable energy
Health & Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • employee health and safety protection • incentives for third-party certifications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • medical clinic • fire brigade • reporting hotlines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prevent health and safety emergencies
Corruption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • anti-corruption standards and policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hotlines • information on reporting corruption 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • build capacity to detect and avoid corrupt business practices
Economic Linkages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • employer support for staff training and development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assistance with local sourcing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify and upgrade local suppliers



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