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**Graduation experiences of Cape
Verde, Maldives and Samoa**

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Cape Verde

- **Graduation history**
 - Met eligibility criteria (GNI and HAI) in 1997, 2000, 2003
 - Recommended for graduation by CDP in 2003
 - ECOSOC and GA endorsements in 2004
- Graduated on 20 December 2007

Cape Verde

- **Institutions**

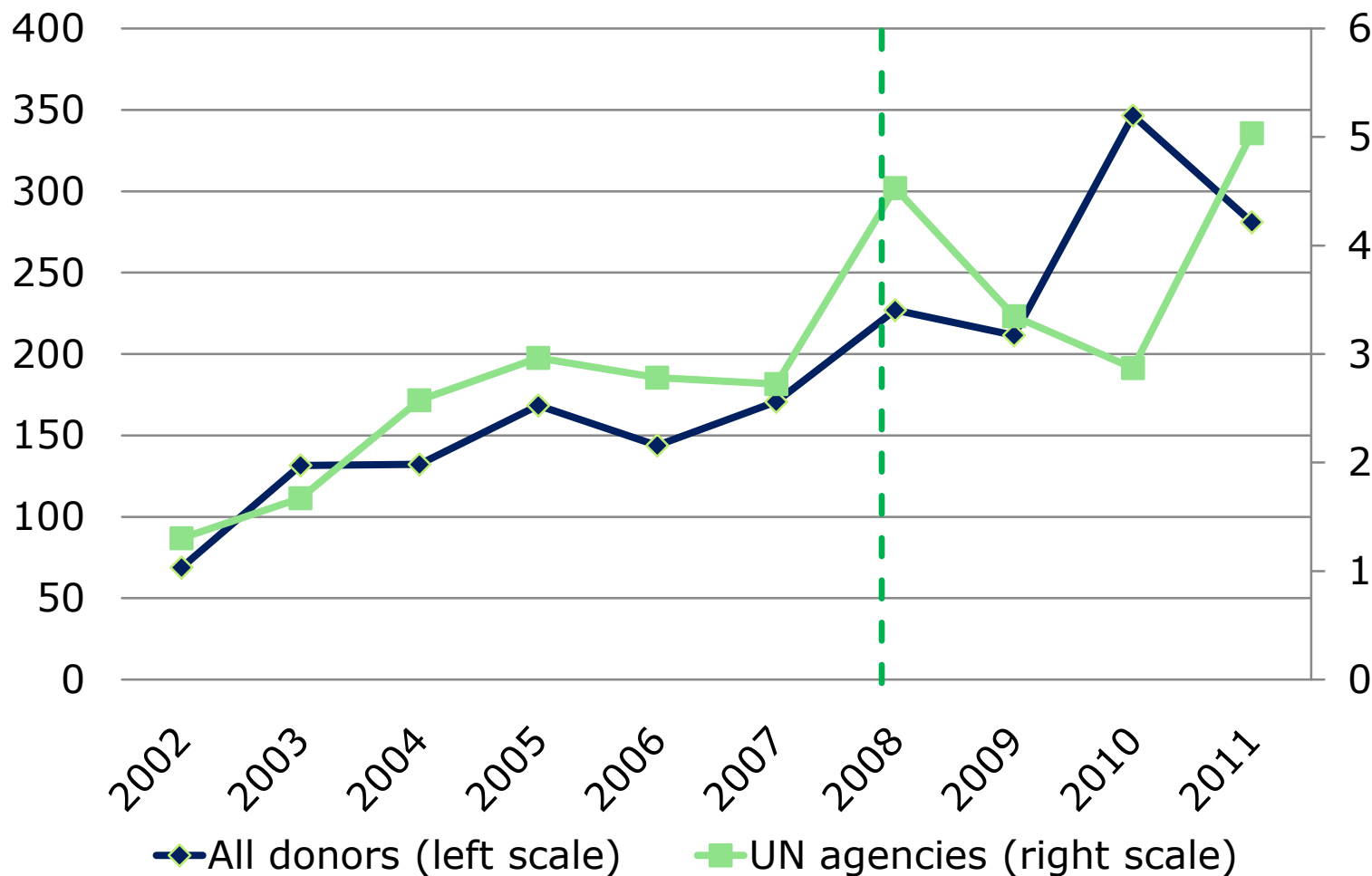
- Consultative mechanism (Transition Support Group, GAT) established in 2006
- Government of Cape Verde, UN system, MFIs, EC and major bilateral donors participated
- UN country team had major role in preparing graduation strategy
- GAT found to be effective for preparation and mobilizing external support
- No major role in monitoring post-graduation
 - Lack of formal institutional set up possible reason

Cape Verde

- **Official development assistance**
 - Overall, increase in ODA since graduation
 - Few (if any) ODA depends on LDC status
 - Some of the increase due to loans
 - Some (smaller) donors gradually phased out their ODA
 - No decline in support from United Nations
 - Initially lost access to EIF, but re-admitted in 2010 (3 plus 2 year transition period)
 - Benefited from implicit transition period in UNFCCC LDC fund

Cape Verde

Cape Verde ODA inflows (USD million)

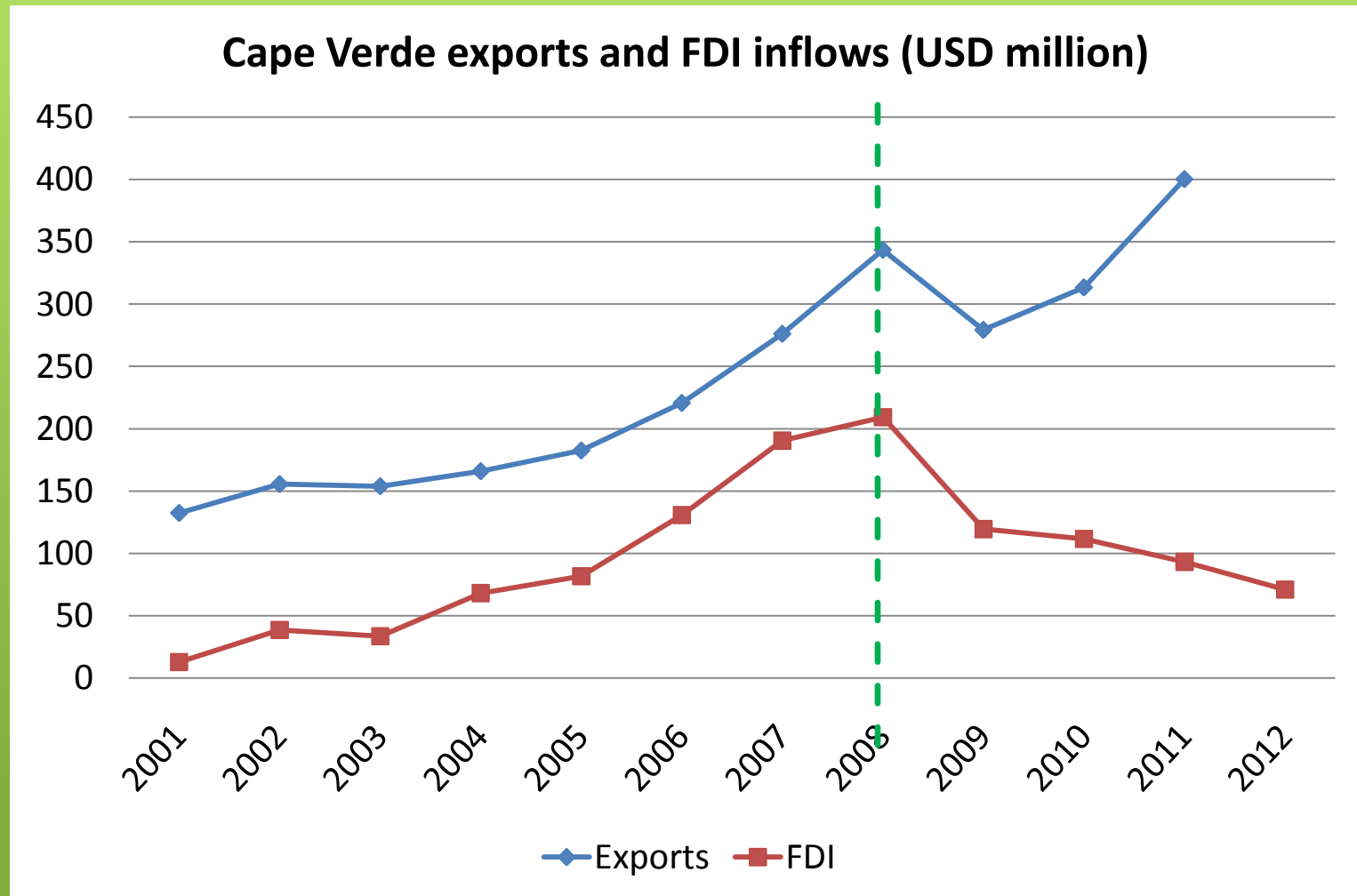


Cape Verde

- **Trade and FDI**

- Trade declined in 2009 (financial crisis), grew in 2010 and 2011
- Cape Verde mostly exports services
- Received three year general EBA extension from EU, plus one year extra extension
- Receives GSP + benefits from EU since 2012
- Initial surge in FDI, subsequent decline
 - No clear link to LDC status

Cape Verde



Cape Verde

- **Overall development progress**
 - Continued progress according to LDC indicators
 - GNI pc in 2008-2010: **\$ 3,110**
 - HAI score: **86.8** (high and improving)
 - EVI: **35.2** (strong improvement)
 - Hit by global recession in 2008/9
 - GDP growth rates declined
 - Remittances down
 - External debt increase
 - Rebound in 2010/11.

Maldives

- **Graduation history**

- Met eligibility criteria (GNI and HAI) in 1997, 2000, 2003
- Recommended for graduation by CDP in 2000 and 2003
- ECOSOC and GA endorsements in 2004
- Three year extension of LDC status after 2004 Tsunami
- Graduated on 1 January 2011

Maldives

- **Institutions**

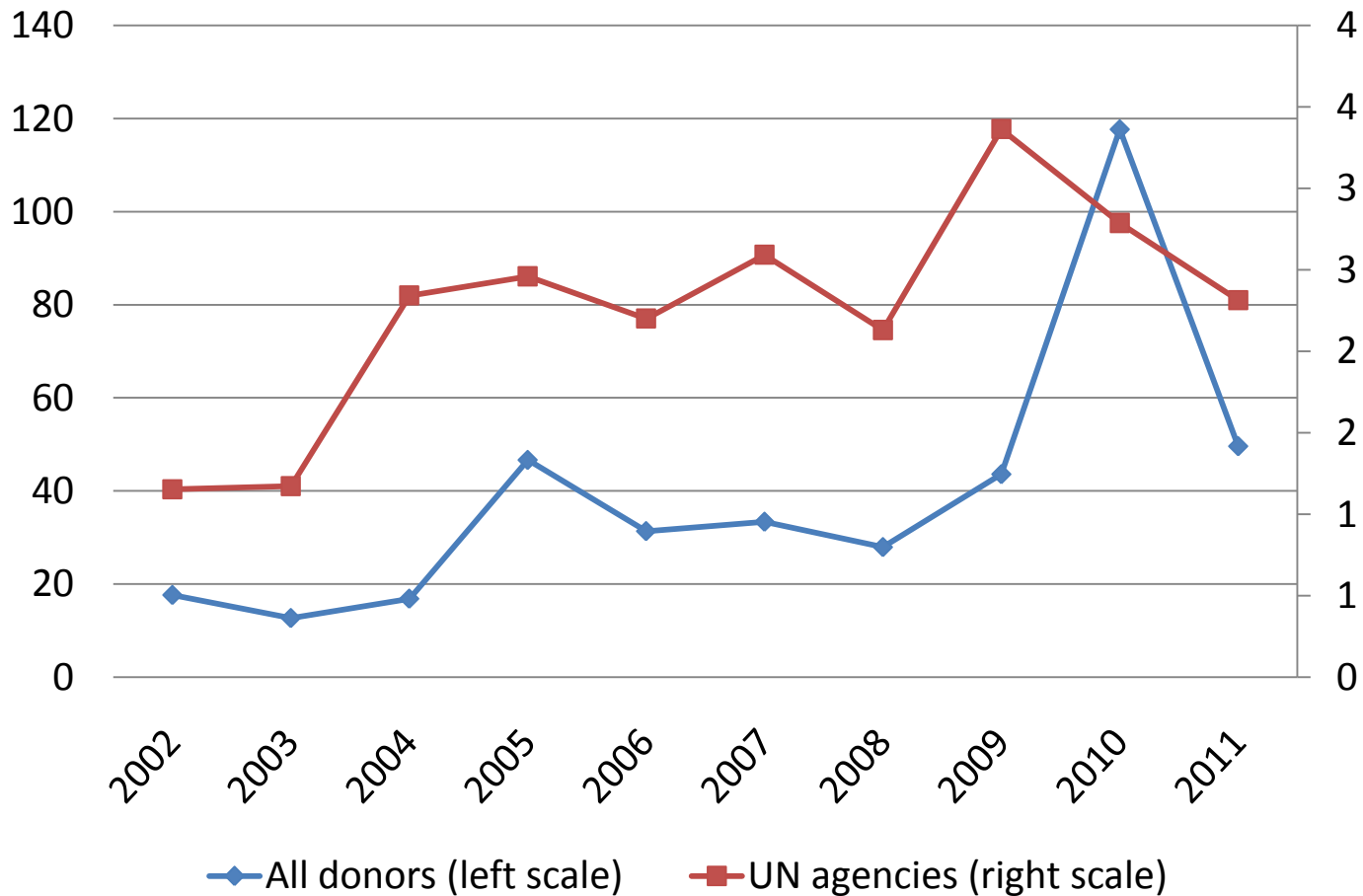
- UNESCAP and UNCTAD proposed smooth transition policies to Government
- Government held 'Maldives Donor Forum' in 2010
- Maldives has been very active in international fora
 - Proposing a formal category of small vulnerable countries
 - TRIPS extension under WTO
 - Bilateral trade negotiations

Maldives

- **Official development assistance**
 - Difficult to assess, data only available until 2011
 - Decline in 2011, but ODA still higher than in 2009
 - Maldives not a major ODA recipient
 - Japan shifts priorities based on transition strategy (from social development to climate change/energy)
 - Small decline in support from United Nations
 - Continued access to EIF and UNFCCC LDC Fund (smooth transition)

Maldives

Maldives ODA inflows (USD million)



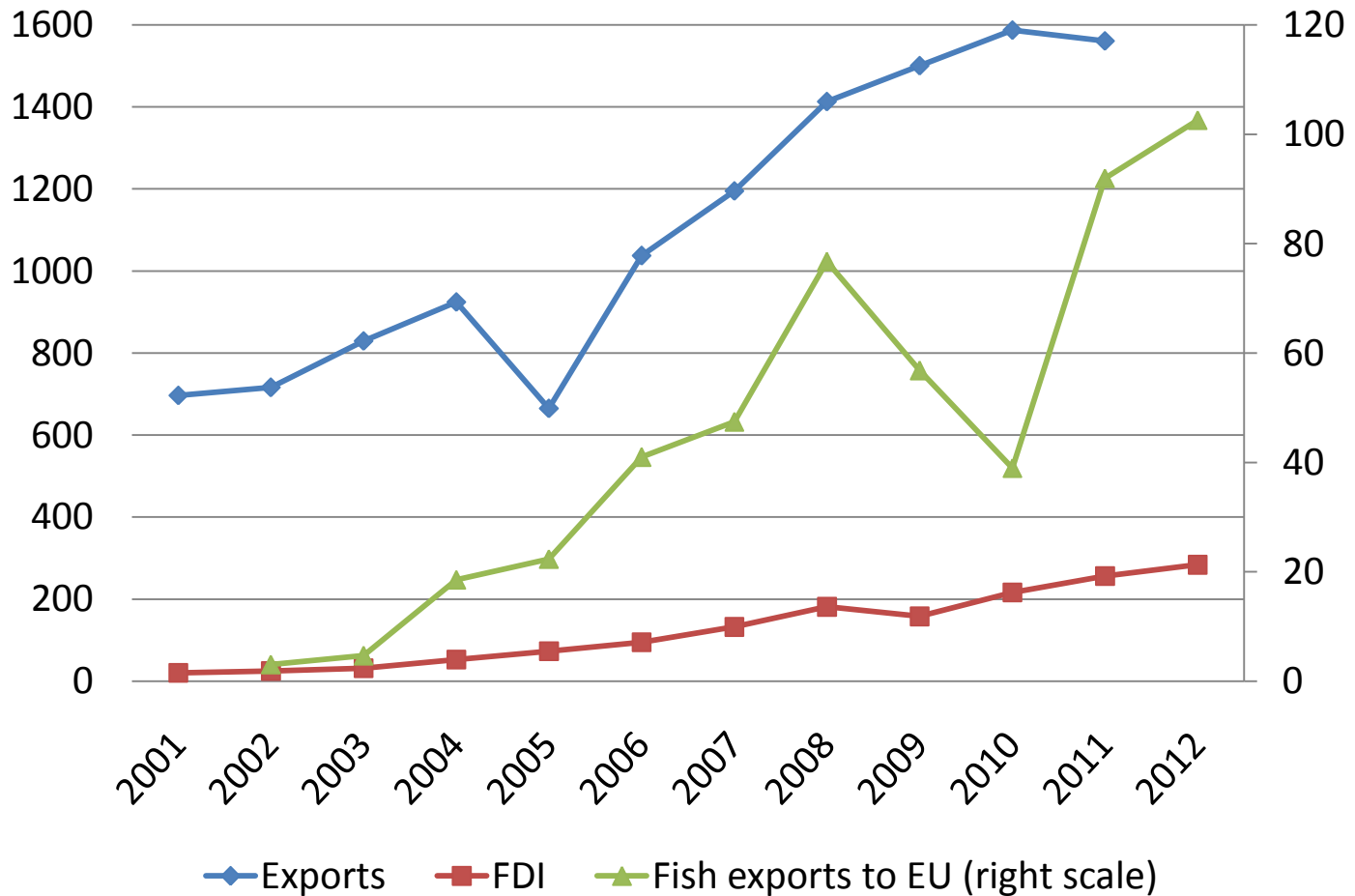
Maldives

- **Trade and FDI**

- Small decline in exports in 2011
 - But small increase in real terms
- Goods exports (fish) play small role for export earnings
 - Important for employment and diversification
 - Small increase since 2011
- Benefits from 3 year EBA transition
 - Smooth transition also from a number of other partners; Japan is exception
- 'Permanent LDC status' in SAFTA
- FDI rose in 2011 and 2012

Maldives

Maldives exports and FDI inflows (USD million)



Maldives

- **Overall development progress**
 - Continued progress according to LDC indicators
 - GNI pc in 2008-2010: **\$ 5,473**
 - HAI score: **91.7** (high and improving)
 - EVI: **55.2** (high, no improvement)
 - Hit by global recession in 2008/9
 - GDP declined in 2009
 - **Rebound in 2010/11**
 - Fiscal deficits increased

Samoa

- **Graduation history**
 - Met eligibility criteria (GNI and HAI) in 1997, 2003, 2006
 - Recommended for graduation by CDP in 2006
 - ECOSOC and GA endorsements in 2007
 - Three year extension of LDC status after 2009 Tsunami
- Samoa will graduate on 1 January 2014

Samoa

- **Pre-graduation experience**
 - Annual monitoring by CDP did not reveal any reversal of monitoring progress since 2010
 - National preparations for graduation ongoing
 - Impact of graduation on ODA, trade and FDI to be seen

Thank You

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