Overall assessment and recommendations (National Intellectual Property Systems, Innovation and Economic Development: With perspectives on Colombia and Indonesia)

Innovation matters even in countries with less developed industrial conditions. Incremental innovations in activities beyond "knowledge-intensive" sectors can offer substantial opportunities for success. Examples include the successful exports of fish from Uganda, wine from Argentina and Chile, and medicinal plants from India. An exclusive focus on high-technology industries ("high-tech myopia") can be costly if the potential for innovation in other sectors is ignored. Many opportunities for innovation have arisen in lower-technology sectors with high export opportunities, such as the production of palm oil and derivative products in Malaysia.

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