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This study is a product of the collaborative research programme of the International Institute for Labour Studies at the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (WTO). Following up on the joint review of the literature on Trade and Employment, published in 2007, it focuses on the linkages between globalization and informal employment in developing countries. World trade has expanded significantly in recent years, making a major contribution to global growth. Economic growth has not led to a corresponding improvement in working conditions and
