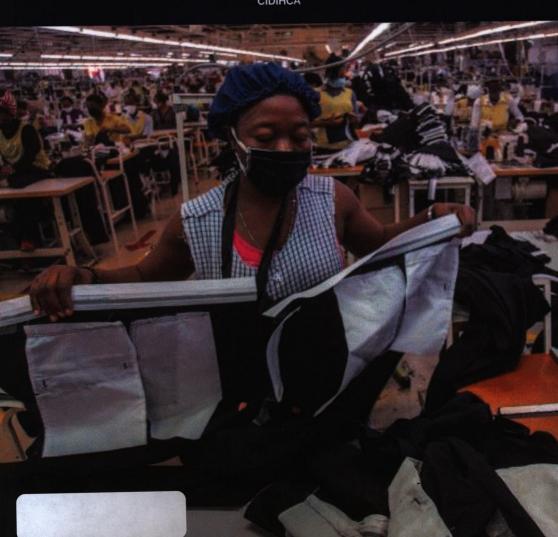
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THE HAITIAN APPAREL SECTOR

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would be able to create hundreds of thousands of jobs and incomes that are higher than what most Haitians earn from agriculture. Unfortunately, this, by and large, has amounted to wishful thinking. The apparel sector employs less than 55,000 people and, even though people are queuing for jobs in it, in absolute terms it is a low-wage sector.

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to a leading Haitian social scientist. During the course of that work we found that enough material existed to make it possible to expand the festschrift chapter into a short book and that the material was interesting enough to make the effort worthwhile. The main reason for this is of course the importance of the apparel sector for the Haitian economy. The sector has for severa years accounted for some 85-90 percent of the country's exports and it constitutes a possible stepping stone on the path towards.



an industrialized economy.



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