# **Bucking the trend of Africa's Food Trade Deficit**

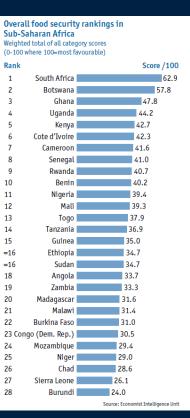
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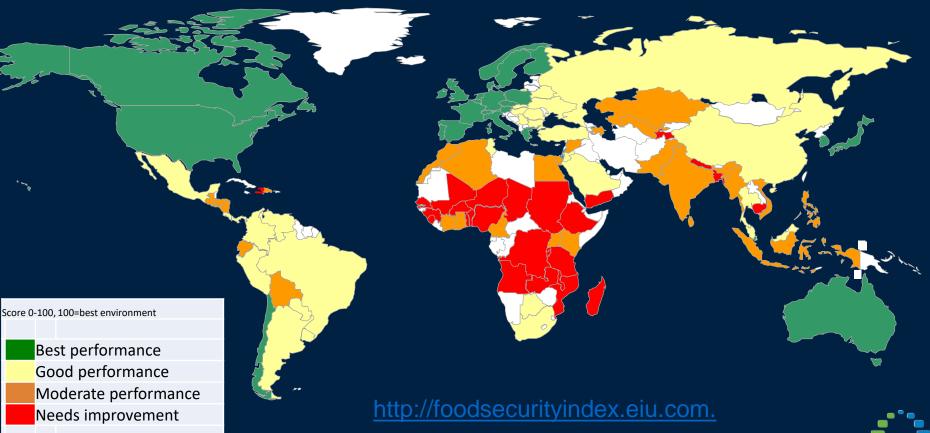
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## **Global Food Security Index**







Source: Economist Intelligence Unit/Du Pont



## **Components of Food Security**

#### **FOOD UTILISATION**

- Nutritional Value /
  - Social value
  - Food safety

#### **FOOD ACCESS**

- Affordability
  - Allocation
- Preference

Food Security

#### **FOOD AVAILABILITY**

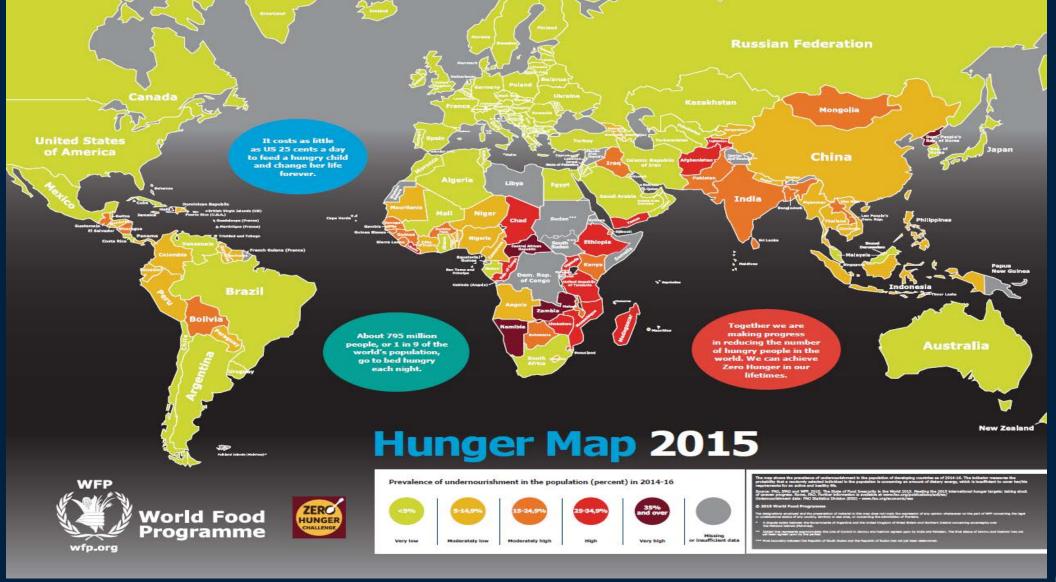
- Production
- Distribution
- Exchange/trade

Complex concept: Difficult to measure and evaluate.

Purchasing power key to access – Household food insecurity

Stability over TIME

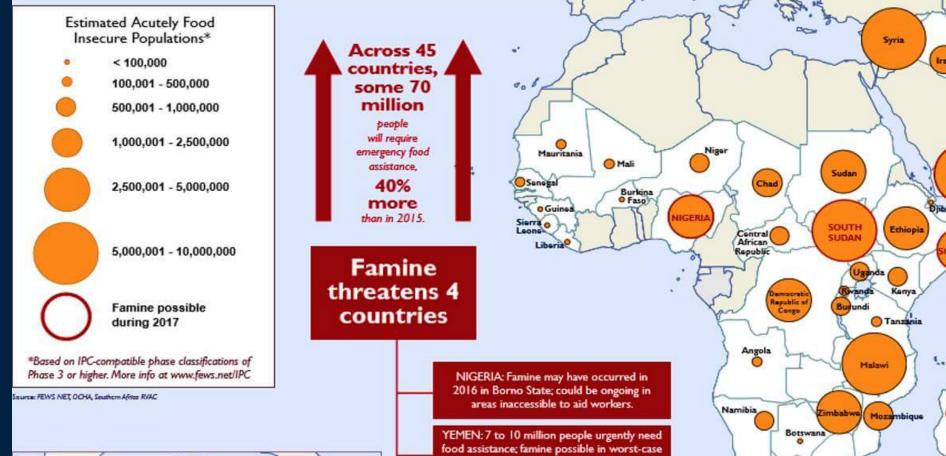




From Africa and Asia to Latin America and the Near East, there are 795 million people in the world who do not get enough food to lead a normal, active life.



#### Food Assistance Needs in 2017 are Unprecedented





deteriorating macroeconomic situation.

SOUTH SUDAN: Conflict, restricted access, and extremely high food prices contribute to

scenario amidst heavy conflict and

SOMALIA: Failure of the Deyr rains and poor spring forecast threaten a repeat of 2011, when famine led to 260,000 deaths.

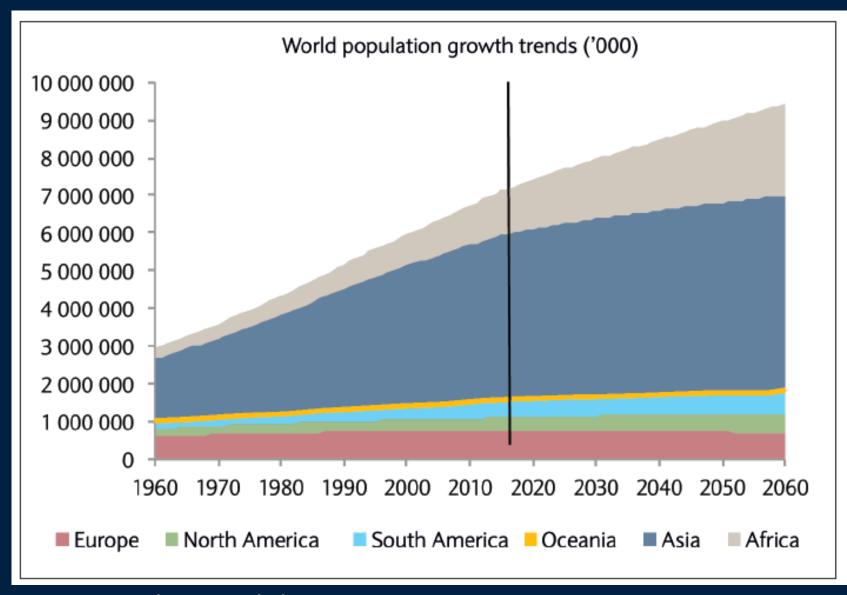
famine risk in 2017.

To save lives, governments and the international community must ramp up efforts to resolve conflict, ensure humanitarian access and make more resources available for emergency response.



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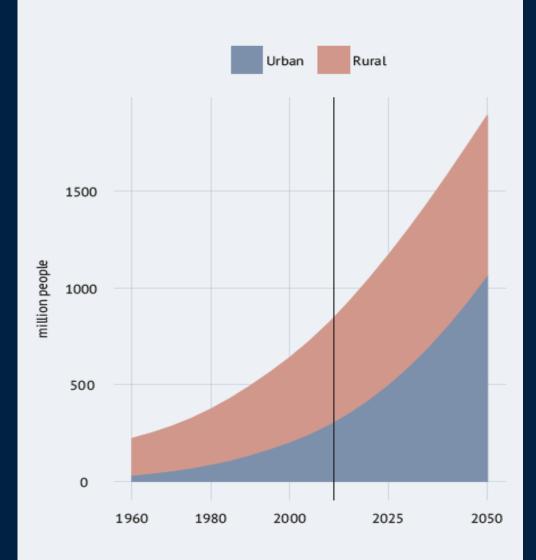
#### **Demographics: World Population Growth Trends**





Source: Absa 2017 Outlook

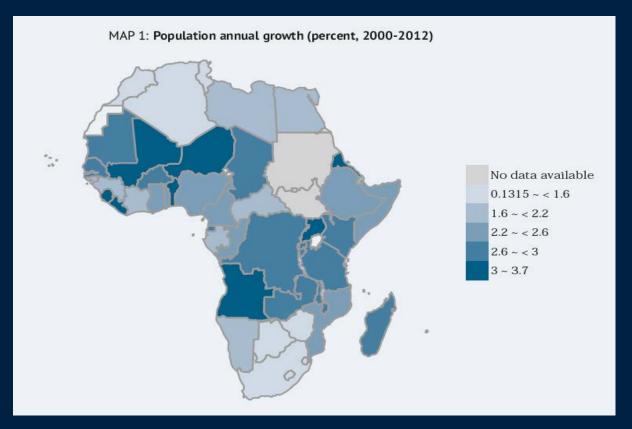
CHART 1: Africa rural and urban population (1960-2050)



Source: United Nations Population Division.

Data after 2011 are projections.

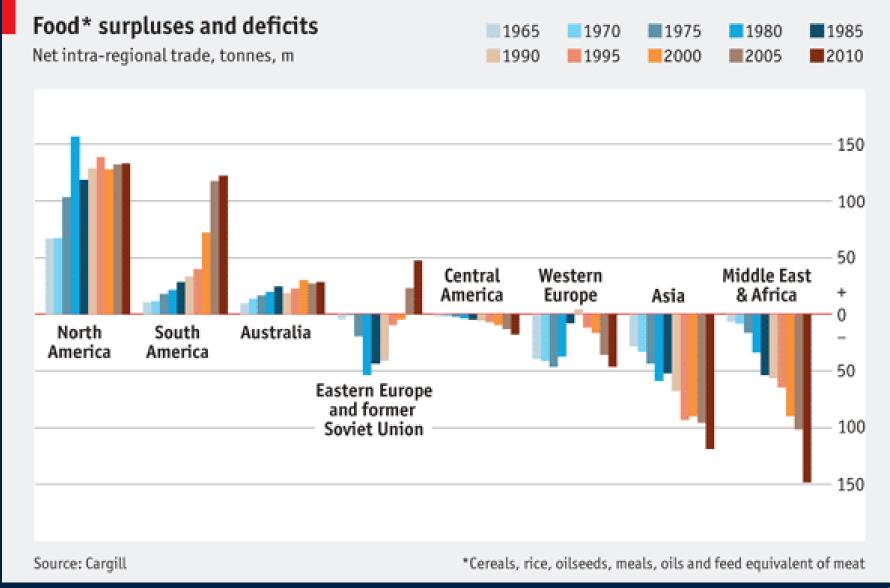
## Demographics.....



Nkosazana Dhlamini-Zuma (AU Chairperson, 2016):

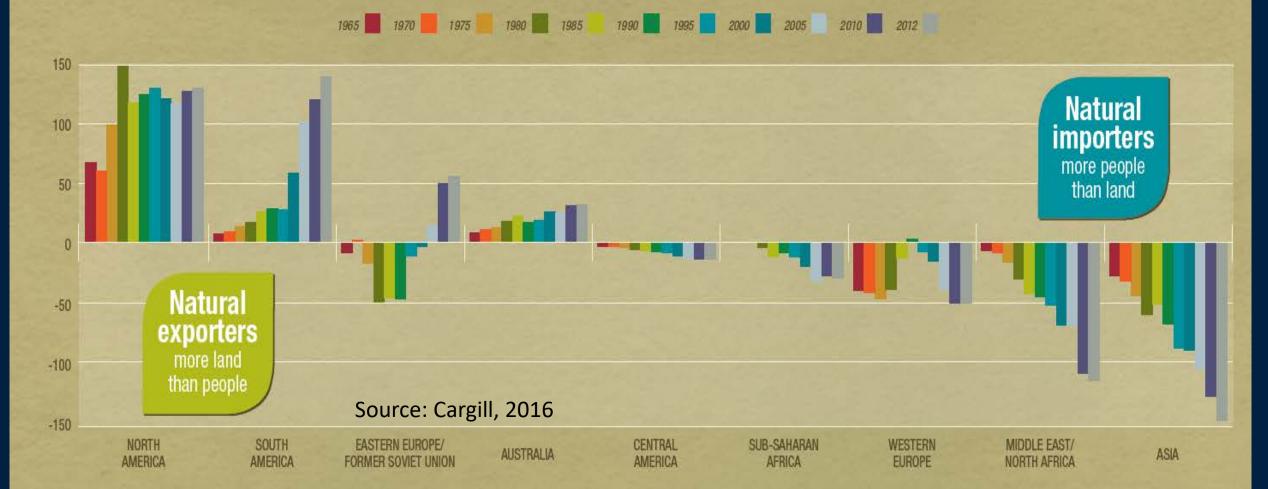
Either massive opportunity, or critical risk!





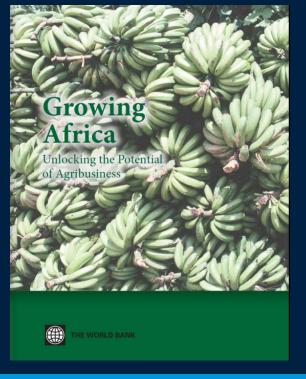
## World Food Flows

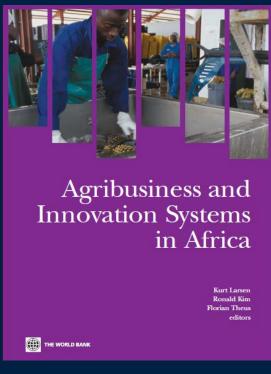
grains, rice, oilseeds, meals, oils, feed equivalent of meat-net interregional in millions of metric tons

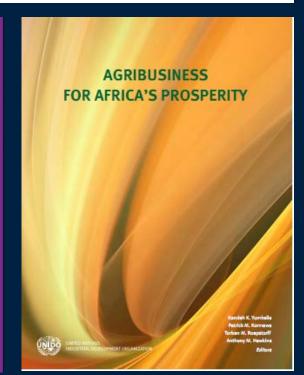


#### Why agribusiness?

Agriculture and agribusiness together are projected to be a US\$ 1 trillion industry in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) by 2030 (compared to US\$ 313 billion in 2010), and they should be at the top of the agenda for economic transformation and development. Agribusiness can play a critical role in jump-starting economic transformation through the development of agro-based industries that bring much-needed jobs and incomes. Successful agribusiness investments in turn stimulate agricultural growth through the provision of new markets and the development of a vibrant input supply sector.



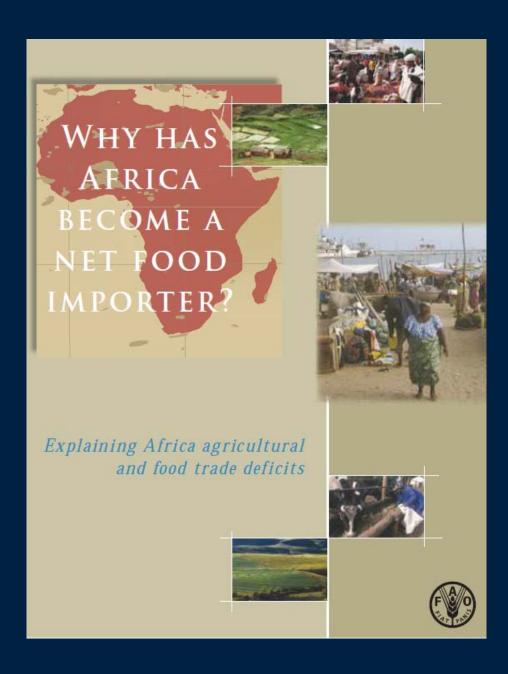




#### AFRICA AGRICULTURE STATUS REPORT 2016

Progress towards Agricultural Transformation in Africa





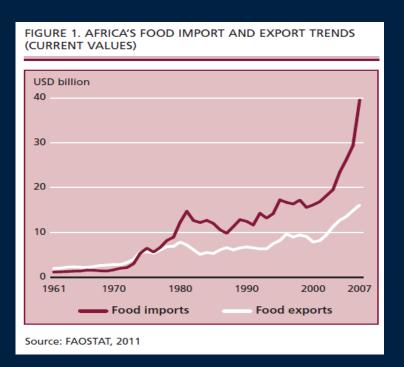
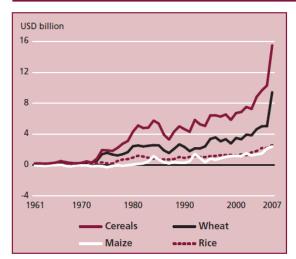
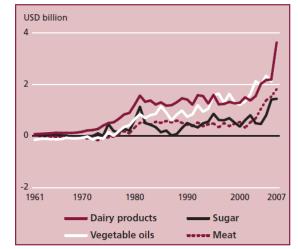


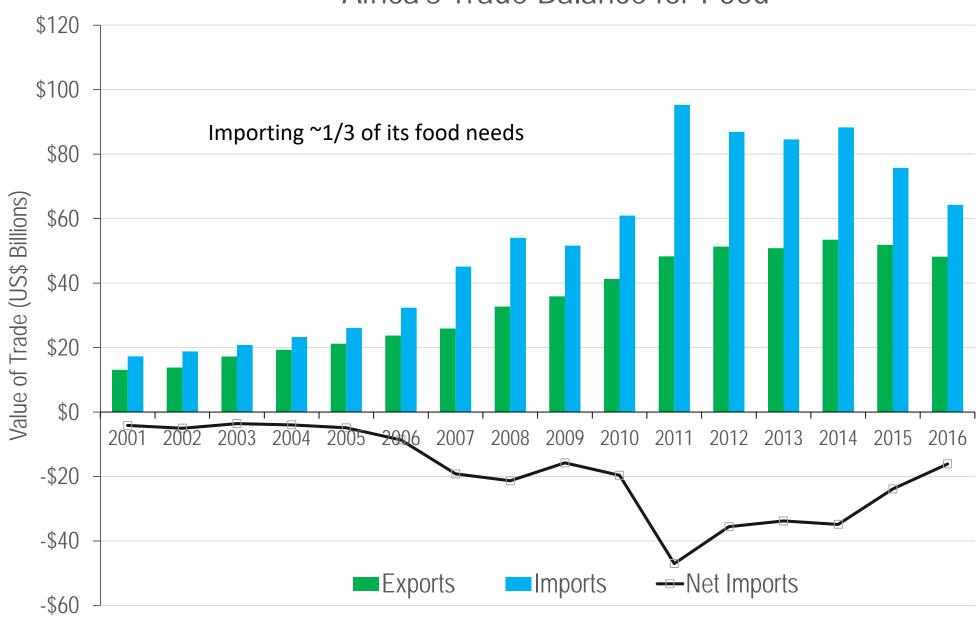
FIGURE 2. AFRICA'S NET IMPORTS OF SELECTED FOOD GROUPS (CURRENT VALUES)



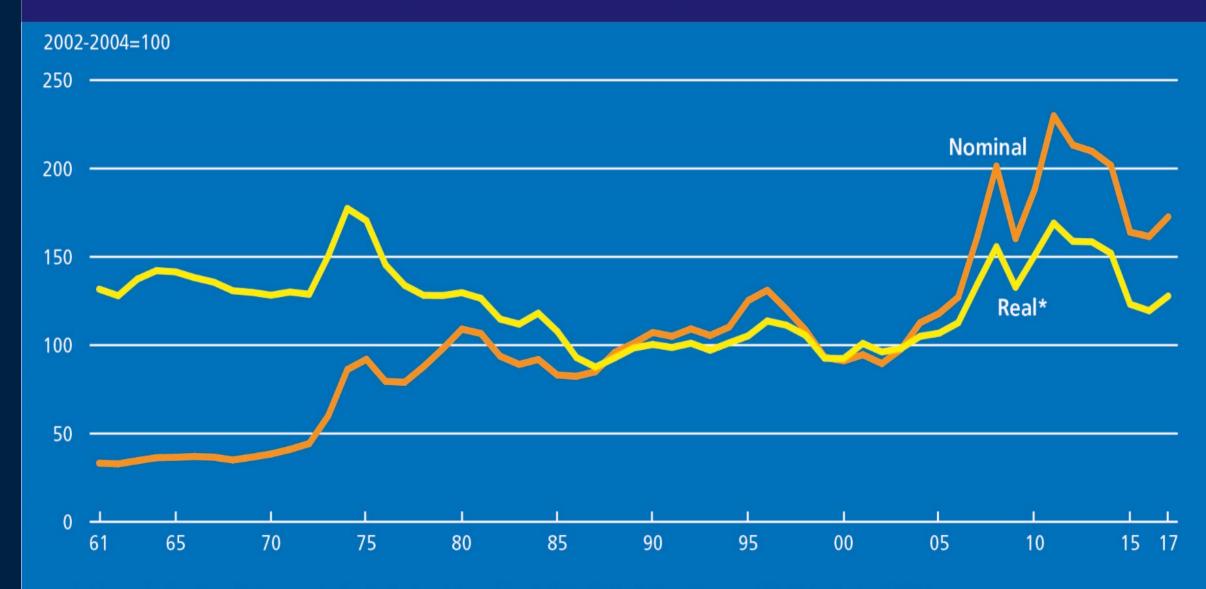


Source: FAOSTAT, 2011

#### Africa's Trade Balance for Food

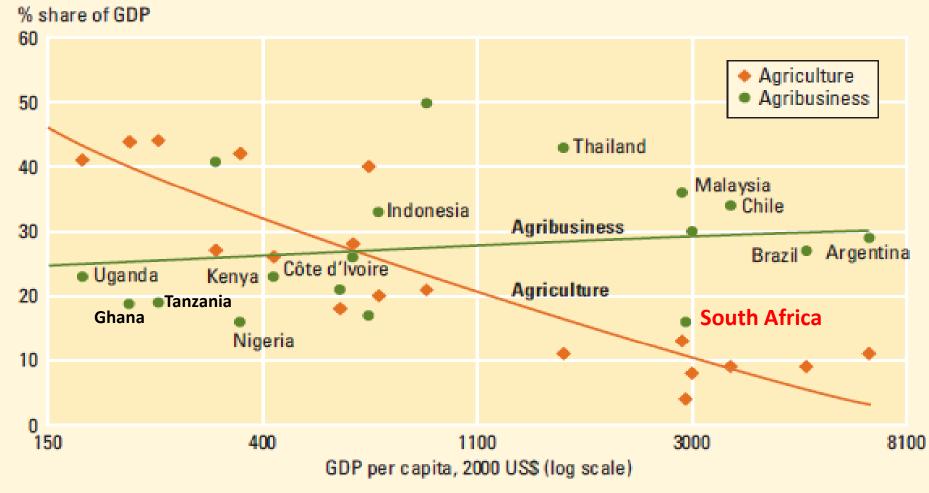


#### **FAO Food Price Index in nominal and real terms**



<sup>\*</sup> The real price index is the nominal price index deflated by the World Bank Manufactures Unit Value Index (MUV)

Figure D.1 The relative shares of agriculture and agribusiness in GDP change as incomes rise



Sources: WDR 2008 team. Data from Jaffee (1999) as cited in World Bank (2003f); and from Pryor and Holt (1999).

Note: Agribusiness includes the value added for agro-related industries and for agricultural trade and distribution services. Data are for Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.



## **Prospects and Challenges**

#### • The demand causes

- demographics per capita food consumption
- food prices and imports

#### The supply causes

- Arable and agricultural land availability (~600 million ha uncultivated arable land available NA)
- Low yields and productivity
- Poor infrastructure, services and low investment in food production and especially agro-processing
- Institutional deficiencies, insecurity and conflicts

#### • Role of Economic and Agricultural Policies

- African growth characteristics
- Africa's economic and agricultural policies (Maputo & Malabo declarations, CAADP a solution?)
- Foreign agricultural policies (mega-regionals, e.g. TTIP, TPP, EPA's)
- Challenges ahead and policy choices

#### • Way forward.....?





## Competence in Africa for Africa

#### Bureau of Food and Agricultural Policy

- Sector Analysis and Models
- Policy input and determination
- Market Analysis and Forecasting



#### Value Chain Solutions

- Investment viability and funding facilitation
- Feasibility analysis
- Project commercialisation planning and scenarios

#### <u>IVIS</u>

- Investment impact assessment
- Sustainability reporting
- Productivity measurement







## Sub Sahara Africa



- Africa is by nature a heterogenous continent

   providing both opportunity and large
   constraints to growing trade
- Trade openness has increased strongly
- Integration in the global economy has made the region more vulnerable to external shocks
- Levels of trade flows emanating from sub-Saharan Africa are still only half the magnitude of those experienced elsewhere in the world
- The region still has some way to go to better integrate in Global Value Chains
- It is more critical than ever to make faster progress in the upgrading of agricultural value chains – given Africa's age demographics and rate of urbanisation (the retail evolution)







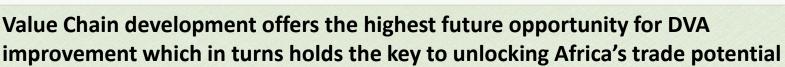
## Value Chain participation defined



Foreign value added (FVA) that has been imported from foreign suppliers upstream in the GVC. This share is referred to as **backward integration**, and reflects the extent to which a country is integrated relatively downstream of the value chain.

Domestic value added (DVA) of products consumed *directly in the country* where it is exported.

DVA of products that enter themselves into the production of other countries' exports. This share is referred to as *forward integration*, and reflects the extent to which a country is integrated relatively upstream of the value chain.









## Learning from Progress

- Common themes emerging are the approach to agricultural value chain upgrading by moving from agriculture to agribusiness. Key success factors include:
  - An aligned development impact policy at country level
  - Government led coordination and commitment, nurtured partnerships with private sector players – especially multinationals with local sourcing imperatives
  - Market led sectors and value chains shelf to seed approach to upgrading value chains
  - Facilitation of investment in fit for purpose Agri-processing and logistics, striking the balance between clustering and in the field processing. This truly is the "missing link"
  - The ability to measure true impact of investment in value chains
- Some of the countries which have made positive strides into value chain development thus far are Ethiopia, Kenya, Seychelles, South Africa, Zambia and Tanzania. They provide valuable lessons for the continent

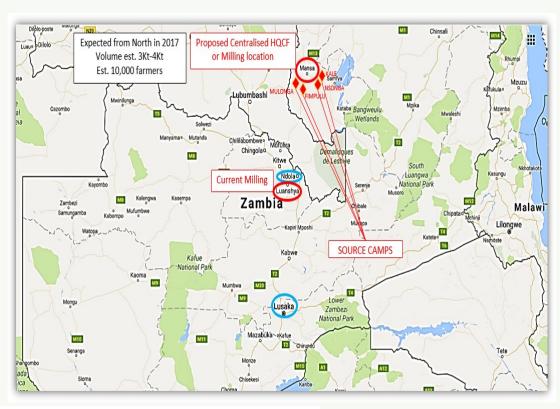






## Zambia cassava value chain

Government and Private sector partnership to establish a *locally sourced*, processed and delivered cassava *root to flour* supply chain for Zambia, which redefines the Eagle Lager recipe and economics



Cassava was prioritised for value chain upgrading. Key VC aspects identified were food safety and quality control, fit for purpose root to flour processing and the needed storage and transport to enable the value chain. This improves the value chain economics for some 4000 farmers with clear benefits to the anchor client. It also opens up the further development of this value chain for use in food product markets, both within Zambia and the DRC.









## SA Honeybush products value chain

2000 +

Khoi people as Trust beneficiaries in the Honeybush and Herbal Industry

1500 +

Direct and Indirect jobs in the first 2 years

**30 +**Rural communities
directly impacted



1000 +

Hectares
Cultivated
Plantations
Alleviating



pressure on wild Honeybush

50 +

Vegetable tunnels feeding communities

8 000 +

Square meters of Energy efficient buildings 2 700

tons of processed Honeybush tea produced at full capacity at year 4

\$ 75m

Annual Income after 7 years

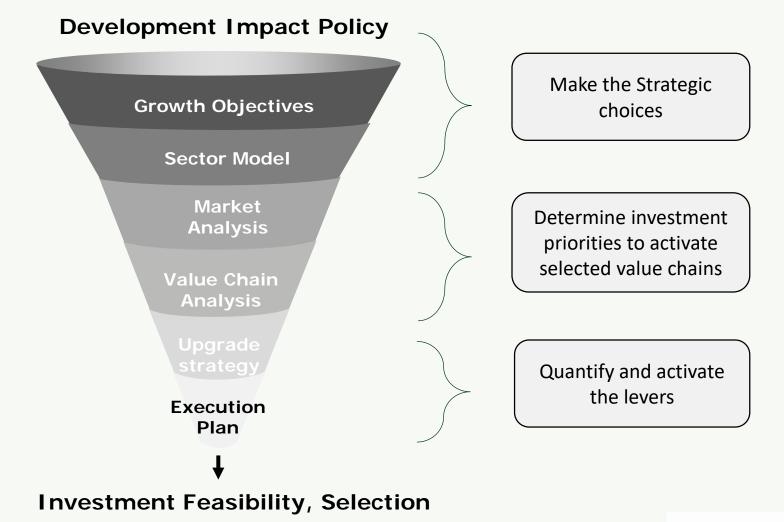
1 Single Sustainable
Business Model
Changing The Lives of
Communities Forever







## Our approach to value chain upgrading



and Reporting Platform





## Africa's Food Trade Deficit: The Role of Technology

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#### The True Size of Africa

Top 100 Countries

Area in square kilometers, Percentage of World Total Sources: Britannica, Wikipedia, Almanac 2010

A small contribution in the fight against rampant Immappancy, by Kai Krause

**AREA** COUNTRY China 9.597 USA 9.629 India 3.287 Mexico 1.964 1.285 Peru 633 France Spain 506 Papua New Guinea 462 441 Sweden Japan 378 357 Germany 324 Norway 301 Italy **New Zealand** 270 243 **United Kingdom** 147 Nepal Bangladesh 144 Greece 132

TOTAL

AFRICA

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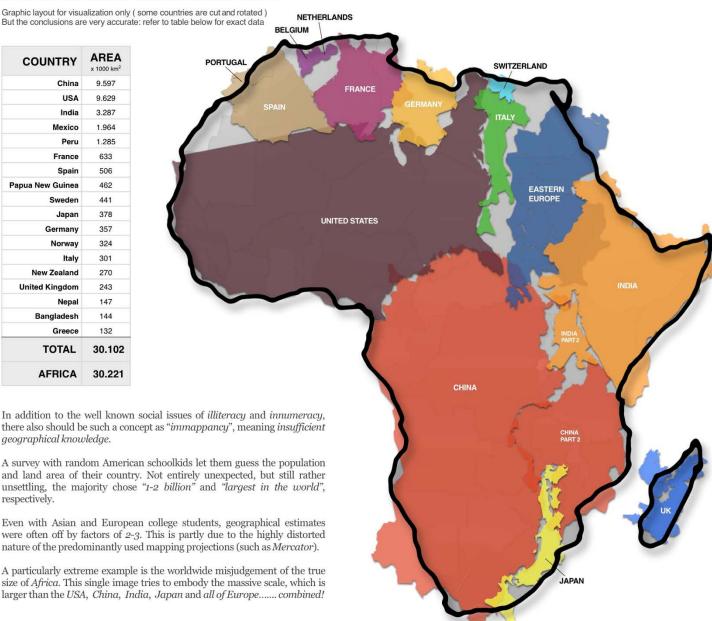
**PORTUGAL** 

In addition to the well known social issues of illiteracy and innumeracy, there also should be such a concept as "immappancy", meaning insufficient geographical knowledge.

A survey with random American schoolkids let them guess the population and land area of their country. Not entirely unexpected, but still rather unsettling, the majority chose "1-2 billion" and "largest in the world", respectively.

Even with Asian and European college students, geographical estimates were often off by factors of 2-3. This is partly due to the highly distorted nature of the predominantly used mapping projections (such as Mercator).

A particularly extreme example is the worldwide misjudgement of the true size of Africa. This single image tries to embody the massive scale, which is larger than the USA, China, India, Japan and all of Europe...... combined!





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Argentina

Algeria

Mexico

Angola

South Africa

Ethiopia Bolivia

Mauritania

Tanzania

Venezuela

Mozambique

Namibia

Pakistan

Zambia

Myanmar

Afghanistan

C. African Rep

Madagascar

New Guinea

Uzbekistan

Paraguay Zimbabwe

Japan

Germany

Rep o.t. Congo

Côte d'Ivoire

**Burkina Faso** 

New Zealand

Western Sahara

United Kingdom

Ecuador

Ghana

Syria

Cambodia

Uruguay

Taiikistan Nicaragua

Eritrea

Romania

Morocco

Kenya

Yemen Thailand

Indonesia

Kazakhstan

Greenland

Saudi Arabia

India

**United States** 

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**United States** 



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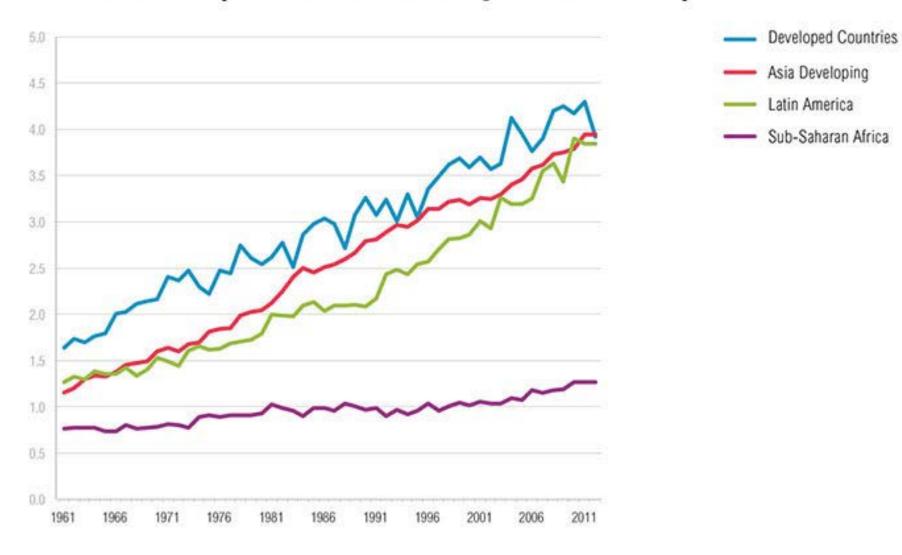


"The power of population is indefinitely greater than the power in the earth to produce subsistence for man"

Rev. Thomas Malthus, 1798



## Cereal Yields (in metric tons per hectare)



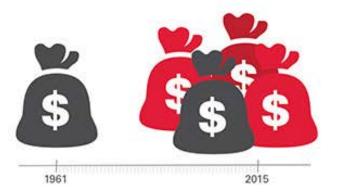


## Africa has yet to Experience its Green Revolution





The value of Africa's agricultural output has quadrupled since 1961, in inflation-adjusted terms.



But the increase in production hasn't been due to higher yields per acre. Instead, the gains came almost entirely from using more land to grow crops.

> Sub-Saharan Africa and the US dedicate roughly the same amount of land to grow maize;





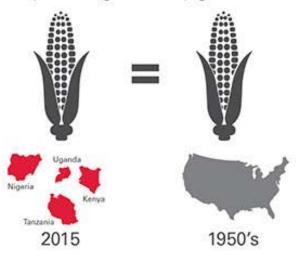
but the US produces 400 million tonnes of maize



to Africa's 60 million tonnes.

Africa is still awaiting its Green Revolution.

The maize yield rates of Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania, and Uganda are approximately that of the US in the 1950s, before American maize yields significantly grew.



Sources: NASS, UN FAO, USDA PS&D, Gro Intelligence



## Sub-Saharan Africa Lags Behind **Global Fertilizer Consumption**

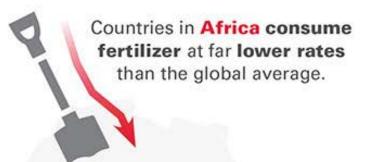
Between 1976 and 2016, global fertilizer consumption has more than doubled, from



85 million tonnes

to

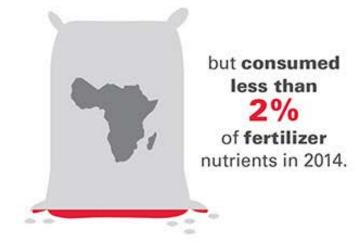
194 million tonnes.



Fertilizer use across the continent averages under 20kg per hectare across all crops.

has nearly 20% of the world's









## Increased Fertilizer Use

Africa uses an average of 8 kg of fertilizer per hectare compared with

96kg per hectare

in East and Southeast Asia.



8kg

96kg

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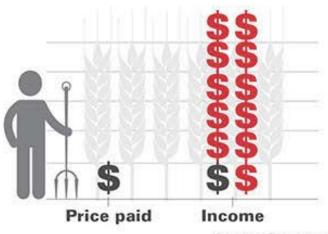
Yet the benefits of fertilizer use are great. In 2005, Malawi produced just 57% of its national wheat requirement.



Within 2 years, following the government's Farm Input Subsidy Program (FISP) which provided subsidized fertilizer to farmers, Malawi was producing

1.34 million tonnes of surplus wheat

Farmers paid a
subsidized price of
\$0.10-0.15
for each kg of fertilizer,
while their incomes rose
about \$1.50
for each kg of fertilizer
they applied.



Source: Brookings



## Africa's Nascent Seed Industry

Most African smallholder farmers plant seeds saved from the previous year's crop, meaning that access to improved seed varietals remains low.

But this trend is beginning to change: Kenya, for example, went from having:

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31 registered seed 2002

ANTHONIAN HESANGHINGE

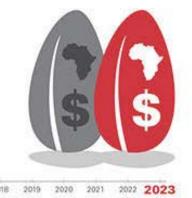
to 60 registered seed 2007

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to 104 registered seed 2012

\$1.5 billion
seed market
is expected to
double
within the
coming decade.







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## "Good News" and "Bad News"

#### **Necessary Technologies**

- Mechanization
- Irrigation and water storage
- Improved seed varieties
- Fertilizers
- Pesticides

## **Improving Access and Adoption**

- Finance and investment
- Enabling environment
- Supportive policies
- Extension services
- Public Private Partnerships
- Value chain approaches

## **Twitter Summary**

Africa's food trade deficit is a symptom; the problem is low agricultural productivity caused by limited use of purchased inputs.



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# Bucking the Trend of Africa's Food-trade Deficit: Skills development & ICT

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Internet technology could increase annual agricultural productivity in Africa by \$3 billion per annum. McKinsey reports 2010 and 2016



Mobile devices (phones) are the most widely used and interactive ICT in the world (UNESCO). Some of the latest innovations in Mobile Learning include next-generation Location-based Learning, Real Time Performance and Decision Support, Mobile Learning Value Added Services, and most recently, Augmented Reality Mobile Learning (Ambient Insight).

**Mobile Learning** is one of the fastest growing and investment-supported learning technologies in the world at this current time (Ambient Insight) and is projected to continue to grow over the next five years.



Where digital technologies are most inaccessible, slower growth, fewer jobs and poor services only deepens already existing inequality (Digital Dividends).

The skills sets for Agricultural workers are likely to shift rapidly. Anticipating these shifts and **strengthening local "educational supply chains"** to provide skills is critical (Africa Agricultural Report 2016).



"People who don't have access to running water or electricity have access to a phone that is more powerful than computers we had a few years ago" (Sami Ibrahim, lead developer for Vet Africa)

*iCow* (Kenya)

Vet Africa

**M-Farm** (Kenya)

**Esoko** (9 African countries) - collects, monitors and visualizes data (Kenya, Tanzania and Ghana)

*Tulaa* - Enables farmers to lay-away and borrow money to purchase discounted agricultural inputs.

**EZ Farms** - soil moisture levels

Cocoa Link - for Ghana's cocoa farmers to disseminate info about cocoa agri

Kilimo Salama - up-to-date and full climate data via sms



#### Digital Green

#### Our Work

We work with existing, people-based extension systems, aiming to amplify their effectiveness through our ICT-enabled approach. Our model combines technology and social organization to maximize the potential of building the capacity of community members on improved, sustainable agriculture, livelihood and health interventions.

We also facilitate knowledge exchange between community engagement for partners looking to learn, contribute and connect on social innovation practices toward improving lives in rural communities. We work with partners throughout the entire experience to share knowledge and capture feedback with supported technologies that allow partners to locally produce and share videos in villages all around the world.

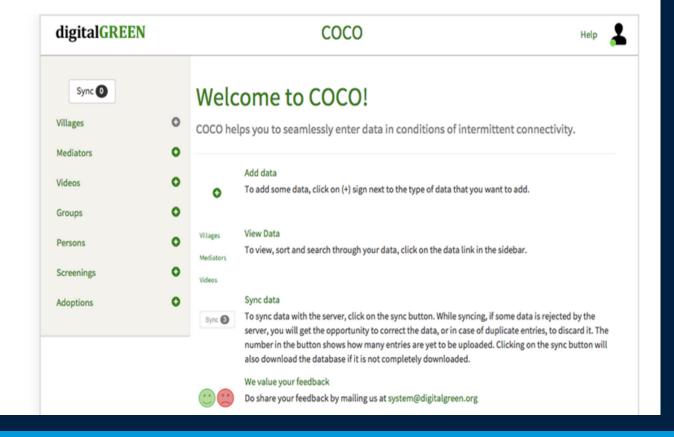


#### Digital Green

### COCO - Data Management Framework

COCO represents the foundation of Digital Green's technology stack. It captures data related to the key processes of the Digital Green approach – video production, dissemination and adoption of practices – having the unique ability to accept data while offline for areas with intermittent internet connectivity.

Built as a robust standalone application in the Internet browser, COCO requires no additional software installation or maintenance. Since affordable smart-phones and tablet devices are becoming increasingly common, the latest version of COCO has been developed such that it is fully functional on all modern browsers compliant with the HTML5 standard on any device - phone, tablet, laptop and desktop.



#### Digital Green

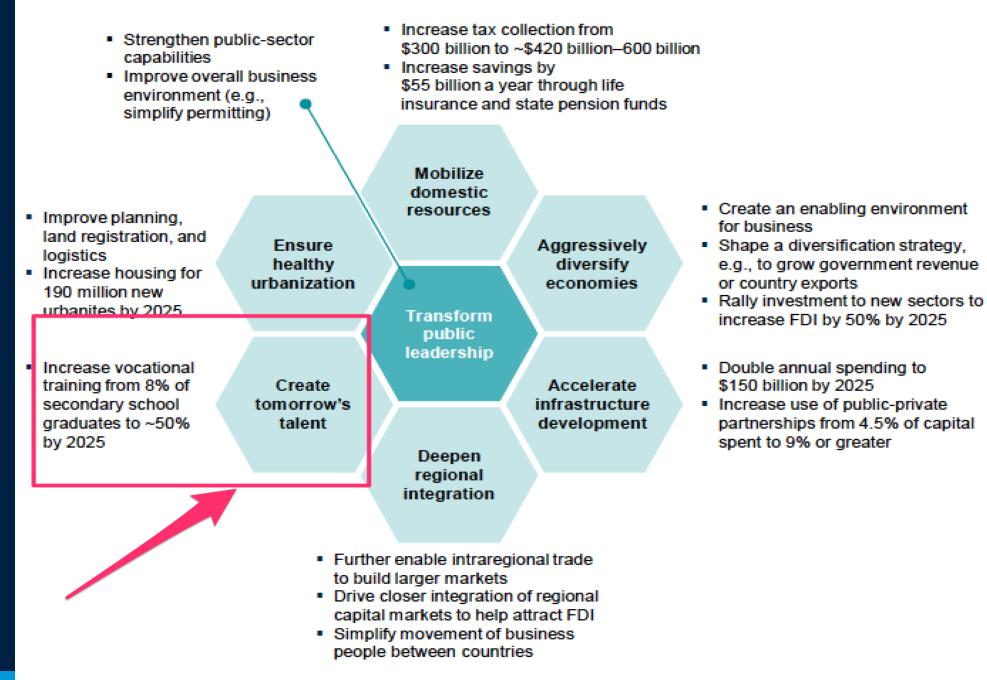
#### Farmerbook



Farmerbook is an open-access platform which displays detailed timeline-based activities of each farmer we work with along with the villages plotted on Google Map. The application highlights the integrated nature of the practices that individual farmers adopt on their fields as well as stimulates healthy competition among partners, village facilitators, and community members through the sharing of performance data and community feedback. Use of Farmerbook also supports transparency and accountability in existing extension systems and enables the development of non-monetary incentive structures among stakeholders participating in them through mechanisms like leaderboards.

Visit Farmerbook at farmerbook.digitalgreen.org.

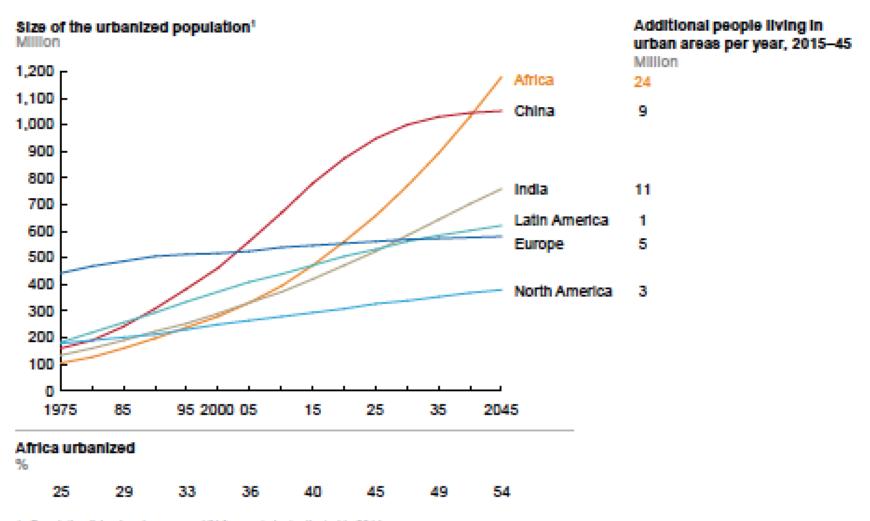
#### Governments need to focus on six imperatives and transform their own leadership capabilities and governance



SOURCE: McKinsev Global Institute analysis

#### Exhibit E4

Africa is urbanizing faster than any other region; its cities are expected to gain 24 million people each year until 2045



Population living in urban areas. UN forecasts last adjusted in 2014.

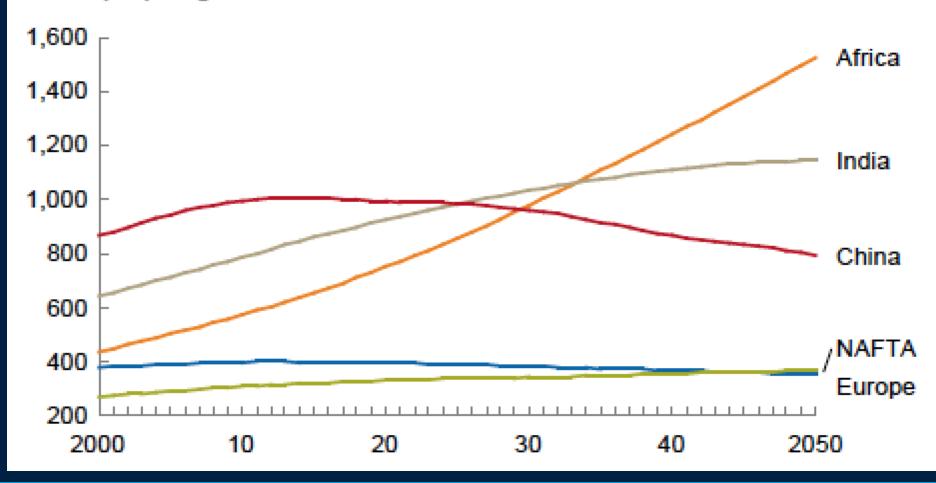
SOURCE: World urbanization prospects, June 2014 revision, United Nations population division; McKinsey Global Institute analysis

#### Exhibit 9

Africa is set to have a larger working-age population than either China or India by 2034; employment is also picking up

#### Working-age population in largest countries and regions<sup>1</sup>

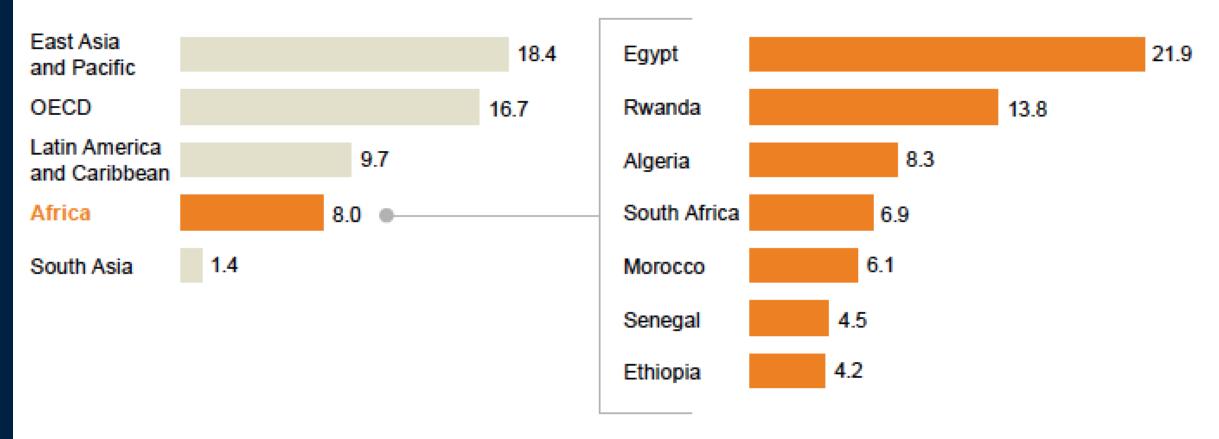
Million people aged 15-64



#### Exhibit 59

#### The penetration of vocational training is significantly lower in Africa than in other emerging markets

Share of students in secondary education enrolled in vocational programs<sup>1</sup> %

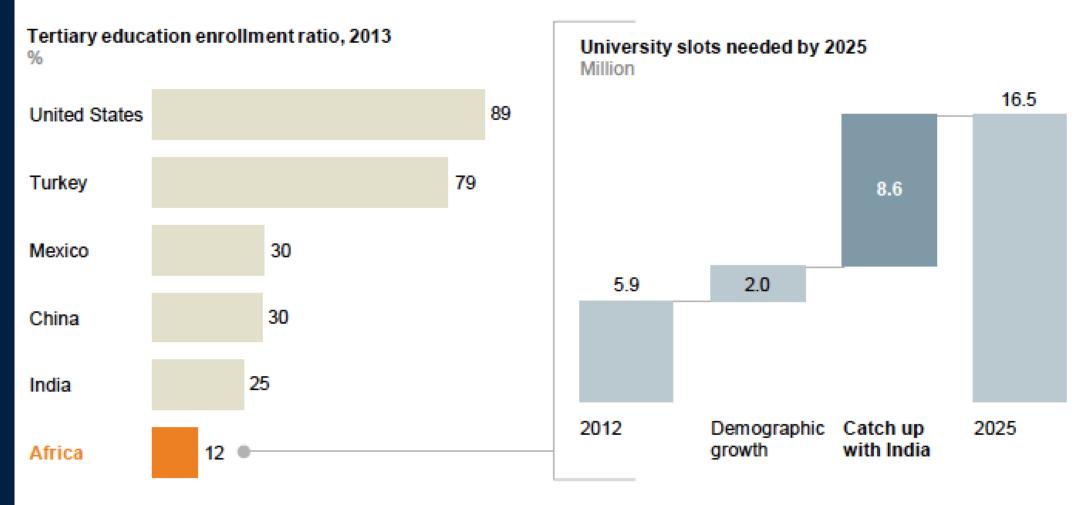


1 2013 or most recent year.

SOURCE: World Bank education indicators; McKinsey Global Institute analysis

#### Exhibit 60

Africa's tertiary educational enrollment is low by international standards; to catch up with India would require 16 million university places by 2025



NOTE: Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

SOURCE: World Bank education indicators; McKinsey Global Institute analysis

In 2016, the UN passed a resolution that declared that access to the Internet was a basic human right. (UN, Article 19)

The resolution later calls on **governments to promote digital literacy** and to facilitate access to information on the Internet, as it can be an important tool in facilitating the promotion of the right to education.

Further, the UN calls all states to bridge the gender digital divide and enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of all women and girls."

Where policy makers have created an environment where access and affordability are being addressed, such innovation can flourish and benefit the farmers. (Digital Dividends)

Where policy makers have not provided a context where healthy competition is promoted between broadband providers, we see this bottle-necking of access and innovation can potentially be inhibited

#### **Lingering Questions**

How do we address the need for digital skills training?

How do we encourage **equitable access to the marginalized** (often women, the youth, those with disabilities)? How can we encourage **youth to consider agriculture** as a viable vocation or career? (i.e. How do we make farming "sexy"?)

How do we **prepare skilled agricultural workers** who:

Can think critically to problem-solve?

Can communicate and interact meaningfully face-to-face or using technology-mediated tools?

#### Twitter Summary



Internet technology could increase annual agricultural productivity in Africa by \$3 BN per annum IF accessible affordable & equitable #IFAMA

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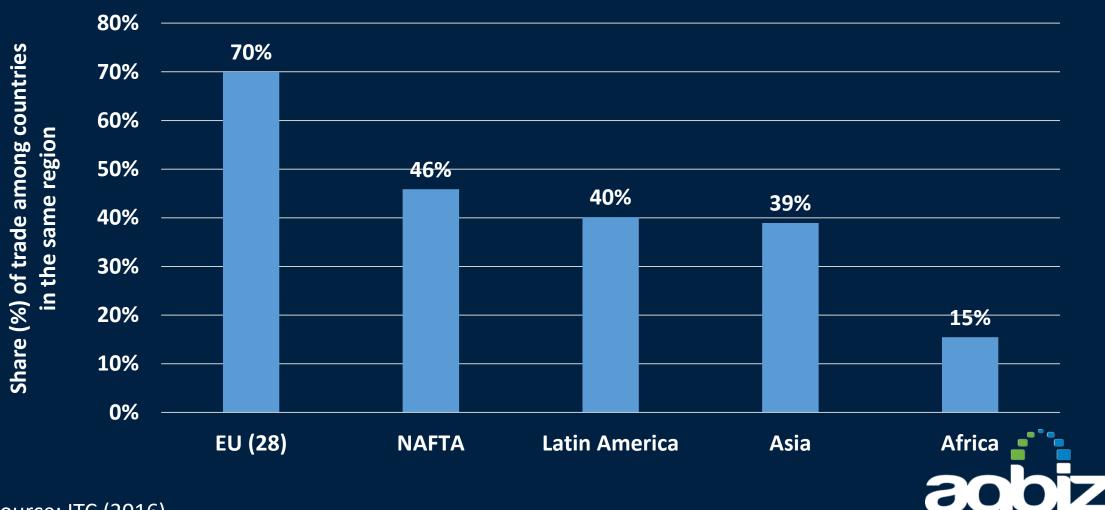


## Trade dynamics – opportunities & challenges

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# Proportion of intra-regional agricultural trade (2011-2015 Avg)



Source: ITC (2016)

# The Malabo Declaration 26-27 June 2014

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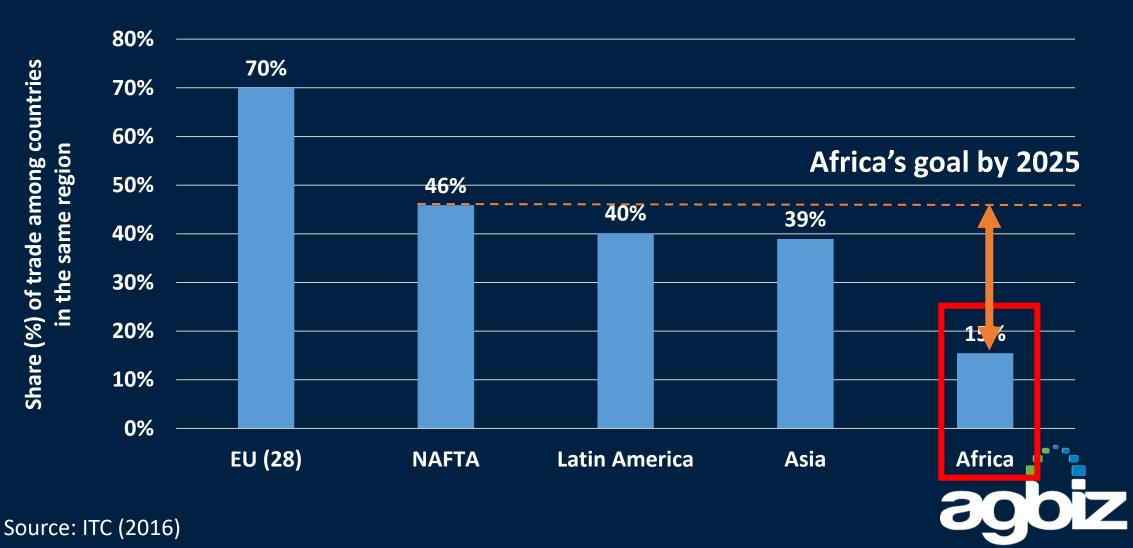
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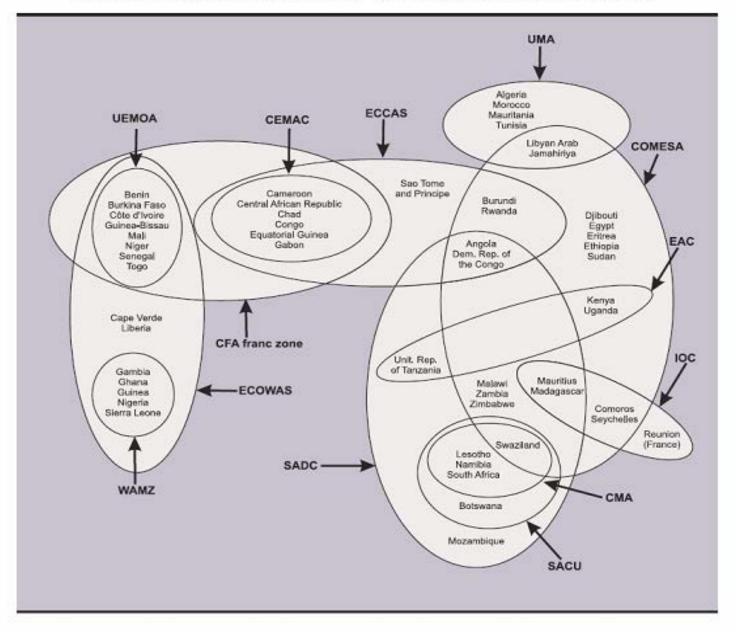
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# The problem with Africa's trade agreements

#### AFRICA: OVERLAPPING MEMBERSHIP IN REGIONAL INTEGRATION GROUPS



Source: UNCTAD secretariat, based on Tsangarides, Ewenczyk and Hulej, 2006: 26.

Note: Comoros is also a member of the CFA franc zone.

### Implications of overlapping trade agreements

- Different rules, tariffs, standards, etc. across Regional Economic Communities (RECs) means higher transactions costs & inefficiencies in cross-border value chains
- One regional agreement could harmonize all tariffs and rules and reduce the complexity of cross-border trade
- So the Tri-partite & Continental Free Trade Agreement (T-FTA and CFTA) are now a core strategy to promote intra-regional
- Could the T-FTA morph into a "mega-regional" trade agreement in the mould of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) or the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)?
- NO! Because Africa is not looking at "new generation issues", but rather, on tariff reduction and Rules of Origin (RoO)

### Opportunities and Challenges

- Fast-growing and dynamic African agrifood market with strong economic growth, population growth and rapid urbanization
- African urban food markets are set to increase 4 times to exceed US\$400 billion (World Bank, 2015)
- CFTA + trade facilitation agreement (TFA) can double efficiency of customs procedures and 1/2 delay of merchandises at ports = an increase of intra regional 74%. (ECA, 2015)
- This should be sufficient to meet the goal of tripling intra-regional trade in Africa by 2025
- However, the challenge is the collective political will (or lack thereof) to implement robust and efficient trade agreements and TFA measures

## Thank you

