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Africa’s progress on the SDGs and Agenda 2063

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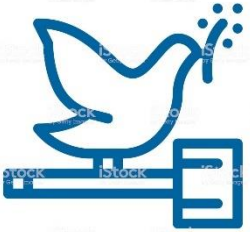
Introduction



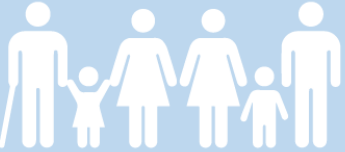
Prosperity

Planet

Peace



People



- EDUCATION
- CLEAN ENERGY
- NO HUNGER
- HEALTHCARE
- SUSTAINABLE CITIES
- ECONOMIC GROWTH
- CLEAN WATER
- CLIMATE ACTION
- PEACE AND JUSTICE
- NO POVERTY
- LIFE ON LAND
- LIFE UNDER WATER
- GENDER EQUALITY
- PARTNERSHIP
- INDUSTRY
- CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
- EQUALITY
- COMMUNITY
- INNOVATION

Partnerships



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Key messages

1. Address **poverty** alongside **inequality**
2. **Quality & reach of social services**: learning, skills, healthcare, esp. for girls
3. **Good governance**, strong and accountable institutions.
4. **Trade**: AfCFTA advantage → intra-Africa trade, economic growth, jobs ...
5. **Quality infrastructure** → growth, trade, manufacturing,
6. **Plan urbanization** → inclusive, safe and resilient cities
7. **Large investment needs** → innovative measures.
8. **Fiscal space; equitable spending**: fiscal & tax policy reforms: 12–20% of GDP.



1. People



1.3 billion people; growth 2.6% p.a.; 0-24 years: 60%; Urban: 45%

Extreme poverty declining: 43% (2013); 34.9% (2015); ≈32.5% (2019),

- Below 10% in 12 countries
- #s increasing: 388 m, 413 m, 422 m



8 countries to eradicate poverty: 2034

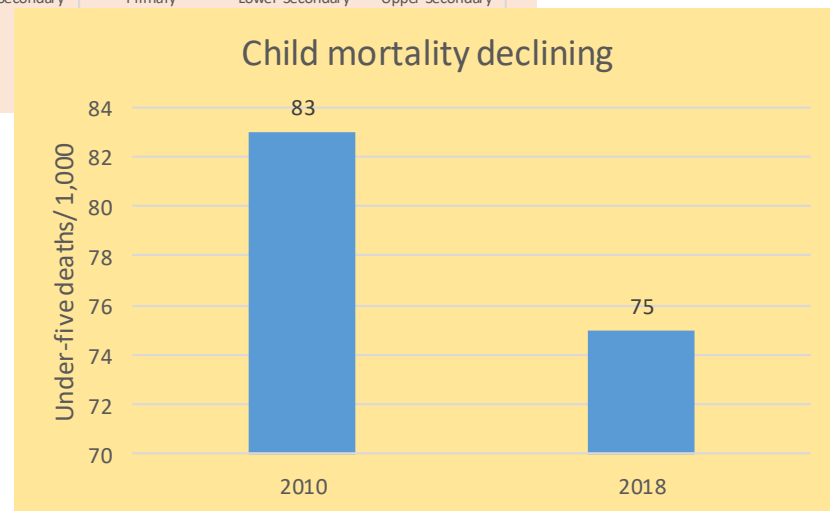
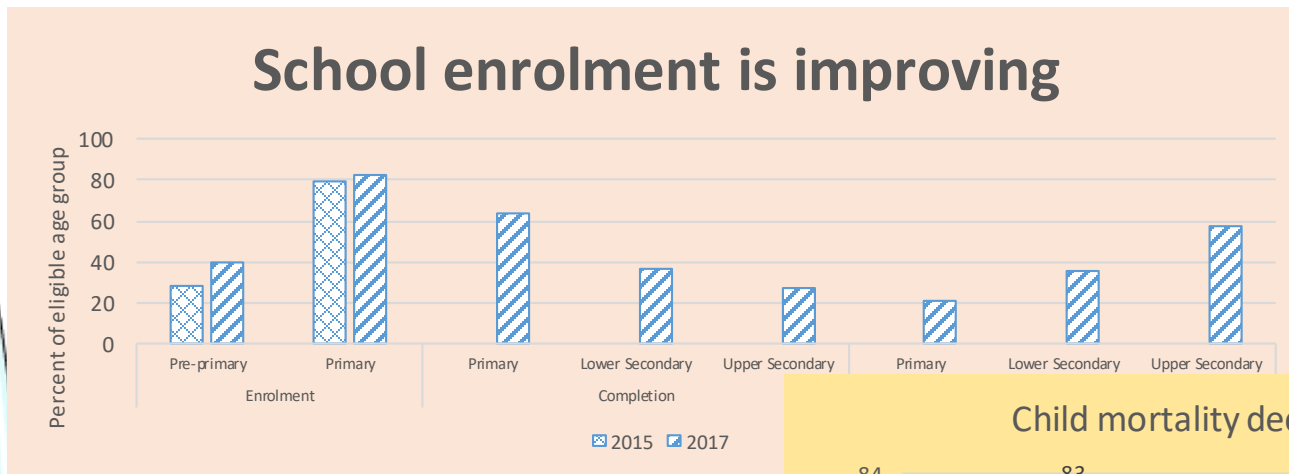
High food insecurity: 257 million [1 in 5 people] undernourished

Gains in education, health & gender equality:

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1. People



Gender parity: primary school at 96%; secondary 90%.
Women in parliament: 24% in 2018

Africa as new frontier of growth!

2. Prosperity



Sustained growth since 2000
*≈4 % p.a. (2010-15); ≈3.0% (2015-19);
 2020-2021 growth projections: 4%*

Structural Δ as services sector grows

- High informality, low access to financial services

Low investment in R&D → low innovation

Weak infrastructure → low job growth

- Africa represents under 2% of global air travel
- only 6% of rail transportation





Transformative power of electricity & urbanization not harnessed & growing inequality.

Energy access is rising: some 750 m people have access

But over 550 p

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Urbanisation transformative

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Income per capita, 2018 (current prices)

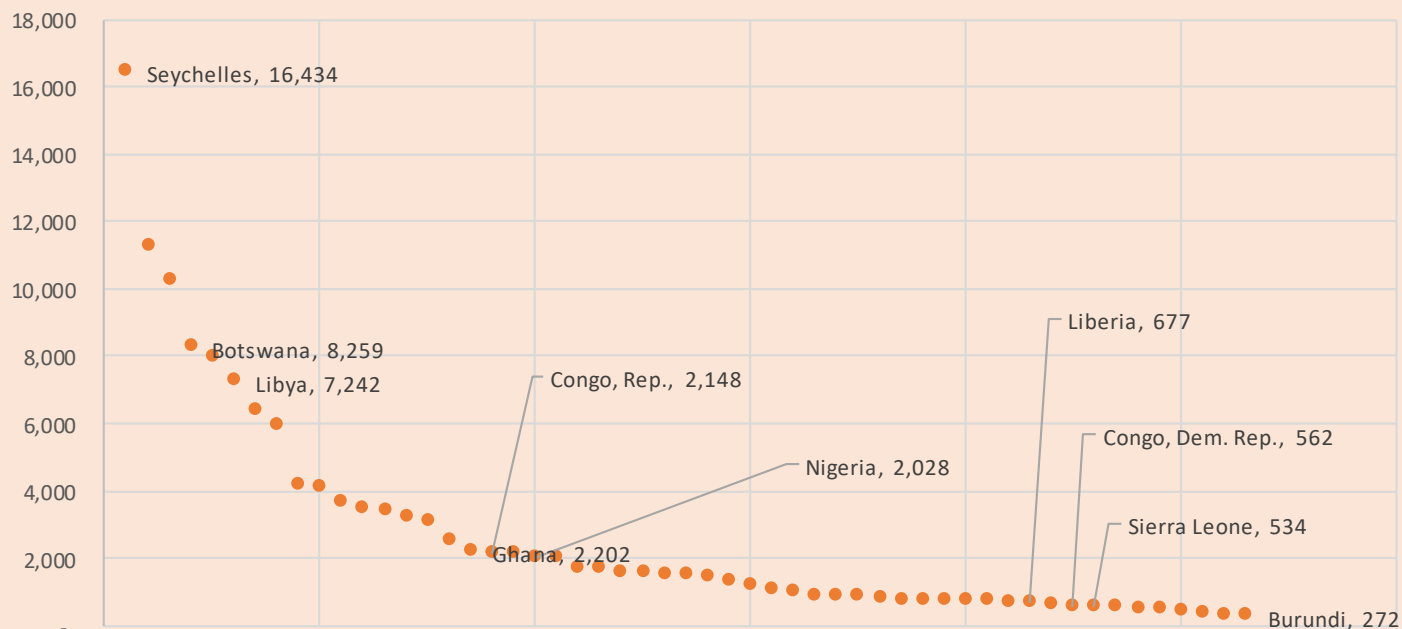
Range: \$272 - \$16,400

Mean: \$2,672

Median: \$1,469

Only 18/ 48 countries with data realizing inclusive growth

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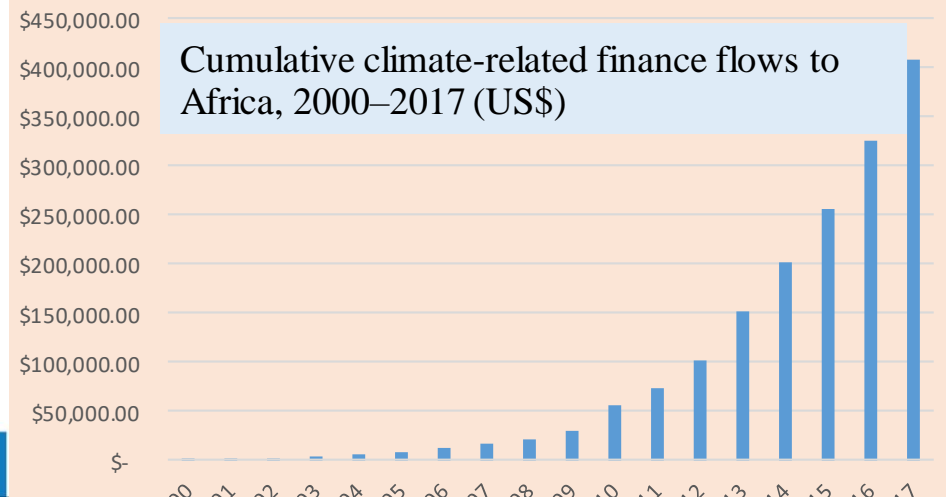




Land mass - 30.4 m km² (20% of global land area);
17% of world's **forest area**; 9% of **forest area use**



- 2015 Paris Agreement; NDCs
- Increasing investments & implementing DRR actions
- Stronger coordination and partnerships



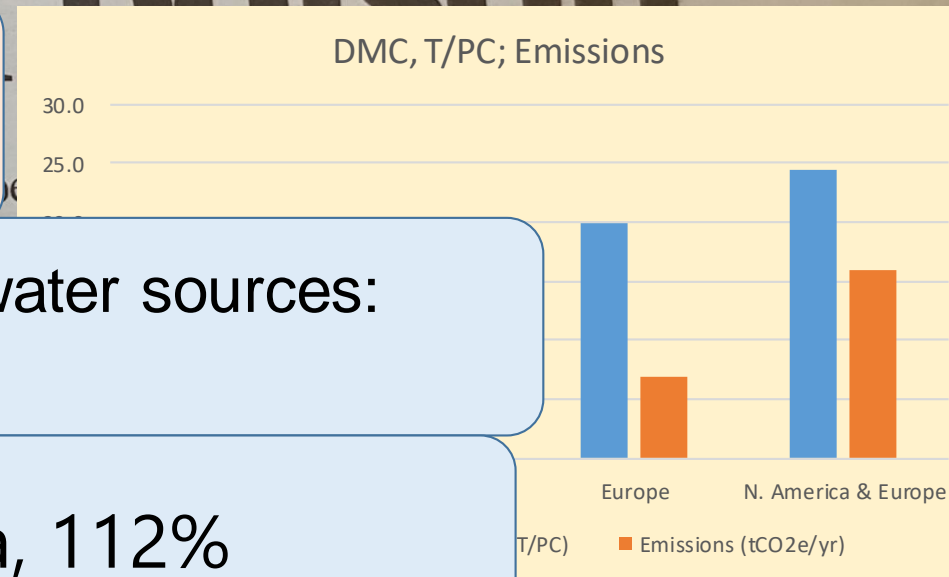
- Environmental degradation, pollution, terrorism + risk of floods key issues to oceans/ coastal areas.
- **Poor technology, effluent/ waste & carbon-based fuels**
→ poverty, hunger, poor health

Low, **but growing materials consumption:**

Low access to safely managed water sources:
 24% in Africa excl. N. Africa

High water stress in N. Africa, 112%

Food losses (30%, \$4 bn), deforestation
 ($\approx 0.5\%$ p.a.) threaten survival



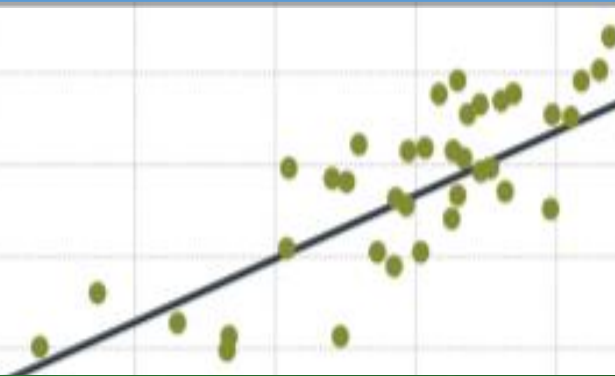


Good governance critical for SD

Participation in economic, social & political spheres key for inclusive growth, ...

- Disengaged, unemployed youth easy target for terrorism, substance abuse

4. Peace



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4. Peace

Slow progress in reducing violence.

- At least 15 intentional homicides per 100k population; 2nd to LAC
- 83% of children (1-14 years) faced physical punishment and/or psychological aggression by caregivers
- 6% of women (18-29 years) experienced sexual violence by age 18
incidence higher (15%) in conflict areas





5. Partnerships

Large financing needs: Annual investment gaps up to \$1.3 trillion

- Infrastructure spending at \approx \$72 bn p.a.; 65% from domestic resources
- But, infrastructure financing gaps \approx \$90 bn p.a.
- Low investments in R&D: below 1% of GDP

Scope for DRM: 12-20% of GDP in taxes

Private remittances: \approx \$80 bn

Leverage capital markets and private sector growth

Investment climate matters



Conclusions

- **Raise ambition & engage** all (youth, women, private sector, civil society, communities); Development strategies into action
- **Space for Young people:** engaged and innovative
- **Promote R&D ... technology** for industrialization, combat climate change
- **Trade above aid:** small share in global trade - 2.4%
- **Contain Illicit Financial Flows**

Decade of action, 2020–2030. Leave no one behind

SDGs ↔ Agenda 2063
 opportunity to collaborate
 Address data gaps to improve





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