

AFRICA EMERGING MARKETS FORUM Imagining Africa 40 Years from Now



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The Africa We Want

"An integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the international arena" – AU Agenda 2063

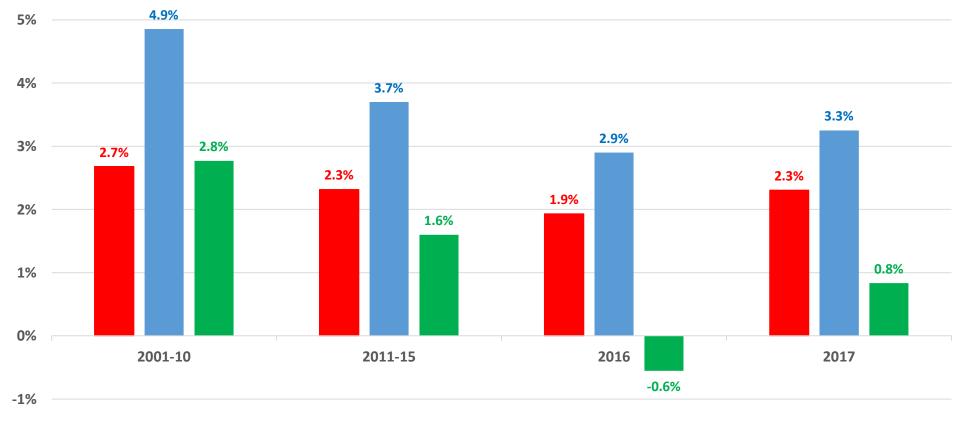
We have made strides...



- Africa Rising
- 6 countries with highest GDPs

...but we have a long way to go

GDP per capita growth (%)

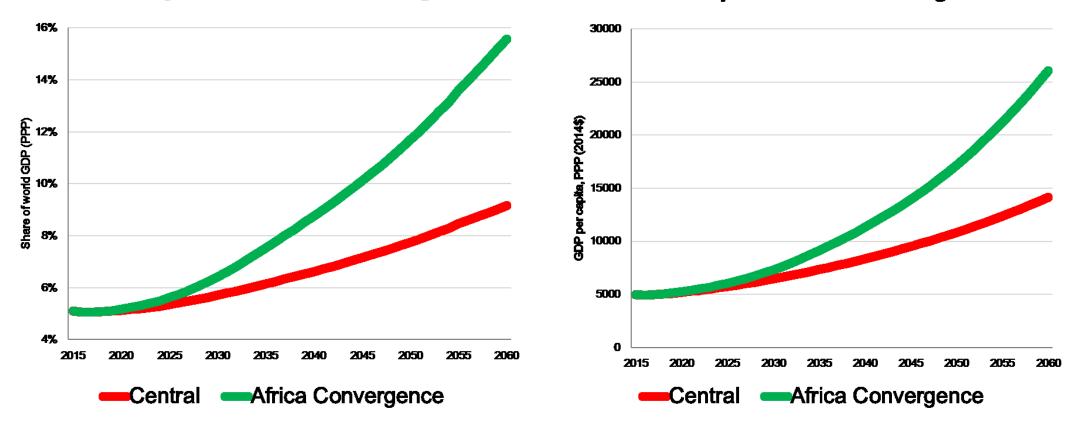


World Emerging market and developing economies

We must work harder to catch up

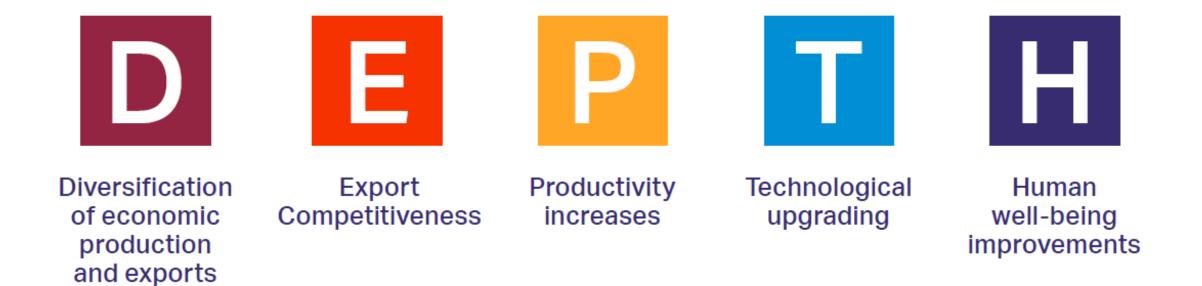
Per capita GDP—80% higher

Share of world GDP—70% higher



In order to catch up, we must pursue economic transformation

Transformation = Growth + DEPTH





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Transformation and convergence are possible

- Growing labor force
- Abundant natural resources
 - Fastest growing middle class

How do we get there?

It is what countries do-the policies of their governments, the responsiveness of their entrepreneurs, the integrity of their institutions -that makes the difference.

Policies Matter

Accelerate demographic transition

Reduce vulnerability to commodity prices

Increase savings and investment

Accelerate productivity growth

Reduce conflict and fragility

Adapt to climate change

Reduce inequality

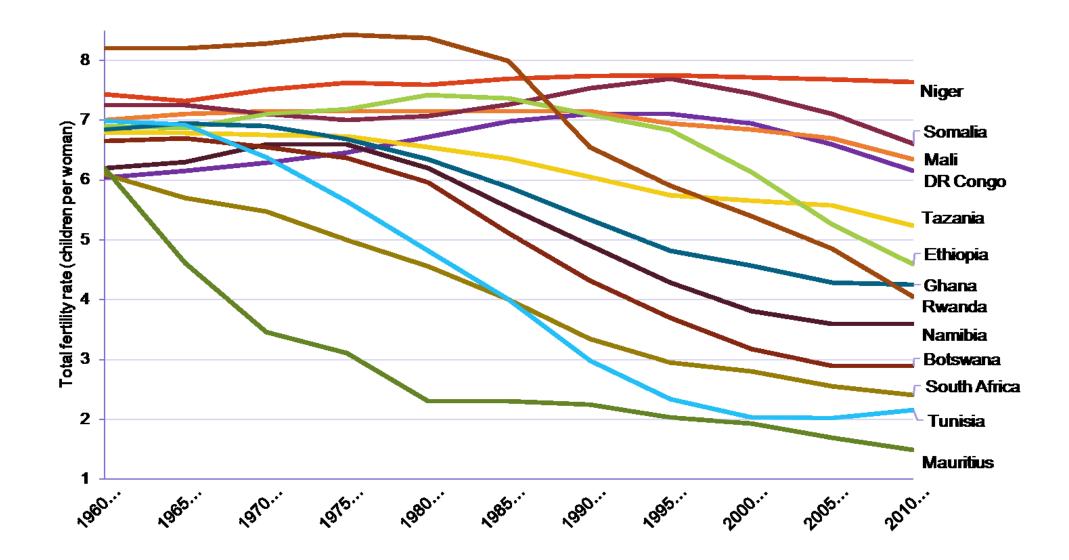


Accelerate Demographic Transition

Africa's transition to low fertility & low infant mortality is proceeding slowly



(1) Accelerate demographic transition

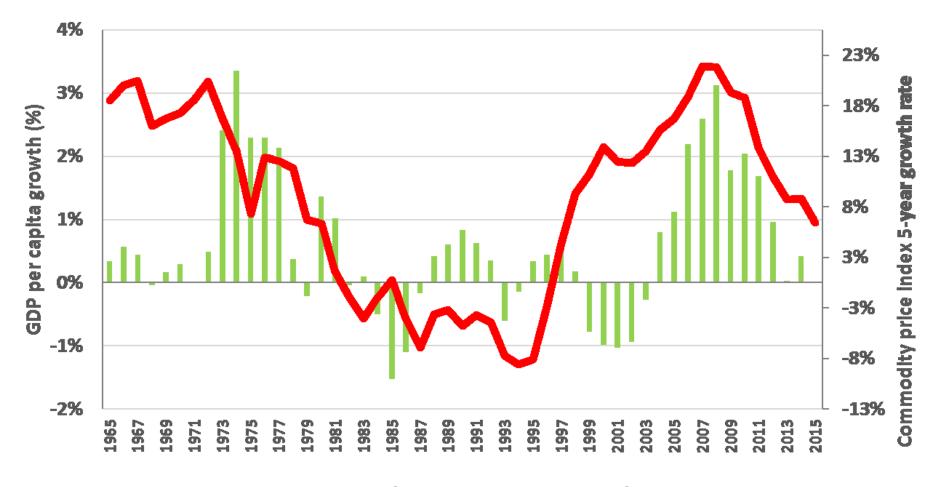


Reduce our vulnerability to commodity prices

We need to reduce dependence on commodities

And reduce vulnerability with strong macro management and policies to promote export diversification

(2) Reduce vulnerability to commodity prices



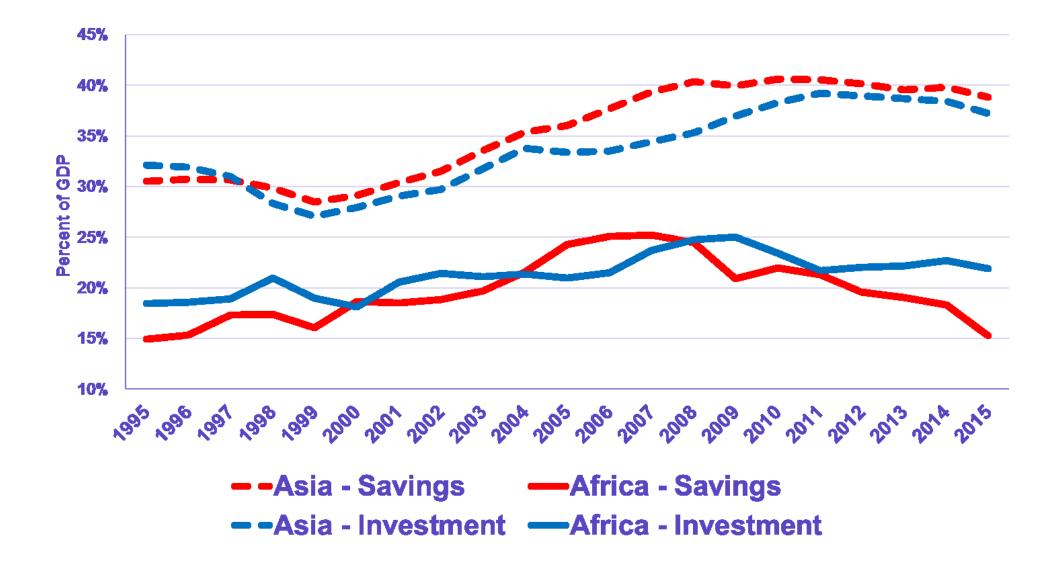
Commodity prices 5-year growth rate

-GDP per capita 5-year growth rate

Increase Savings and Investment

Compared with Asia, savings and investment rates are low. Africa will not converge with the rest of the world at these rates

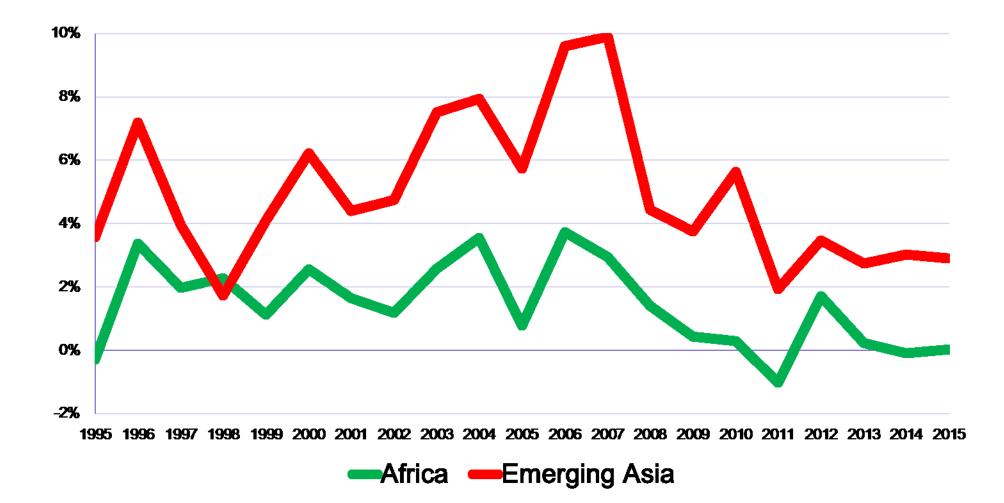
(3) Increase savings & investment—Unleash private sector



Accelerate Productivity Growth

Sustained per capita income increases will increasingly depend on productivity increases, but for 20 years, total factor productivity (TFP) growth has been far below other emerging market and developing countries in Asia.

(4) Accelerate productivity growth



Policies matter...but capable states and transformative leadership matter even more.

What do we mean by capable states?

Security over sustained period

Enabling environment for economic growth

Equitable distribution of growth Tackle corruption

The key to a capable state is transformative political leadership



Lessons from Asia

A grand sweeping vision that unifies the populace
Nurturing businesses and entrepreneurs to compete in global markets
Mobilizing all stakeholders to support the vision of a national future
Sustaining legitimacy and earning trust

Leadership for the Africa We Want

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How do we nurture the visionary leadership essential for Africa's transformation?

Measuring Progress



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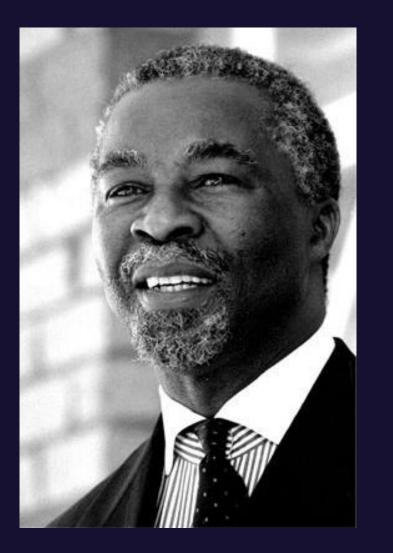
the APRM:

Missed opportunities?

The Consensus

- 1. Think African
- 2. More women in political leadership
- 3. Empower and nurture young people
- 4. Foster the next layer of leadership
- 5. Leave a positive legacy

A Reflection



"We are afraid to speak frankly to one another about the wrong things we are doing, and I think if we don't do that we will meet again a century later to discuss the same question.

...A real, critical, truthful, self assessment... would be an important assessment to producing the kind of leadership which Africa wants.



Yes Africa Can!



THANK YOU



