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Finance : Issues

Real GDP contracted by 2.7% in 2020, recouping 4.7% in 2021 and 3.9% in 2022, lagging other regions

Debt/GDP : 66% in 2021 vs -22 countries : 62-65%

Revenues : 15.0 per cent in 2020, before rebounding to 16.4 per cent in 2021



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□ ODA: \$177.6 billion in 2021, up 3.3 per cent in real terms from the figure for 2020

FDI flows to Africa (\$83 billion in 2021) -lag behind flows -Asia (\$690 billion) and Latin America and the Caribbean (\$134 billion)

□ Remittance : \$600 billions



Lost of \$88.6 billion per year through illicit financial flows

□ Promote the integrated national financing framework (INFFs) initiative

□ Africa in the international financial and decision-making architecture

□ international tax administration arrangements adjustment

Curbing the illicit losses of financial resources through institutional reforms and capacity-building

□ Nexus: Security-Development

Promote a range of novel and existing financial instruments
SDG Stimulus - Carbon credit registry - Green social and sustainable bonds

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Technology & Innovation : Issues/key messages

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- □ Need to elevate STI in both policy and implementation
- □ Technology to promote social, economic and environmental sustainability
- Increase investment in green technology & fintech, agri and health technology
- □ Support SMEs in financing, health and agri technology
- □ Build secured digital markets by 2030
- Enhance North-South, South-South and triangular regional and international cooperation on and access to science, technology and innovation



□ AfCFTA en essential tool for economic recovery and boost for the implementation of the two Agendas

AfCFTA for economic diversification, gender equity and emission reduction

Promote cross-border electronic contracts and strengthen an harmonised regulatory framework for digital trade and e-commerce

□ AfCFTA can help reduce dependency on global commodity markets and vulnerability to exogenous shocks.

Development of regional value chain and manufacturing industries; Ecommerce



Notable efforts to strengthen Africa statistical ecosystem on the Continent

- □ Statistical capacity-building in all areas need to be given priority
- □ Some data and statistical information on SDG are still lacking
- **Data on green growth, digital economy yet to be adequate**
- Domestic financial resource mobilization for data and statistics Effective road map for the modernization and transformation of the national statistical system
- Overall transformation, digitalization and modernization of nationals statistic systems is a must

- □ Overcome capacity limitation challenges
- □ Increase investment and promote coordination of capacity-development activities
- Promote the design of local, sectorial, national and sub-regional capacity building strategies
- Capacity building towards implementation of regional initiatives

Capacity building of SME, SMMEs



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