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inclusive, science-and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda
and Agenda 2063”*

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Partnership for the goals for 2030 Agenda for SD & Agenda 2063 ECA/RFSD/2025/9

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- Achieving Africa's development goals requires strong partnerships at all levels and strong policy coordination
- Key stakeholders: Government, Private sector, Development Partners, Regional Institutions, CSO
- Member States must strengthen partnerships to mobilize resources for implementation of the goals

Implementation enablers:



Finance, Trade,
Innovation, data and
Capacity building

Current Challenge

- Africa faces a \$200B SDG financing gap (AUC, 2023)
- Declining ODA and rising External debt

Required Action:

- Increase domestic resource mobilization (tax reforms, de-risking investments, domestic capital markets, etc)
- Develop innovative financing (green bonds, diaspora bonds, blended finance)
- Reform global financial architecture

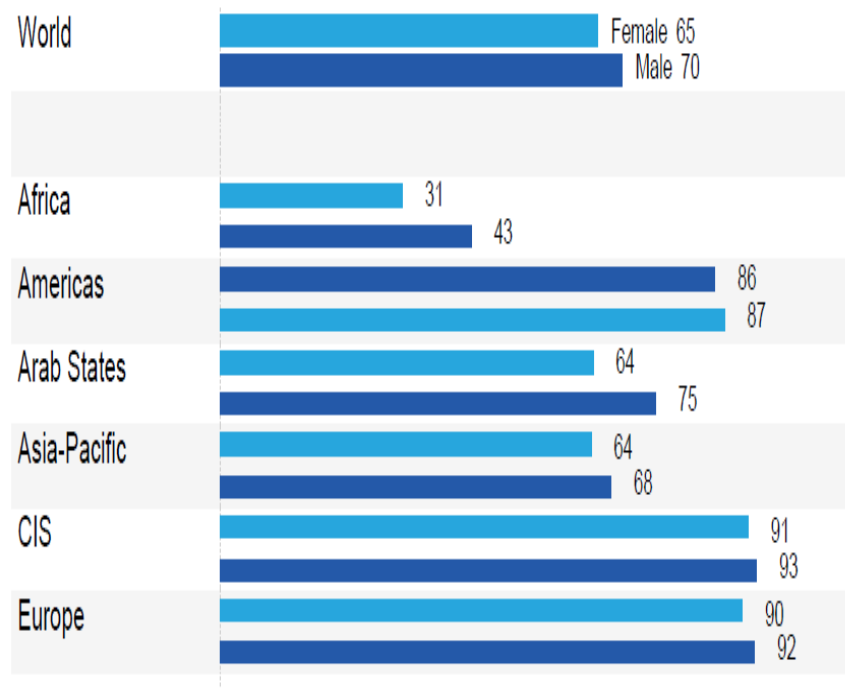
Current Challenge

- Digital divide limits economic inclusion
- Only 38% of Africans have internet access; AI & automation gaps persist

Required Action:

- Scale up affordable digital infrastructure
- Strengthen technology transfer & local R&D investments
- Build cybersecurity & digital economy policies

Figure 2: Percentage of female and male population using the Internet, 2024



Source: ITU, 2024

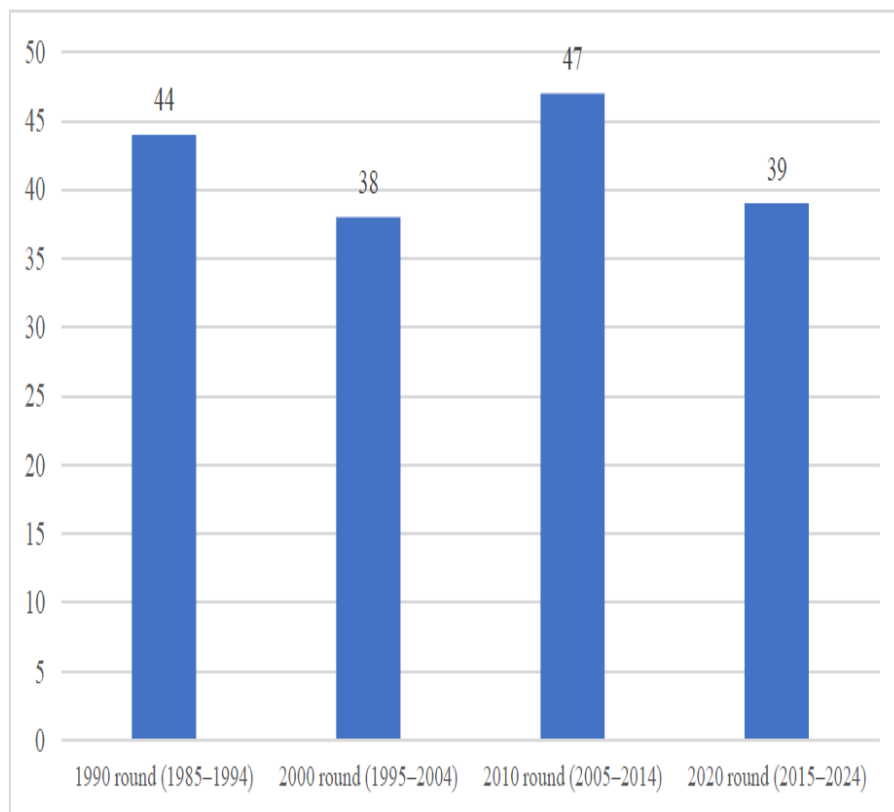
Current Challenge

- Africa's share in global trade is only 2.9% (ECA, 2024)
- Intra-African trade is only 14.9% in 2023 (Afreximbank, 2024)

Required Actions:

- Fully implement AfCFTA to unlock a \$450B market potential
- Address non-tariff barriers and infrastructure deficits
- Strengthen Africa's bargaining power in global trade agreements

Censuses undertaken in Africa, by round
(Number of countries)



Source: ECA.

Current Challenge

- African countries lack timely SDG-related data
- Weak statistical systems undermine policy effectiveness and accountability

Required Action

- Invest in digitalized data collection and analytics
- Strengthen national statistical offices & regional data platforms
- Promote data transparency & reporting standards

Current Challenges

- Weak alignment between human resource planning and national development plans
- Skills mismatch between labour markets and education systems
- Limited funding for capacity-building initiatives
- Digital infrastructure gaps hindering access to training and innovation

Required Action:

- Expand public sector training & leadership programs
- Align training with Agenda 2030 & 2063 through integrated HR planning
- Leverage partnerships (North-South, South-South, Triangular) for capacity development
- Invest in digital skills & Develop innovative learning models (e-learning, South-South exchange)



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