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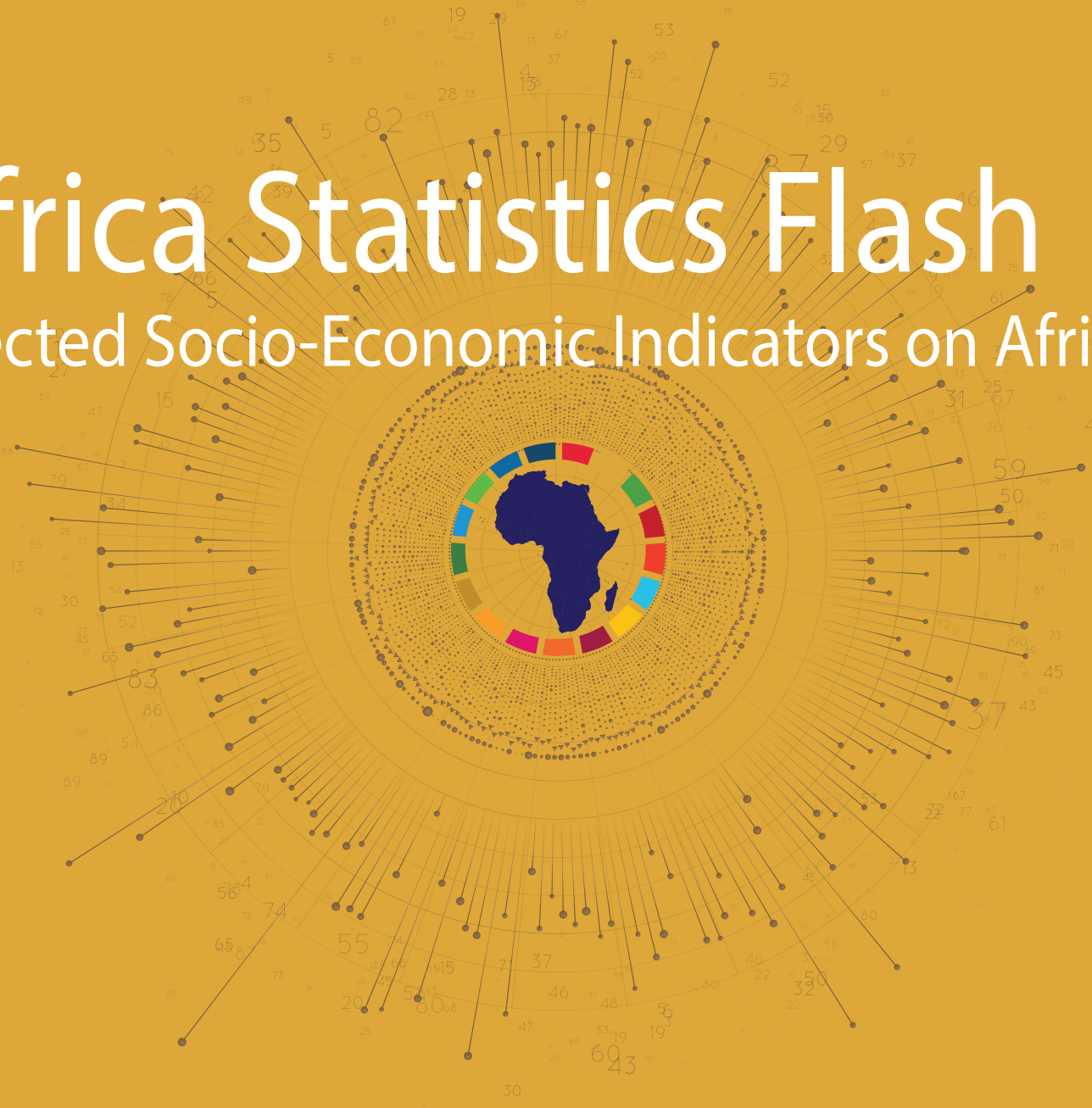

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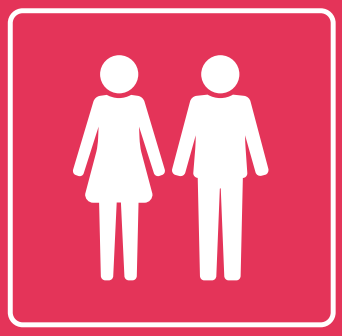


Female labour participation reached 54 per cent in 2024

Women make up more than half of Africa's workforce, but many still face challenges finding secure and well-paid jobs.

Intra-African trade expanded further under the AfCFTA

Trade between African countries increased in 2024, helping businesses connect across borders and strengthening regional markets.

Top 10 countries attracted 90 per cent of Africa's FDI inflows

Most investment went to Egypt, Ethiopia and Cote d'Ivoire showing steady investor interest but also how investment remains highly concentrated.

Women's Labour Force Participation vs Unemployment 2024

AFRICA (Total)

Female Unemployment • Female LFP (%)

Eastern Africa

Female Unemployment • Female LFP (%)

Central Africa

Female Unemployment • Female LFP (%)

North Africa

Female Unemployment • Female LFP (%)

West Africa

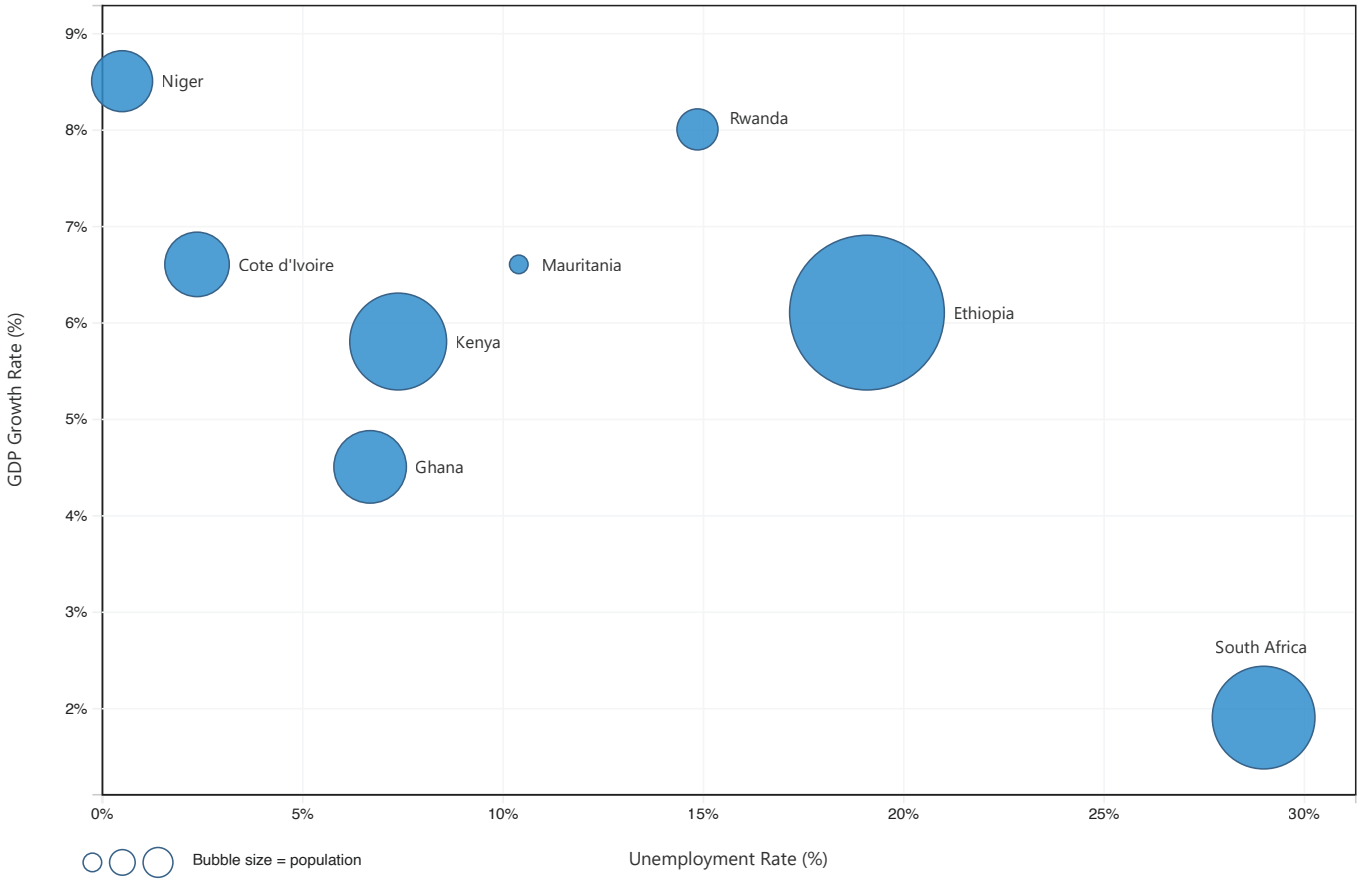
Female Unemployment • Female LFP (%)

Southern Africa

Female Unemployment • Female LFP (%)

Women's participation in Africa's labour force is high, especially in Eastern and Central Africa, yet decent work opportunities remain limited. Southern Africa's high female unemployment (29%) highlights the need for policies that link participation to quality jobs, social protection, and skills development.

Africa's fastest-growing economies by GDP growth, unemployment, and population



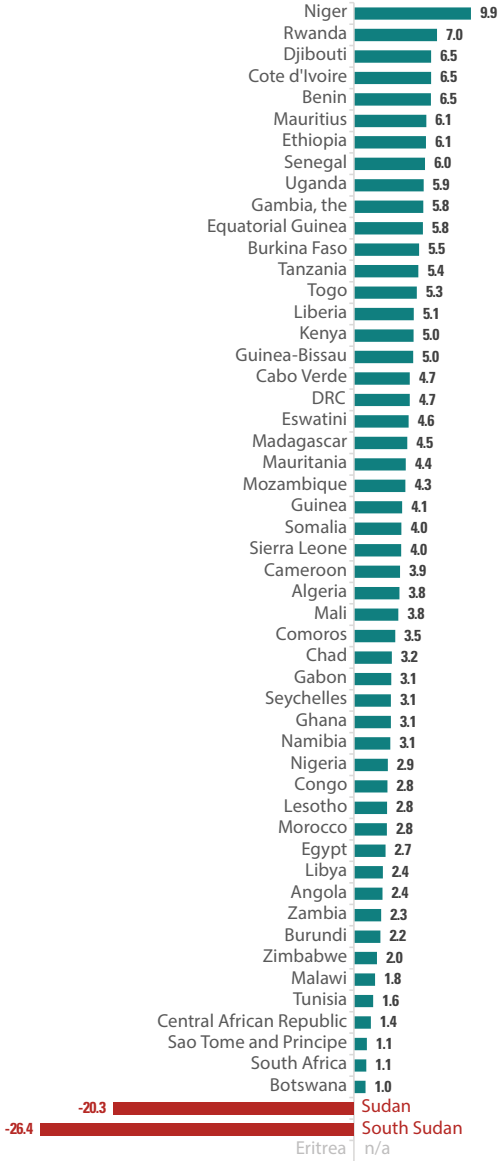
2024

Africa's fastest-growing economies in 2024 tell a story of progress, and its limits. Niger and Rwanda expanded at record pace, yet millions remain without work. Côte d'Ivoire's diversified growth created more jobs, while smaller players like Mauritania and Mauritius grew steadily but unevenly. The message is clear: growth is only as powerful as the opportunities it creates for people.

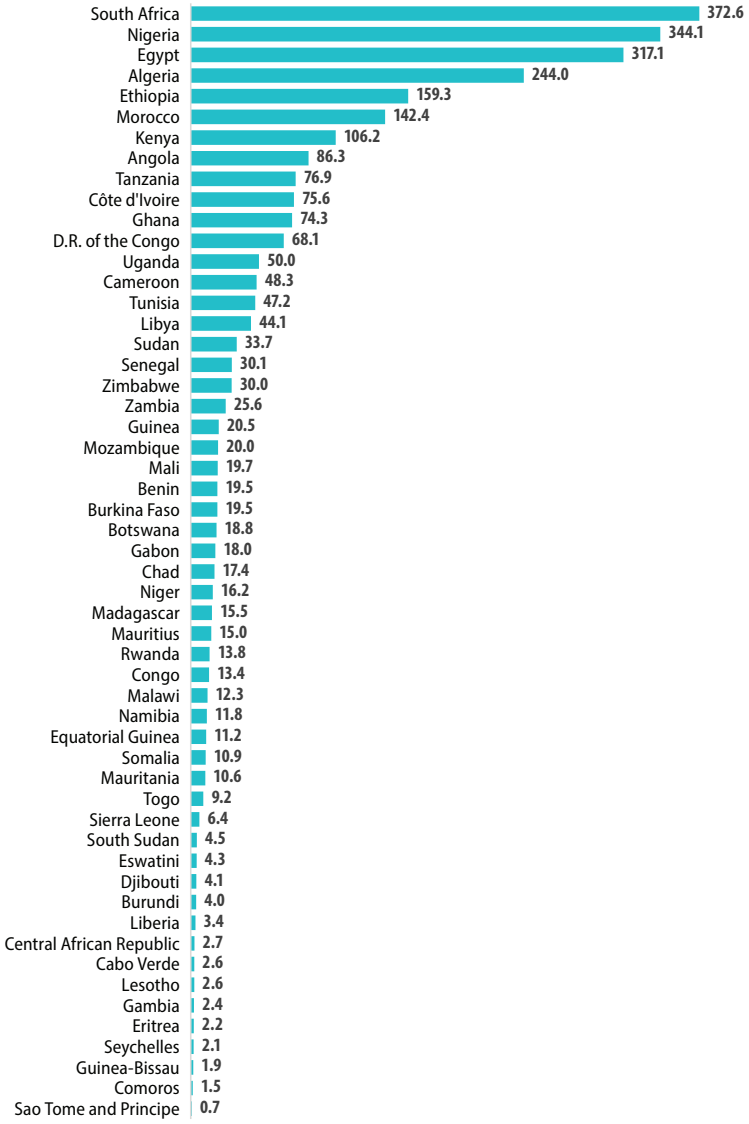
AFRICA: KEY MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

Indicators	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
GDP, PPP (current international $ billion)	7 165.3	7 357.4	8 019.1	8 943.9	9 564.6
GDP per capita (current, USD)	1 932.2	1 799.3	1 955.9	2 013.1	1 897.8
Trade balance (% of GDP)	-2.9	-3.6	-1.3	-0.5	-1.7
Share of Africa's export (%)	2.5	2.2	2.5	2.7	2.5
Terms of trade index (2000=100)	105.1	96.5	111	118.7	108.8
FDI (inward flow; USD million)	46 975	41 048	82 196	54 465	52 633

GDP, constant prices (2024, %)



GNI (2023, billion USD)



COUNTRY: KEY MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

Country	GDP at current (2023, milions$)	Inflation (2024, %)	Total investment (2024, % of GDP)	Trade balance (2023,% of GDP)	Debt service ratio (% of exports)
Algeria	247 626.2	5.3	36.3	28.2*	0.7 (2020)
Angola	90 552.2	28.4	32.7	134.1*	39.3 (2020)
Benin	19 673.3	2.0	37.7	-26.6	13.9 (2019)
Botswana	19 395.8	3.8	35.4	-11.4	3.8 (2020)
Burkina Faso	20 324.6	2.1	24.0	-24.2	3.5 (2019)
Burundi	3 960.3	20.0	23.0	-82.3	9.9 (2018)
Cabo Verde	2 591.4	2.0	24.8	-94.4	13.4 (2020)
Cameroon	49 279.4	4.4	20.7	-39.3	19.8 (2020)
Central African Republic	2 555.5	4.7	15.8	-71.0*	...
Chad	17 643.2	4.9	16.2	72.7*	...
Comoros	1 447.9	4.0	4.8	-91.3	10.4 (2020)
Congo	14 166.7	3.8	28.6	69.4*	8.1 (2016)
Côte d'Ivoire	78 788.8	17.8	25.4	7.3	21.2 (2019)
DR Congo	69 338.3	1.4	15.4	41.4*	2.3 (2020)
Djibouti	3 999.5	33.3	-25.3	15.9*	1.7 (2020)
Egypt	331 589.6	4.0	10.8	-49.4	29.5 (2020)
Equatorial Guinea	12 116.9	n/a	4.4	107.1*	...
Eritrea	2 275.3	4.8	5.0(2019)	-1.6*	...
Eswatini	4 573.5	23.9	15.2	8.8	3.3 (2020)
Ethiopia	159 746.5	2.1	19.9	-79.8*	25.9 (2020)
Gabon	20 055.7	19.5	34.1	26.2*	8.6 (2015)
Gambia, The	2 401.2	11.0	23.6	-76.6	17.8 (2020)
Ghana	76 370.4	4.2	12.4	18.9	12.0 (2020)
Guinea	23 006.1	5.1	14.6	101.5*	1.5 (2020)
Guinea-Bissau	1 841.4	6.7	17.7	-49.9	3.6 (2019)
Kenya	108 038.6	7.7	16.7	-61.3	27.8 (2020)
Lesotho	2 118.0	2.0	29.8	-52.2	5.2 (2020)
Liberia	5 039.2	7.4	...	-41.3	11.0 (2020)
Libya	44 029.9	30.6	28.7	112.2	...
Madagascar	15 869.9	2.5	22.3	-32.4	4.7 (2020)
Malawi	12 626.7	2.7	15.8	-69.3	9.2 (2020)
Mali	20 661.8	3.5	17.2	-12.5	4.4 (2018)
Mauritania	10 651.7	1.7	29.0	-23.5*	9.9 (2020)
Mauritius	14 397.1	3.5	23.7	-63.4	26.3 (2020)
Morocco	144 437.5	4.6	27.8	-39.3	13.5 (2020)
Mozambique	20 954.2	7.8	40.4(2021)	-18.0	34.0 (2020)
Namibia	12 351.0	32.5	24.3	-24.2	...
Niger	16 819.2	4.0	19.1	-71.0	9.2 (2019)
Nigeria	374 983.9	4.9	24.7	11.6	13.4 (2020)
Rwanda	14 097.9	17.1	26.6	-36.1	14.6 (2020)
Sao Tome and Principe	684.1	1.5	23.3	-87.1	4.3 (2020)
Senegal	30 408.1	0.8	39.6	-52.0*	15.2 (2018)
Seychelles	2 141.2	36.6	25.1	-62.7	5.7 (2013)
Sierra Leone	6 411.9	5.0	18.3	-30.9	8.9 (2019)
Somalia	10 969.0	4.7	...	-82.0	0.1 (2019)
South Africa	377 781.6	120.6	15.5	-15.2*	28.2 (2020)
South Sudan	4 629.2	200.1	14.9	-29.6*	8.6 (2014)
Sudan	34 021.2	3.2	...	-33.3*	2.9 (2020)
Tanzania	9 277.5	14.4	37.2	-56.2	6.0 (2019)
Togo	48 541.1	2.7	28.2	-21.6	19.6 (2020)
Tunisia	51 022.5	7.1	11.2	-49.4	12.1 (2020)
Uganda	78 352.5	3.5	21.8	-47.0*	14.6 (2020)
Zambia	27 578.0	14.6	32.3	3.0	47.2 (2020)
Zimbabwe	30 368.2	635.3	...	-21.6	18.6 (2020)

* Estimate

COUNTRY: SECTORAL COMPOSITION OF GDP

	Agriculture (% of GDP)		Industry (% of GDP)		(Manufacturing, % of GDP)		Services (% of GDP)	
Country	**2017**	**2023**	**2017**	**2023**	**2017**	**2023**	**2017**	**2023**
Algeria	12.2	13.6	38.2	25.8	4.5	9.6	49.5	47.3
Angola	10.1	14.9	42.6	39.9	6.7	8.0	47.3	39.8
Benin	31.0	28.1	16.4	12.5	10.5	11.1	52.6	52.8
Botswana	1.9	1.7	38.7	24.4	6.4	5.9	59.4	62.3
Burkina Faso	23.0	18.3	28.0	29.3	11.4	12.0	49.0	48.9
Burundi	39.8	33.4	18.1	13.6	13.1	12.5	42.1	48.1
Cabo Verde	6.1	5.2	14.3	7.8	5.4	5.4	79.5	82.3
Cameroon	18.3	18.6	26.2	20.4	14.8	14.5	55.5	54.0
Central African Republic	34.0	31.9	21.5	21.0	19.1	20.0	44.5	45.1
Chad	39.5	34.2	27.2	37.9	10.4	12.5	33.3	24.2
Comoros	33.3	37.1	9.5	8.6	7.2	7.6	57.2	53.0
Congo	7.5	9.5	47.4	45.3	12.8	14.3	45.1	42.7
Côte d'Ivoire	18.3	15.4	21.4	21.2	12.2	16.0	60.3	58.3
DR Congo	20.8	17.8	43.5	46.7	20.6	18.4	35.6	34.4
Djibouti	1.5	1.6	12.4	9.0	3.3	4.0	86.0	83.2
Egypt	11.7	11.2	34.3	26.2	16.7	15.9	54.1	54.4
Equatorial Guinea	2.3	2.9	56.8	47.8	25.7	23.4	40.9	45.9
Eritrea	17.2	17.3	31.3	15.6	6.0	6.0	51.4	51.4
Eswatini	8.8	8.8	35.5	31.5	31.3	28.9	55.6	56.8
Ethiopia	35.9	36.8	25.1	5.6	6.6	4.6	39.0	38.0
Gabon	5.6	6.5	48.0	49.7	7.3	7.9	46.4	40.1
Gambia, The	22.7	24.8	19.4	5.0	4.8	1.6	57.9	57.4
Ghana	21.0	22.7	32.2	26.3	10.9	12.1	46.8	45.6
Guinea	22.3	31.2	34.5	29.6	10.9	12.4	43.2	38.2
Guinea-Bissau	52.1	47.8	13.3	16.2	11.2	15.2	34.6	34.3
Kenya	22.2	23.2	18.6	10.9	17.3	8.1	59.3	58.9
Lesotho	5.6	7.7	32.5	30.5	4.7	16.3	61.9	58.8
Liberia	73.6	21.0	8.6	20.8	2.6	5.4	17.8	54.3
Libya	3.6	3.6	36.5	40.4	9.6	2.6	59.9	52.8
Madagascar	25.7	23.9	21.0	18.6	12.0	13.6	53.3	51.7
Malawi	24.4	27.7	18.9	16.0	15.2	12.2	56.6	52.9
Mali	40.0	37.8	21.0	17.2	7.1	16.3	39.0	40.7
Mauritania	25.1	20.1	26.3	29.3	13.6	7.0	48.6	47.0
Mauritius	3.4	4.4	20.3	14.9	16.3	12.9	76.2	74.2
Morocco	12.4	12.3	28.3	21.1	8.7	16.1	59.2	60.4
Mozambique	28.9	29.4	26.2	22.9	13.2	8.1	44.9	46.4
Namibia	8.3	8.5	28.2	31.4	8.0	12.3	63.5	58.6
Niger	37.8	50.4	22.3	16.6	8.8	7.6	39.9	28.4
Nigeria	21.1	23.2	22.5	23.6	8.4	15.7	56.4	43.6
Rwanda	28.8	29.1	18.9	13.9	7.6	10.6	52.3	47.7
Sao Tome and Principe	11.1	13.4	16.4	8.2	17.5	5.9	72.5	72.9
Senegal	16.6	19.5	25.7	23.7	6.8	16.1	57.7	54.6
Seychelles	2.6	3.4	14.1	9.5	2.0	6.7	83.3	82.1
Sierra Leone	62.0	29.9	5.3	18.9	2.5	7.9	32.7	43.4
Somalia	...	60.2	7.3	3.2	13.8	2.5	...	32.5
South Africa	2.8	2.8	26.1	24.8	2.1	14.3	71.1	69.9
South Sudan	2.9	2.8	50.7	49.6	6.9	3.5	46.4	42.0
Sudan	22.6	5.7	17.7	18.3	14.3	9.0	59.8	58.2
Tanzania	22.3	20.2	22.4	19.6	15.3	14.9	55.4	57.6
Togo	9.7	10.0	25.4	20.5	8.4	15.9	64.9	65.3
Tunisia	31.4	25.5	27.3	22.6	16.9	16.3	41.3	46.0
Uganda	24.7	28.4	28.3	17.7	7.9	7.5	47.1	39.7
Zambia	7.5	3.2	37.5	25.4	14.9	8.9	55.0	58.8
Zimbabwe	7.7	4.4	34.0	27.3	13.3	17.7	58.3	67.2

COUNTRY: KEY SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATORS

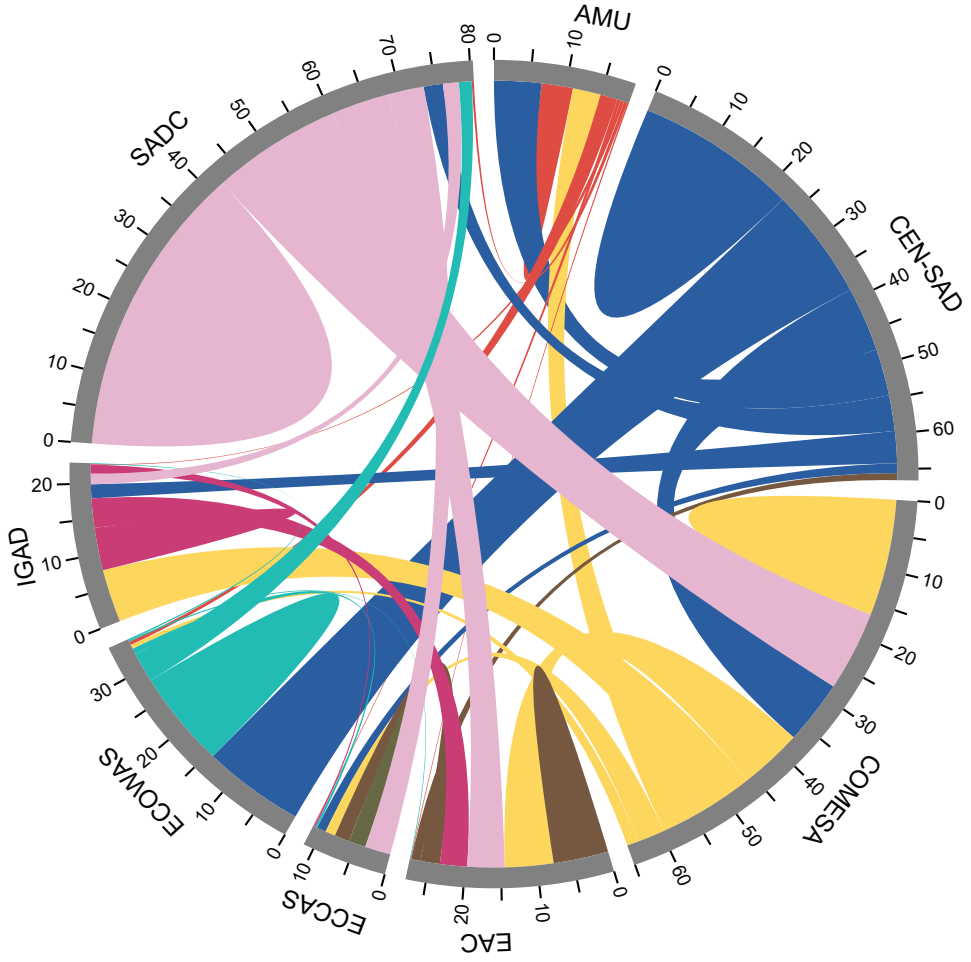
Country	Population (2024, thousands)	Infant mortality (2022 per 1,000 live births)	Gross enrol. ratio, primary education	Unemployment rate (2024, %)	Seats held by women in parli. 2023 (%)	Life expectancy, years (2024)	Adult literacy (%)
Algeria	46 278.8	18.7	108.8 (2023)	11.6	7.9	77.5	81.4 (2018)
Angola	37 804.6	45.7	88.6 (2018)	14.5	33.6	63.4	72.4 (2022)
Benin	14 080.1	53.6	113.0 (2022)	1.4	26.6	61.4	47.1 (2022)
Botswana	2 719.7	31.2	93.7 (2021)	23.3	11.1	66.2	88.5 (2015)
Burkina Faso	23 840.2	50.1	82.4 (2022)	5.0 (2023)	16.9	61.1	34.5 (2022)
Burundi	13 591.7	36.4	103.9 (2022)	0.9	38.2	63.3	75.5 (2022)
Cabo Verde	604.5	10.6	97.0 (2019)	11.9	41.7	77.1	91.0 (2022)
Cameroon	29 394.4	47	110.7 (2022)	3.6	33.9	62.5	78.2 (2020)
Central African Republic	5 915.6	73.5	110.7 (2017)	6.3	12.9	56.1	37.5 (2020)
Chad	18 847.1	64.1	90.4 (2022)	1.1	25.9	54.1	27.3 (2022)
Comoros	867.6	38.2	106.2 (2018)	5.8	16.7	65.3	61.7 (2022)
Congo	6 244.5	31.2	87.7 (2018)	19.8	14.6	63.5	80.6 (2021)
Côte d'Ivoire	29 603.3	52.4	94.6 (2022)	2.4	13.7	60.3	89.9 (2019)
DR Congo	105 625.1	60.1	122.4 (2021)	4.5	12.8	61.2	80.5 (2022)
Djibouti	1 152.3	44.1	64.4 (2022)	26.1	26.2	64.3	74.5 (2022)
Egypt	114 484.3	15.5	91.6 (2022)	7.2	27.5	72.2	95.3 (2015)
Equatorial Guinea	1 755.0	55.1	51.2 (2019)	8.5	31.0	62.5	76.6 (2018)
Eritrea	3 817.7	28	72.0 (2019)	5.8	22.0 (2019)	68.7	89.3 (2020)
Eswatini	1 222.1	39.7	120.9 (2019)	40.4	17.1	61.6	51.8 (2017)
Ethiopia	129 719.7	33.9	85.5 (2022)	3.5	41.3	67.3	85.7 (2022)
Gabon	2 484.6	28.8	100.6 (2019)	20.3	24.5	67.3	58.7 (2022)
Gambia, The	2 841.8	32.8	93.7 (2023)	6.5	8.6	64.9	80.4 (2020)
Ghana	34 777.5	31.6	97.9 (2021)	3.1	14.5	65.6	45.3 (2021)
Guinea	14 528.8	62.2	98.0 (2021)	5.3	29.6	60.7	53.9 (2022)
Guinea-Bissau	2 197.1	48.6	118.7 (2010)	3.2	9.8	61.9	82.9 (2022)
Kenya	56 203.0	30.5	97.2 (2022)	5.6	23.3	64.1	82.0 (2022)
Lesotho	2 356.1	56.4	108.4 (2019)	16.3	26.4	55.1	48.3 (2017)
Liberia	5 536.9	54.9	72.9 (2020)	2.9	11.0	62.3	91.0 (2015)
Libya	6 964.2	8.9	109.0 (2006)	18.2	16.5	73.4	77.5 (2022)
Madagascar	31 056.6	45.1	138.2 (2022)	3.0	18.5	67.2	68.1 (2022)
Malawi	21 476.0	30.1	126.4 (2022)	5.0	20.7	65.4	30.8 (2020)
Mali	24 015.8	60.1	72.6 (2021)	3.0	28.6	60.8	67.0 (2021)
Mauritania	4 993.9	31.4	86.7 (2020)	10.4	23.3	66.8	92.2 (2021)
Mauritius	1 302.0	13.4	102.9 (2021)	5.9	20.0	75.8	77.3 (2022)
Morocco	38 211.5	14.8	114.2 (2022)	9.0	24.3	75.4	59.8 (2020)
Mozambique	34 858.4	48.7	121.2 (2022)	3.5	43.2	62.6	92.3 (2021)
Namibia	2 645.8	28.6	133.0 (2022)	19.3	44.2	64.1	38.1 (2022)
Niger	28 239.0	60.3	64.8 (2021)	0.5	25.9 (2022)	64.2	62.0 (2018)
Nigeria	229 152.2	68.5	86.7 (2021)	2.9	3.9	54.1	75.9 (2021)
Rwanda	14 414.9	28.8	134.9 (2022)	14.9	61.3	67.6	93.8 (2022)
Sao Tome and Principe	236.4	11.3	109.6 (2017)	14.2	14.5	69.0	57.7 (2022)
Senegal	18 221.6	28.2	83.3 (2022)	2.9	46.1	70.2	96.2 (2020)
Seychelles	108.3	12.5	97.6 (2022)	4.0 (2016)	22.9	75.2	48.6 (2022)
Sierra Leone	8 978.0	76	151.7 (2021)	3.2	28.2	61.3	41.0 (2022)
Somalia	18 706.9	68	8.4 (2021)	19.0	19.7	58.1	90.0 (2021)
South Africa	61 020.2	27.7	98.1 (2021)	28.0	45.9	66.9	34.5 (2018)
South Sudan	11 277.1	63.8	81.9 (2021)	12.0	32.4	57.1	60.7 (2018)
Sudan	49 358.2	37	77.8 (2018)	12.2	30.5 (2018)	66.4	66.5 (2019)
Tanzania	9 260.9	30	122.5 (2022)	2.0	19.8	62.0	83.6 (2022)
Togo	12 564.7	42.1	105.0 (2021)	15.0	16.2	77.2	80.6 (2022)
Tunisia	49 924.3	9.9	105.5 (2017)	2.8	33.8	64.0	82.0 (2022)
Uganda	69 419.1	30.2	95.5 (2022)	2.6	37.4	68.1	87.5 (2020)
Zambia	21 134.7	39	94.8 (2020)	5.9	15.0	63.6	89.8 (2022)
Zimbabwe	17 020.3	34.6	96.0 (2021)	8.5	30.7	62.1	86.5 (2015)

INTRA-AFRICAN EXPORT

Intra African export (2023, USD billion)

From	AMU	CEN-SAD	COMESA	EAC	ECCAS	ECOWAS	IGAD	SADC
AMU	4.4	6.6	3.9	0.2	0.5	2.4	0.5	0.5
CEN-SAD	6.7	22.7	9.2	1.0	1.4	15.9	4.6	5.1
COMESA	5.5	9.1	16.7	8.8	3.9	1.6	8.1	11.4
EAC	0.1	1.3	6.8	7.7	2.7	0.1	3.8	5.2
ECCAS	0.1	1.3	1.4	2.1	2.4	0.3	0.2	3.6
ECOWAS	0.5	14.3	0.6	0.2	0.8	13.8	0.2	4.3
IGAD	0.1	2.0	7.6	4.2	1.3	0.1	6.1	1.5
SADC	0.3	2.7	18.3	8.1	5.0	1.8	2.2	42.0

Intra-African exports between RECs (billion USD, UNCTAD 2023)
Color of link represents the exporting REC



AMU (Arab Maghreb Union), CEN-SAD (Community of Sahel-Saharan States), COMESA (Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa), EAC (East African Community), ECCAS (Economic Community of Central African States), ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States), IGAD (Intergovernmental Authority on Development), SADC (Southern African Development Community)

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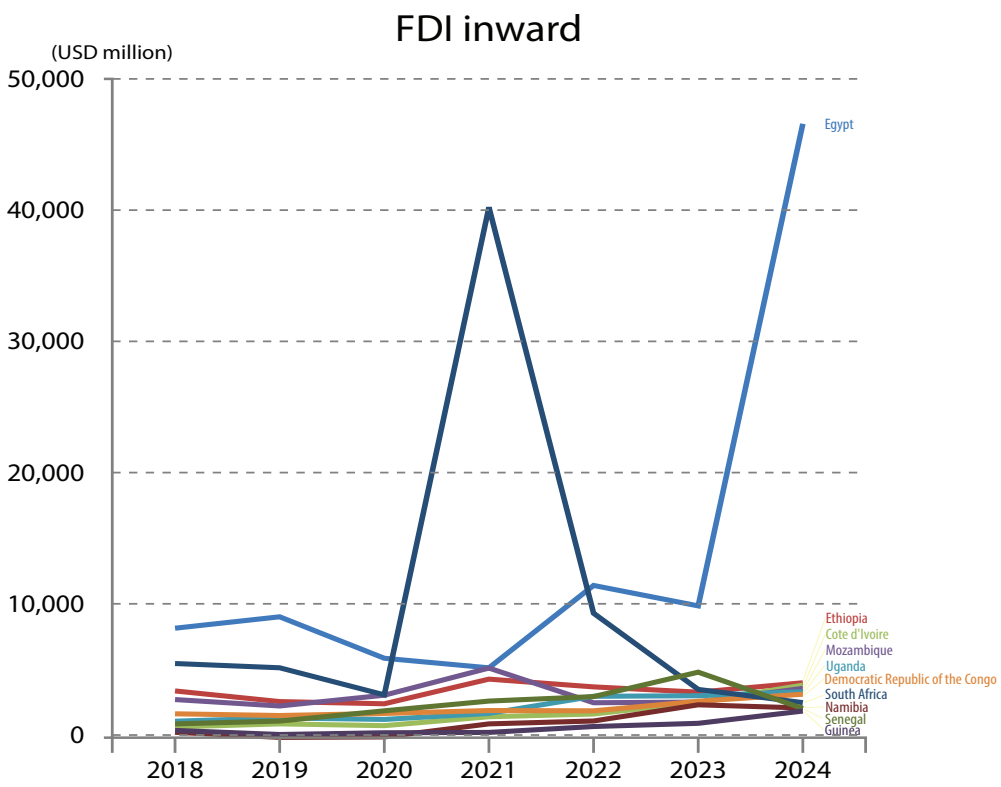
Top 10 FDI inward flow (USD million)

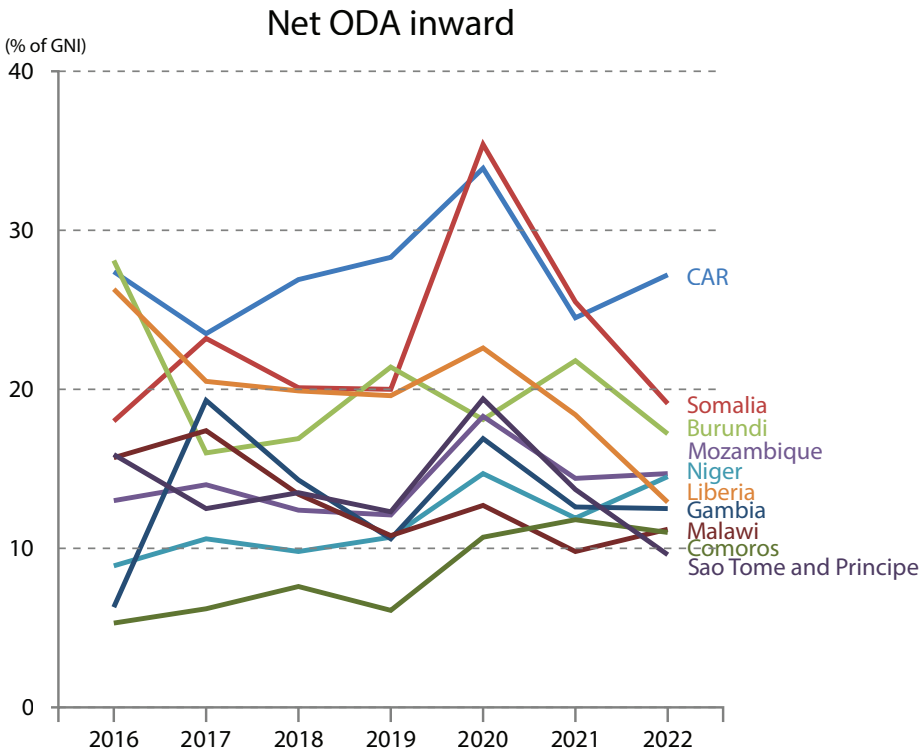
Country	2024
Egypt	46 578
Ethiopia	3 984
Cote d'Ivoire	3 802
Mozambique	3 553
Uganda	3 305
Democratic Republic of the Congo	3 113
South Africa	2 469
Namibia	2 063
Senegal	2 016
Guinea	1 828

Top 10 countries receive close to **90%** of Africa's Inward FDI flow.



Top 10 ODA recepients (as % of GNI)

Country	2022
Central African Republic	27.2
Somalia	19.1
Burundi	17.2
Mozambique	14.7
Niger	14.5
Liberia	12.9
Gambia, The	12.5
Malawi	11.2
Comoros	11.0
Sao Tome and Principe	9.6



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