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Revitalizing partnerships to promote post-pandemic recovery

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Finance

- ❑ Increased financing needs > US\$800 bn.
- ❑ 9% decrease in remittance: US\$85.8bn (2019) to 78.4bn (2020)
- ❑ Debt/GDP : 61.5% -22 countries : 62-65%
- ❑ Covid-19: weakening public financing mechanism and resource mobilization capacity
- ❑ **Debt moratorium - concessional financing, special drawing rights- Debt services suspens.**
- ❑ **Strengthening international cooperation**
- ❑ **Promoting innovative PPP and strengthening domestic resource mobilisation**

Technologie

- ❑ COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the pressing need for countries to focus more on elevating science, technology and innovation (STI) in both policy and practical terms
- ❑ Increased digitalisation & Biotechnology
- ❑ Continuous stagnation/low level investment in R&D – absent covid-19 vaccine development
- ❑ South Africa, Ghana, Kenya and Morocco are emerging as technology hubs
- ❑ **Increase investment in R&D, support national sectorial and regional innovation systems, invest in human capital**

Trade

- ❑ International & Intra-African trade engine for inclusive economic growth and poverty reduction
- ❑ AfCFTA key milestone for SDG and Agenda 2063 goals
- ❑ Reducing tariffs will boost trade by boost trade among African countries by between 15 and 25 per cent (between \$50 billion and \$70 billion) by 2040
- ❑ Development of regional value chain and manufacturing industries; E-commerce
- ❑ COVID-19 crisis has also highlighted significant failings in the provision of health and education

Statistics

- ❑ COVID-19 has highlighted the urgent need of reliable, quality, independent UpToDate data
- ❑ Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic; many African States were increasing their investments in statistical capacity-building
- ❑ These resources -redirected to address emerging, COVID-19-related priorities
- ❑ Africa between 103 and 177 of the SDG indicators. For 52 indicators no data is available.
- ❑ Plan for Human and Institutional capacity-building and modernization of national statistical system lack coordination and funding

Capacity building

- ❑ Most of African countries have started investing in CD before COVID- but diverge investment after
- ❑ COVID-19 pandemic has propelled the redesign of in-person capacity building to digital training
- ❑ Digital delivery has enabled capacity-building service providers to reach many more countries and beneficiaries with mainly increased of women
- ❑ COVID-19 crisis has compromised the delivery of in situ activities that require hand-on practice.
- ❑ Promote innovative action to strengthen national capacities for data collecting and analysis, use of innovative technologies and big data



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