

# Saying NO to pessimistic views about Africa's resource-based industrialisation (3)

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## The pessimistic view:

*Resource-based industries do not match Africa's factor endowments. According to this argument:*

- ~ *Africa's industrial policies should target unskilled labour-intensive sectors such as light manufacturing because the continent lacks the skills and capital for resource-processing*

## Why Africa should discard the pessimistic arguments and move on:

- ~ *Global value chains have changed the game of resource-based manufacturing. Through regional integration, African countries can work together to build the right linkages to support resource-based manufacturing*
- ~ *Light manufactured products have witnessed falling prices globally. Resource-based industrialisation will offer opportunities for better prices to African producers*