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SERIES ON INDUSTRIALISATION FOR AN EMERGING AFRICA

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The establishment of links is not to be broached in an abstract manner or in general terms, but in terms of countries. Experience shows that a combination of policies and factors played a decisive role in creating added value in Africa.

First, scaling up production of natural products permitted industries to achieve economies of scale and enabled Governments to sustain investments.

Second, there is an opportunity for wider regional and sub-regional integration of the market at the pan-African level, provided African countries facilitate such integration.

Third, the role of FDI is also very important and tends to wax stronger as growing amounts of FDI are deployed into the supply chain and into processing activities.

Lastly, a good blend of policies as well as their judicious coordination is also important for Africa to capitalise on its resources and achieve meaningful growth.