Challenges Africa faces in relation to its natural resource endowment and development needs

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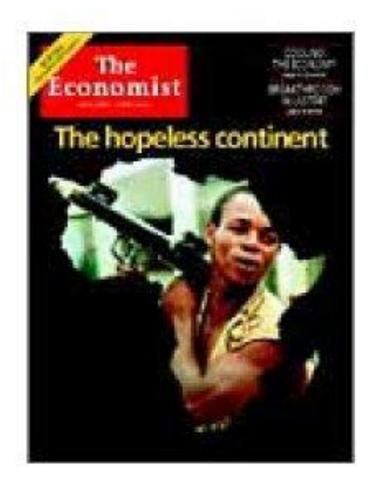


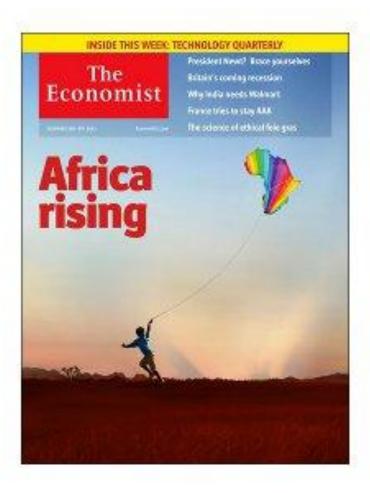


# Main points

- Africa is heterogeneous
- Challenge 1: Will the commodity boom be sustained?
- Challenge 2: Can Africa produce and export manufactures?
- Challenge 3: Changing structural relationship between development and manufacturing
- Concluding points

### What a difference a decade makes!

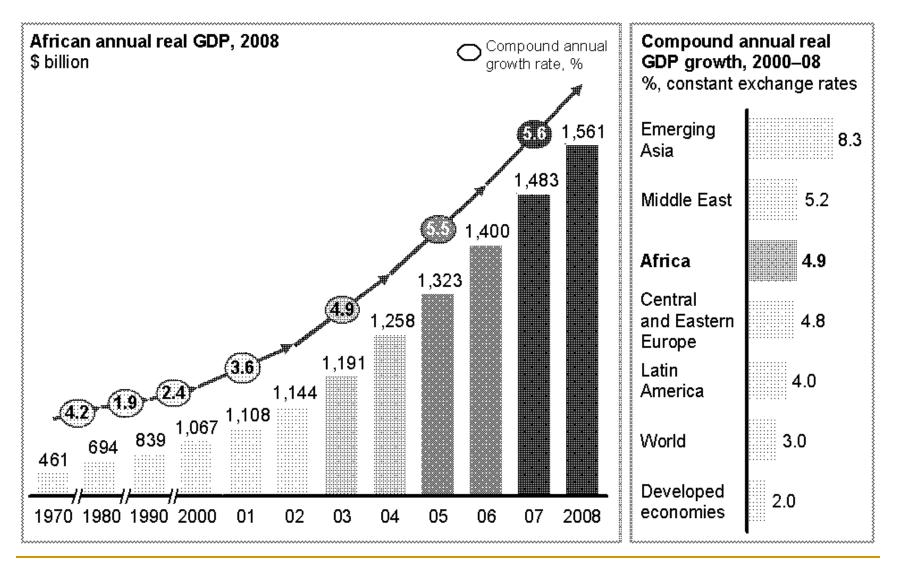




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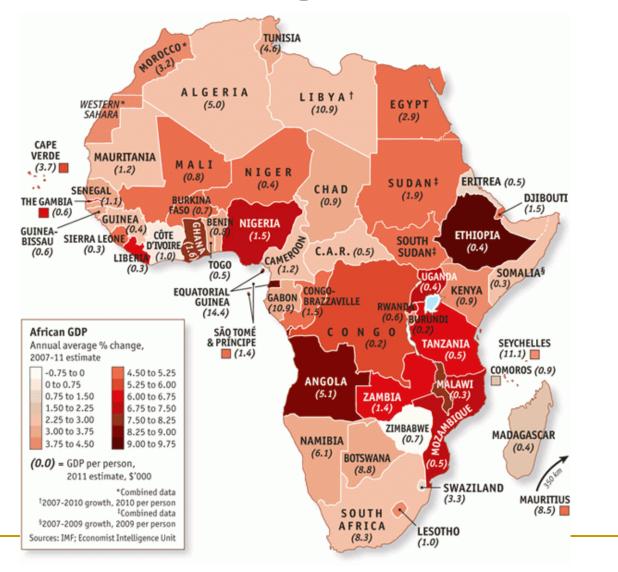
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### Africa's economic growth accelerated after 2000, making it the world's third-fastest growing region



Source: Exhibit 1 from McKinsey Global Institute (2010)

# Africa is heterogeneous



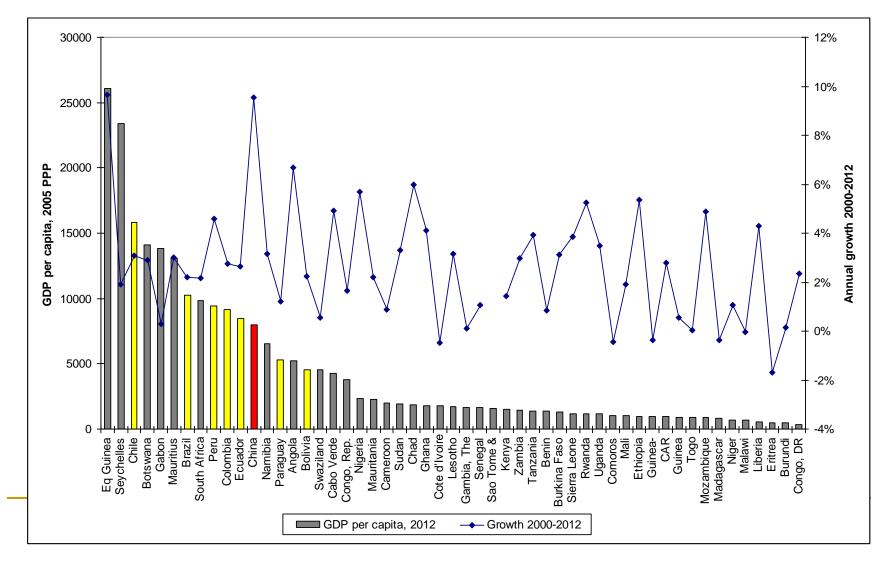
# Africa is heterogeneous

#### Size of economy

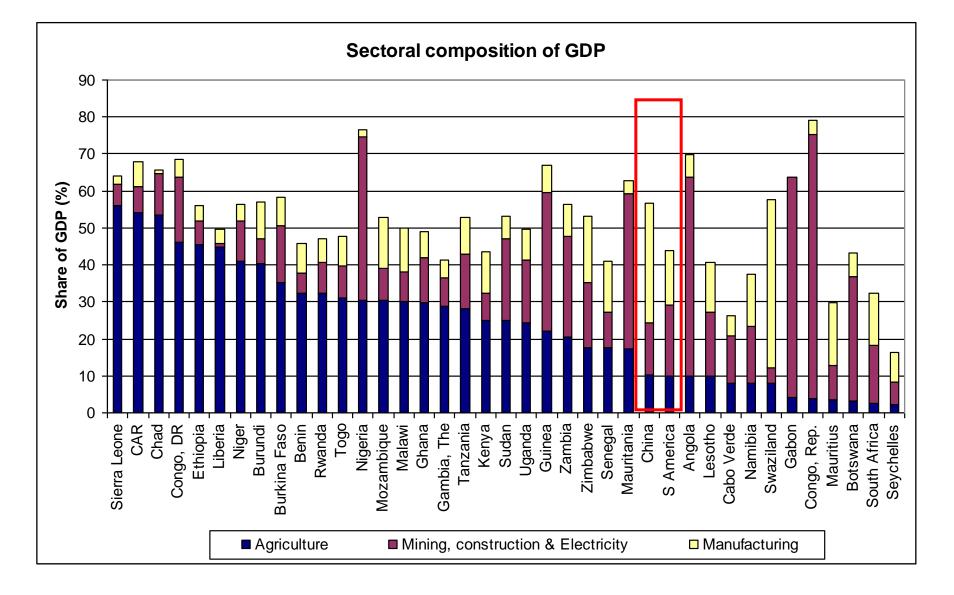
- Mean GDP of US\$ 28 bill (2012) similar to Bolivia
- Median GDP is US\$ 10 bill
- Largest economy South Africa (GDP 384 US\$ bill) 470 times size of Guinea-Bissau {and 80% size of Argentina}
- Income per capita levels
  - Half of SSA countries are low income economies
    - Median African country GDP/Capita = US\$ 1670 (Gambia) vs. US\$ 4500 in Bolivia (PPP, 2005 prices)
  - GDP/capita in Equatorial Guinea 71 times Congo, D.R.

Growth

# Broad based growth, but enormous variation in income levels across countries



# Vastly different structures of production



# High concentration, but diversity in products

#### Table: Top export product (3-digit SITC) in 2010

		Share total			Share total
		trade			trade
Country	Product	(%)	Country	Product	(%)
Sao Tome & Principe	Cocoa	85	Rwanda	Base metal ore/conc nes	36
Fm Sudan	Petrol./bitum. oil,crude	84	Cote d'Ivoire	Cocoa	36
Mali	Gold	82	Mauritania	Gold	34
Zambia	Copper	75	Ethiopia	Coffee/coffee substitute	31
Nigeria	Petrol./bitum. oil,crude	70	Togo	Lime/cement/constr matl	26
Burkina Faso	Gold	69	Tanzania	Gold	25
Botswana	Pearls/precious stones	68	Uganda	Coffee/coffee substitute	25
Congo, Rep.	Petrol./bitum. oil,crude	65	Senegal	Heavy petrol/bitum oils	23
Ghana	Gold	64	Benin	Cotton	23
Burundi	Coffee/coffee substitute	60	Kenya	Tea and mate	23
CAR	Natural abrasives n.e.s.	58	Zimbabwe	Nickel ores/concs/etc	22
Malawi	Tobacco, raw and wastes	55	Namibia	Pearls/precious stones	20
Mozambique	Aluminium	53	Gambia	Oil seeds etc - soft oil	20
Niger	Uranium/thorium ore/conc	50	Mauritius	Articles of apparel nes	19
Cape Verde	Fish/shellfish,prep/pres	39	Madagascar	Articles of apparel nes	17
Cameroon	Petrol./bitum. oil,crude	37	South Africa	Silver/platinum etc	13

### Implications: Africa is not one country

- Vast differences in development needs, economic structure, size, dependency on natural resources
- Most African economies at very early stage of industrial development
- Can expect very different implications of China's new development model across African countries.
  And from Latin American countries?
- African countries remain very vulnerable to commodity price fluctuations as they have very concentrated trade structures.

# Challenge 1: Will commodity boom be sustained?

#### Table: Commodity price forecasts (current US\$), selected products

	2000	2010	2020*	Predicted change, 2010-2020
Coal	100	376	323	-14
Crude oil	100	280	277	-1
Maize	100	209	191	-9
Wheat	100	196	167	-15
Beef	100	174	150	-13
Chicken	100	145	166	15
Sugar	100	261	200	-23
Aluminium	100	140	168	20
Copper	100	416	314	-24
Gold	100	439	358	-18
Iron ore	100	503	293	-42
Nickel	100	252	203	-20
Silver	100	404	310	-23
Tin	100	375	294	-22
Zinc	100	191	168	-12

Source: http://www.worldbank.org/globaloutlook

# Challenge 1: Will commodity boom be sustained?

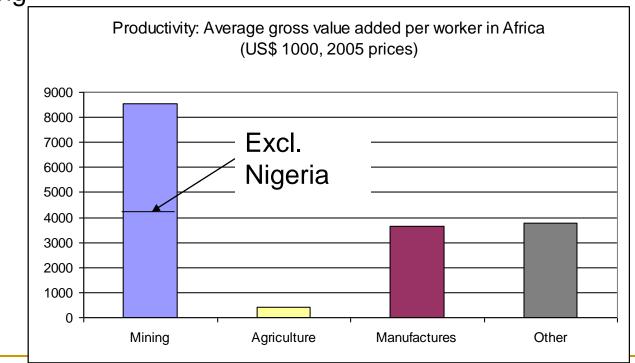
- Consensus: Commodity prices remain high, but moderate from earlier high levels
- But can expect important relative price shifts in response to Chinese growth patterns that alter (i) relative gains across African countries, (ii) relative incentives to produce goods
  - Grain feeds vs. staple crops vs. cash crops vs. meat
  - Within manufactures: Resource based vs. labour-intensive
- But in most cases, what matters most is domestic supply constraints
  - South Africa Mineral rights
  - Swaziland Land



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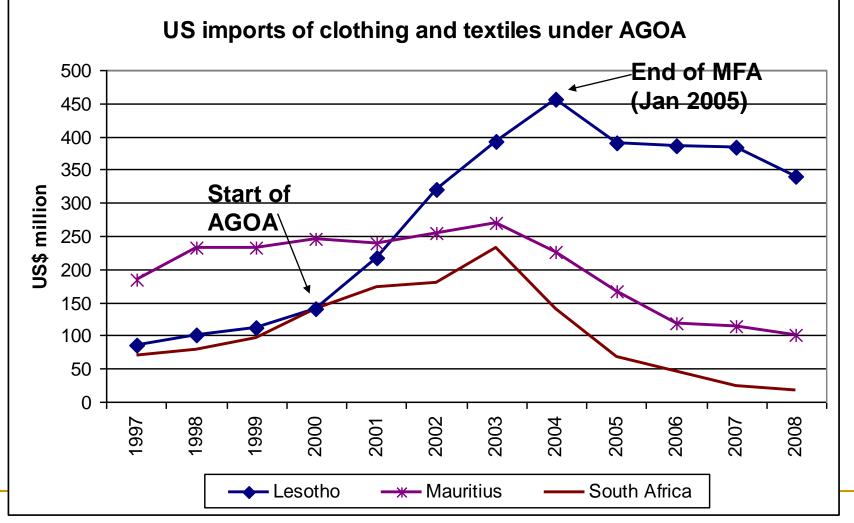
### Can Africa produce and export manufactures?

- Structural change from agriculture to manufacturing an important source of productivity growth: McMillan, Rodrik & Verduzco-Gallo (2013)
- 50 percent of employment (in sample of 11 African countries) in Agriculture, 8 percent in manufacturing and less than 1 percent in Mining\_\_\_\_\_



Source: Own construction using Groningen Growth and Development Centre Africa Sector Database, Output and Labour Data. Simple average across 11 countries: Botswana, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia

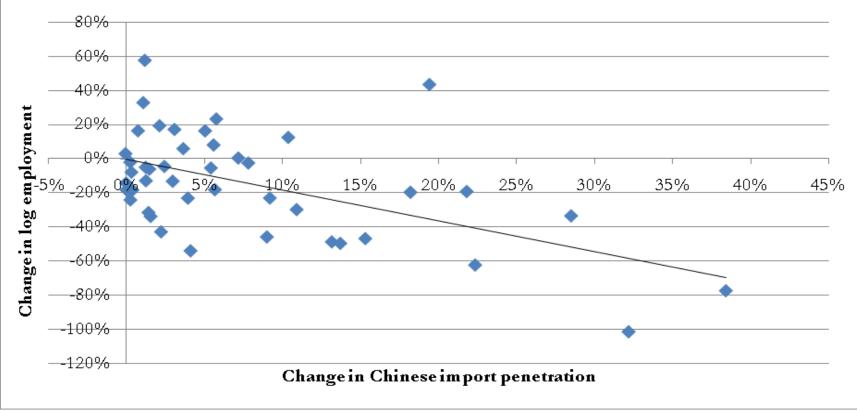
# Challenge 2: Can Africa produce and export manufactures? – Story of Lesotho



Edwards and Lawrence (2010)

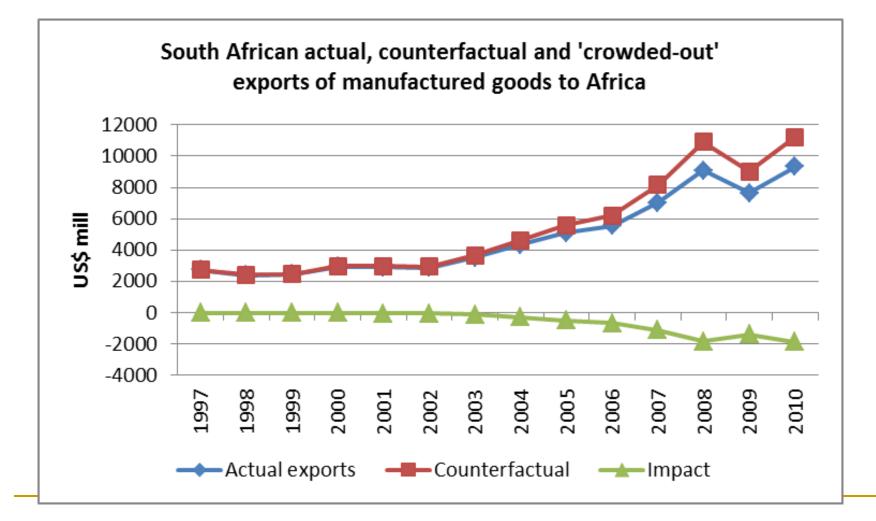
Challenge 2: Can Africa produce and export manufactures? – Case of SA

Change in log employment versus change in Chinese import penetration, 2000-2010



Edwards and Jenkins (2013a)

Quantifying the China's crowding out of SA manufactured exports in Africa, 1997-2010



Edwards and Jenkins (2013b)

# Challenge 2: Can Africa produce and export manufactures? – Other points

#### Trade agreements

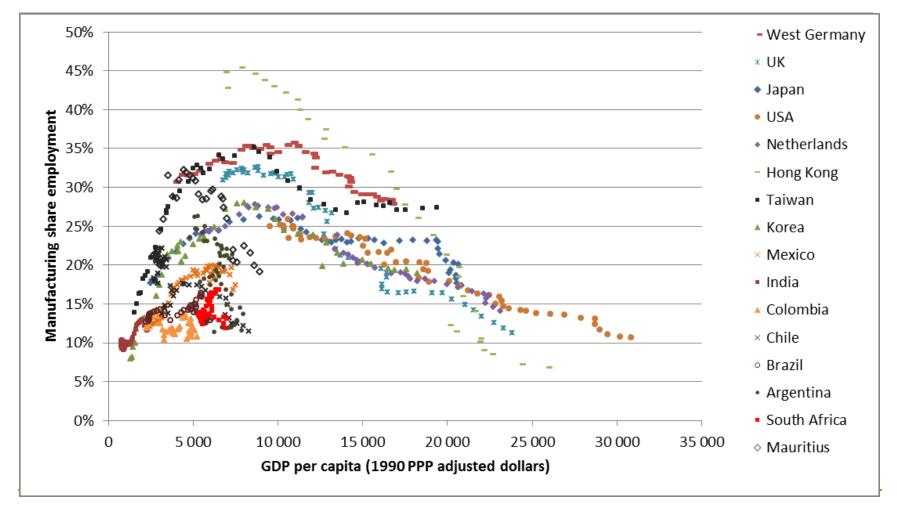
- African regional trade and production linkages inhibited by overlapping trade agreements and stringent rules of origin
- No services agreement
- Defragmenting Africa :
  - Extremely high cross-border transaction costs.
    - US\$ 2100 to export container in Africa (US\$ 3700 for Zimbabwe, US 5400 for Central African Rep) vs. US\$ 620 in China.
    - 50 days to export from Congo, 54 days to import
  - Restrictive cabotage laws
- High domestic input costs
  - 20% cost disadvantage compared to China in cost of inputs in light manufacturing (Wood, leather, apparel, metal and agribusiness products).

#### Challenge 2: Can Africa produce and export

#### manufactures? - Messages

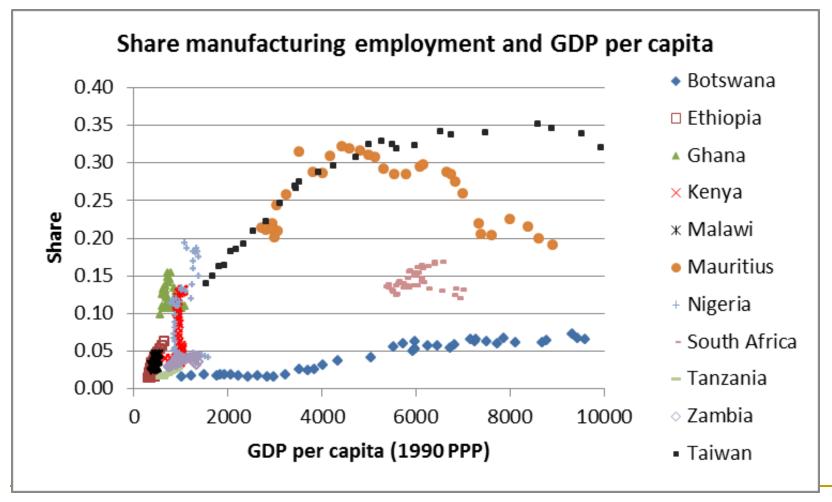
- Answer: It depends
- But in many African countries China complements this process
  - Access to cheap inputs
  - Chinese FDI and management skills
  - Link into global value chains
  - Preferential access for certain products
- And future growth path of China will provide further opportunities
  - Rising wages, Increases in consumption demand,
  - Infrastructure investment, Chinese outward FDI
- Domestic factors often primary constraint
- Challenges
  - Increased sophistication of exports a challenge for middle-income African economies such as South Africa.

### Challenge 3: Structural relationship between development and manufacturing



Source: Own construction using Groningen Growth and Development Centre data

# Slow growth and slow industrialization in low-income Africa



# Concluding points

- Enormous heterogeneity across African countries implies very different responses to changing global environment
- Important similarities with Latin America (remote, resource abundant, inequality, concentrated export structure)
- But some distinctive differences:
  - Lower income levels in Africa
  - No industrial base: For Africa (apart from SA) Chinese growth affects "potential" for diversification into manufacturing. For Latin America and SA, China affects actual industrial base.
- Changes in Chinese growth path creates opportunities and challenges
- But, by and large, African growth and development problems are domestic in origin

### Background slides (in case I need them for discussion purposes)

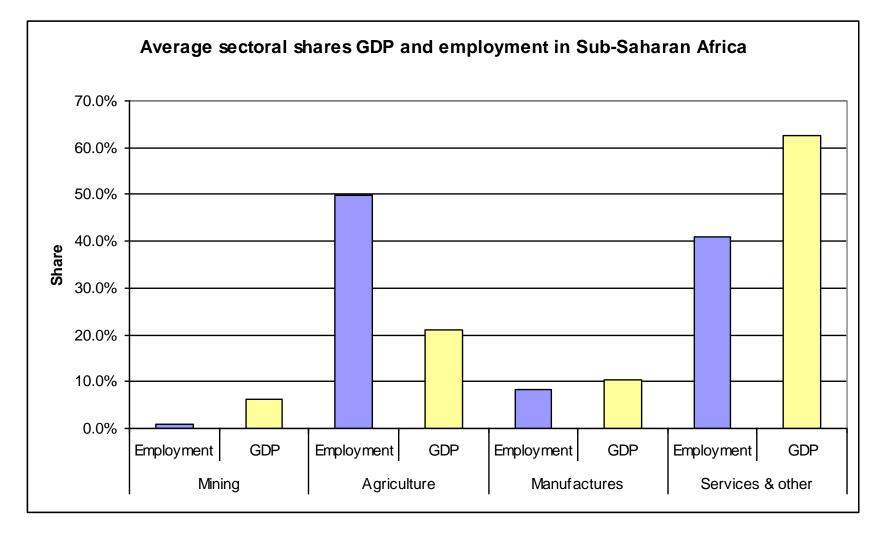
# Challenge 2: Can mining create jobs?

- Resource curse
  - Sachs & Warner (1997): Dutch disease, protectionist policies, political capture and war
  - Lederman and Malony (2012): Excessive terms of trade volatility is problem

#### Enclave development of minerals

- Very few jobs associated within mining and gains concentrated (inequality)
- Morris, Kaplinsky and Kaplan (2011): Trade-off between commodities and industries no longer justified
  - Rising TOT, Outsourcing and linkages

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# African growth surge

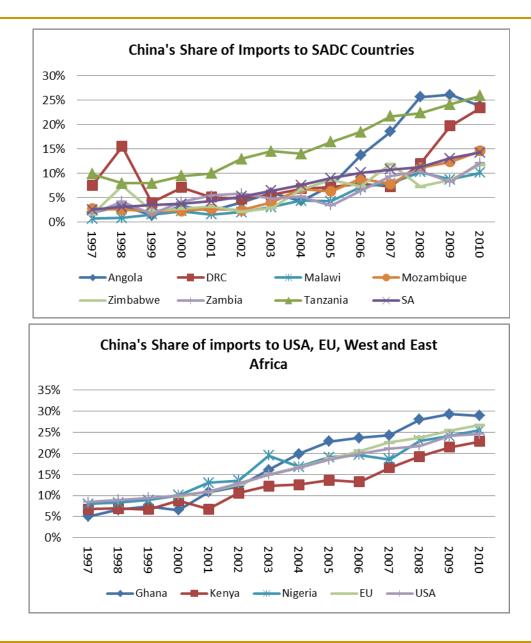
- "Africa's economic growth accelerated after 2000 making it the world's thirdfastest growing region" (McKinsey Global Institute, 2010)
  - Driven by commodity price boom, but also more stable macroeconomic policy environment.

### With important differences in commodityintensity of exports and concentration

Table: Clusters of African countries according to dominant export product (product share in brackets)

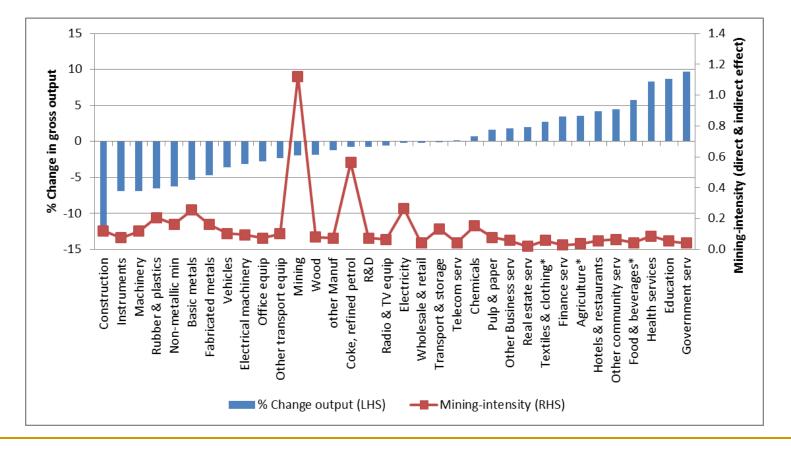
Agriculture	Fuel	Minerals	Manufactures			
Benin (84%)	Cameroon (50%)	Burkina Faso (69%)	Botswana (79%)			
Burundi (77%)	Congo, Rep. (68%)	CAR (58%)	Madagascar (48%)			
Cape Verde (82%)	Fm Sudan (85%)	Ghana (64%)	Mauritius (60%)			
Cote d'Ivoire (58%)	Nigeria (87%)	Mali (82%)	Namibia (44%)			
Ethiopia (83%)	Angola	Mauritania (41%)	Senegal (36%)			
Gambia, The (79%)	Equatorial Guinea	Mozambique (54%)	South Africa (46%)			
Kenya (58%)		Niger (50%)	Togo (70%)			
Malawi (80%)		Zambia (83%)	Zimbabwe (33%)			
Rwanda (55%)						
Sao Tome and Principe (95%)						
Tanzania (30%)						
Uganda (74%)						

For nearly half of these countries, a single product (3-digit SITC) makes up 50% or more of exports



# Changing commodity-intensity of Chinese growth

Figure 1: Changes in Chinese total demand associated with a US\$ 120 billion increase in Household and Government consumption financed through an equivalent reduction in Gross Domestic Capital Formation



Notes: Own calculations using Input-Output for China (late 2000s) obtained from OECD STAN database. The percent change in demand includes the direct and indirect effects as well as imports.



Manufacturing

#### The end of cheap China

# What do soaring Chinese wages mean for global manufacturing?

Mar 10th 2012



# Trade Policy: Case of Mercosur-SACU agreement

