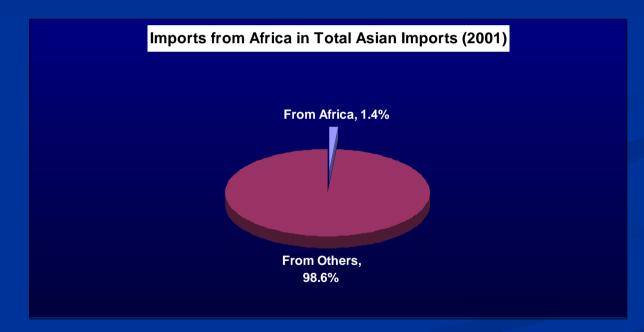
# Expanding Africa's Trade & Investment

Trade and Investment Facilitation Between Africa and Asia is Important, because...

# Africa may be small in Asia...

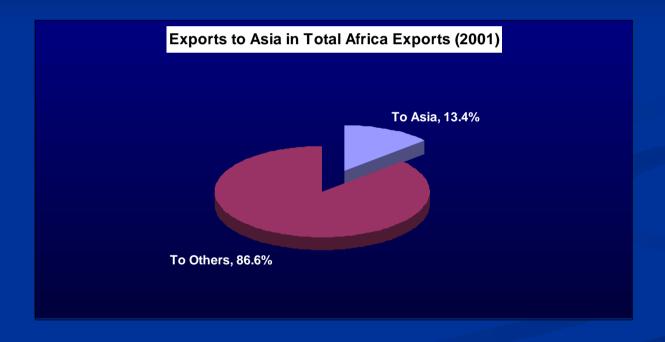
#### **Total Asian Imports = \$1,434 billion (2001)**



Source: IMF Direction of Trade Statistics Yearbook

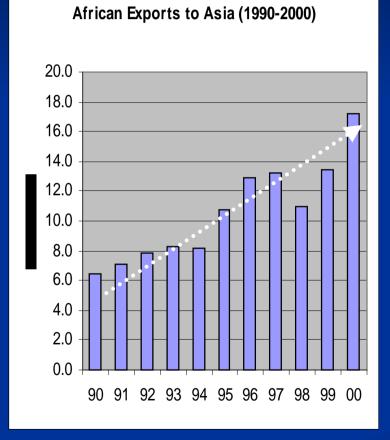
# **But Asia is large for Africa.**

### Total African Exports = \$126 billion African Exports to Asia = \$17 billion (2001)



#### Source: IMF Direction of Trade Statistics Yearbook

# In fact, Asia is fast growing market for the African exports



African Export to Asia: \$ 6.4 billion (90) to \$17.2 billion(00)

 Share of Asia in total African Export:

 7.7% (90) to 14.2% (00)

 Annual Growth Rate (90-00)

 EU
 3.7%

 US
 4.6%

 Asia 10.4%

Source: IMF Direction of Trade Statistics

# Overview

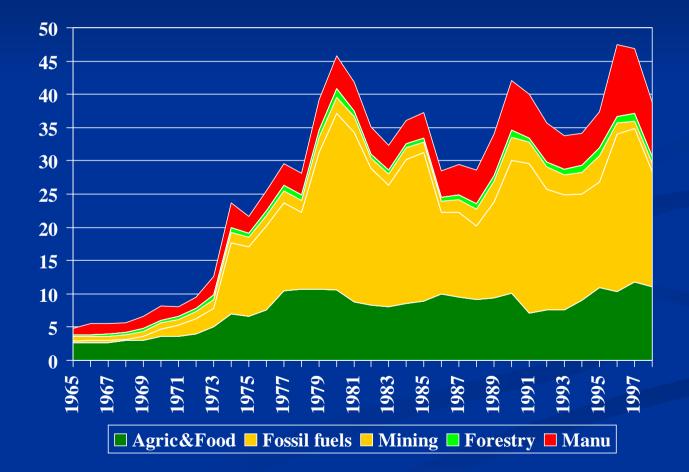
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## **Part 1: Africa's Trade**

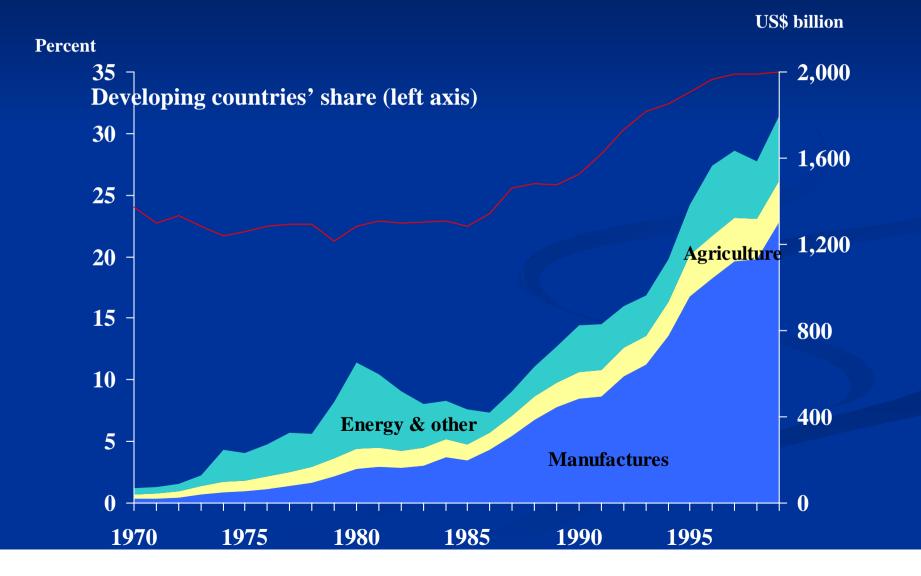
Africa's share in world exports declined during the past three decades (3.5% in 1970 to 1.5% in 1999).

The loss is equivalent of \$70 billion per year, five times of the current level of ODA.

# Africa's exports are still dependent on natural resource-based products.



# ... and this is not what we see in developing countries in general

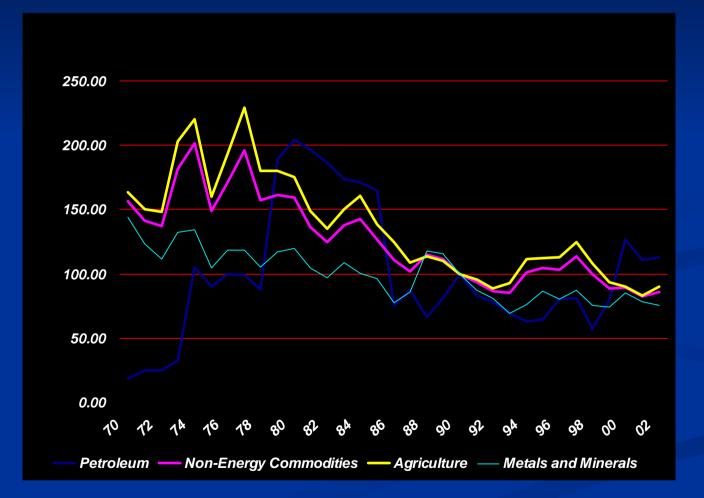


### This makes Africa vulnerable.

For many African countries, unfavorable export prices since 1970 have offset the increase in ODA.

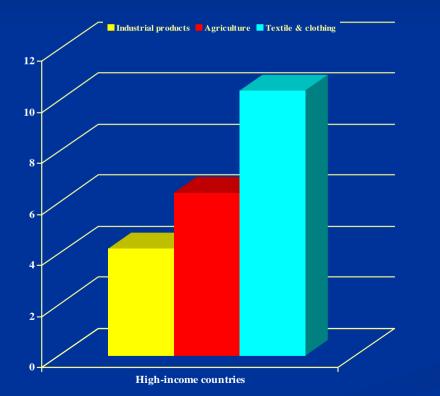
Since 1997, price of Africa's non-oil commodity exports have fallen by 35%.

# Declining non-oil commodity prices since 1970



## Africa also faces challenges in accessing foreign markets.

#### **Average Tariff on Selected Products**

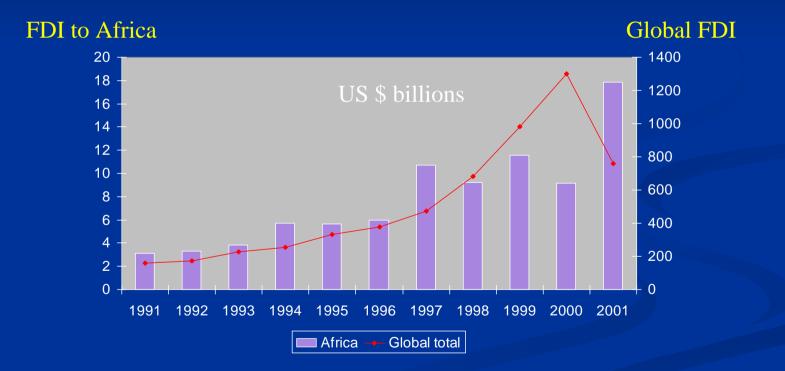


*Note*: Average MFN tariffs (un-weighted, in %) *Source*: World Bank.

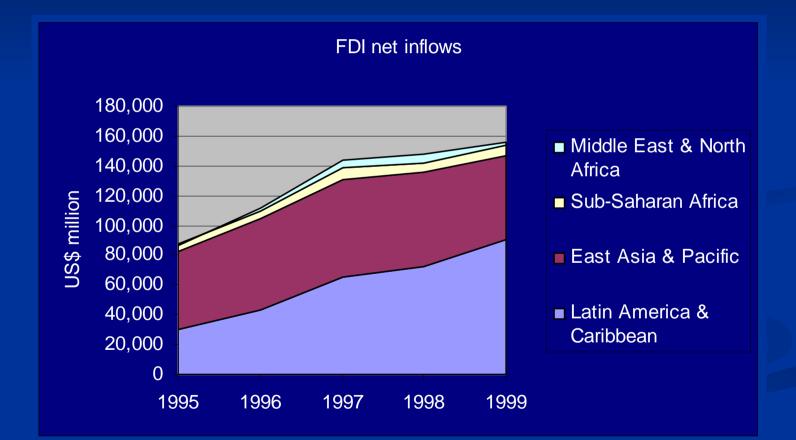
- While overall tariffs appear moderate, trade barriers and subsidies are the constraints in export growth.
- Farm supports in G8 (\$310 billion per year) equals 23 times aid flows to Africa.
- Excessively demanding standards constitute de facto non-trade barriers to African exports.

## Part 2: Foreign Investment in Africa

## **FDI** to Africa is small but resilient

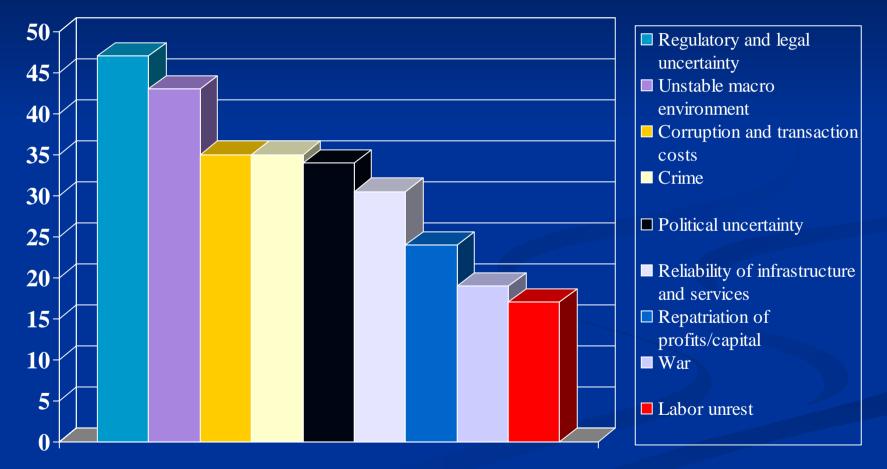


# Africa remains small compared to other regions in receiving FDI.



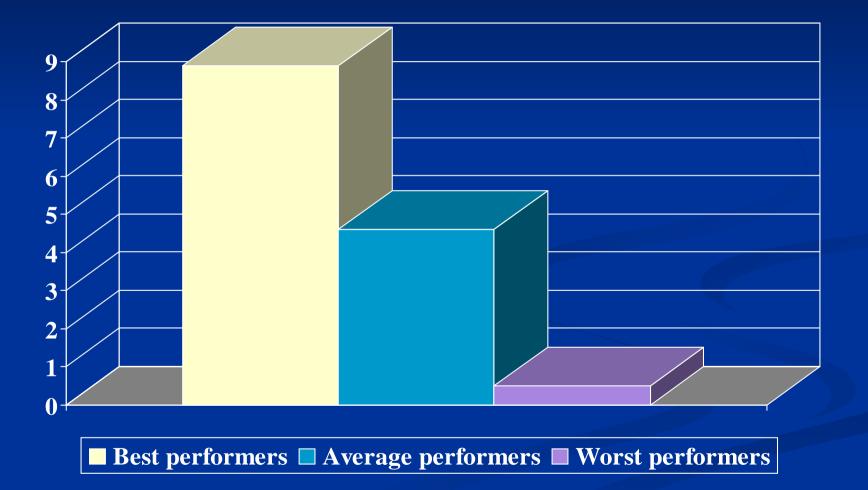
Source: UNCTAD

## Predictability, stability, and transparency are main areas of concern of foreign investors.



Note: Shares sum up to more than 100% because the respondents named more than factor. Survey was conducted for South African (SADC) economies

# and sound policies are key to attracting FDI *(average annual percent change in FDI/GDP ratio, 1996-99)*



## **Part 3: What need to be done?**

What need to be done to deal with the challenges that Africa is facing?

By African countries

By developed countries

## In African countries:

Build diversified and competitive domestic industries to ensure strong domestic supply response to new market opportunities.

Pursue liberal trade policies by eliminating antiexport bias in tariff policies as well as taking liberal import policies.

Pursue strategies to better integrate with global marketing system.

### In African countries (cont'd)

Pursue effective regional integration to overcome capacity constraint of small domestic markets

Put high priority in infrastructure services (particularly in telecommunication, transportation)

Ensure macroeconomic stability and businessfriendly environment.

## Developed countries can:

1. Provide new opportunities to African exports by committing to the following action:

- Reduce tariffs (peaks and escalation) and quantity restrictions in the WTO Doha round.
- Building on existing trade preferences (GSP, US/AGOA, EU/EBA), and provide unrestricted access to African exports in the WTO Doha round.

\* Effectiveness of the trade preferences are limited due to the restrictions on coverage and rules of origin.

Developed countries can (cont'd)

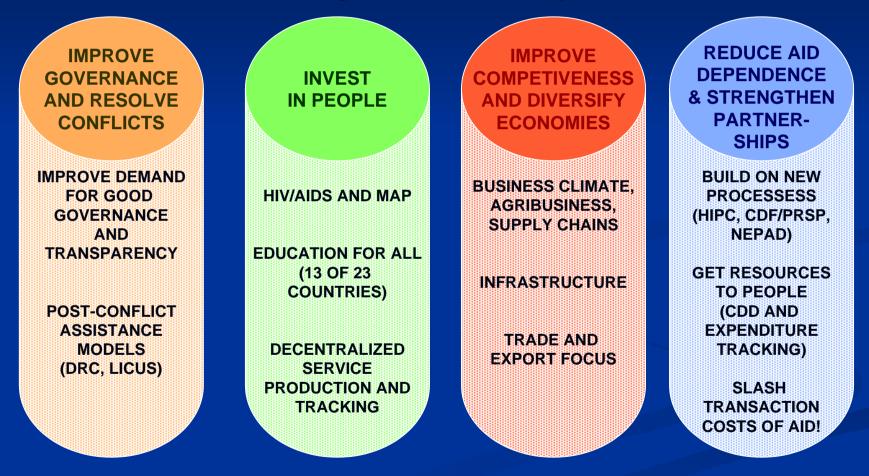
**Benefit of Unrestricted Access** 

Fully unrestricted access by key industrial countries could produce immediate gains for the least developed African countries leading to 13% increase of non-oil exports and <u>boosting their real incomes</u> by 1%.

2. Increase the level and quality of trade and investment related technical assistance

## Part 4: World Bank's role Four Pillars of AFR Strategy

(AFR= Africa Regional Vice Presidency, World Bank)

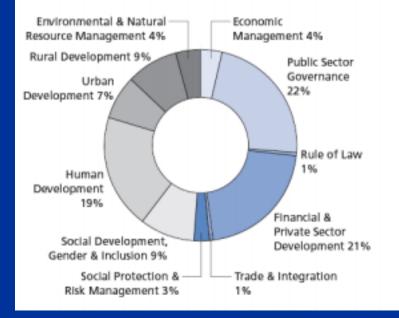


**Different from Traditional Approach** 

## Specific activities:

Lending Operation: IDA/IBRD lending programs with emphasis on regional integration, institution building, infrastructure improvement, private sector capacity building, EPZ development.

Africa: IBRD and IDA Lending by Theme Fiscal 2002 Share of total of \$3.8 billion



FY 02 New Commitments IBRD: \$41.8 million IDA: \$2,615.4 million Portfolio of Projects \$15.3 billion

### Specific activities:

- International dialogue "Trade and Aid": The Bank is playing a leadership role for a pro-development multilateral round (Doha Development Agenda).
- Integrated Framework: The Bank has assumed a leading role in IF for trade related assistance. The IF studies provide LDCs with a diagnostic on trade/exports capacity and technical assistance.
- Economic and Sector Work: Fill information gap through analytical work (e.g. Investment Climate Study) or coordinate the platform for multilateral dialogues (e.g. Investment Advisory Board, Enterprise networks)
- Promotion of Private Business: IFC and MIGA: Investment and Guarantee programs, Investment Promotion Network (IPA net), Privatization link, FDI Xchange