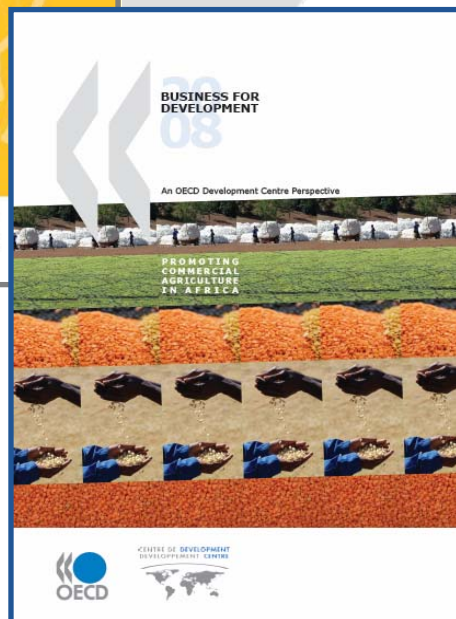


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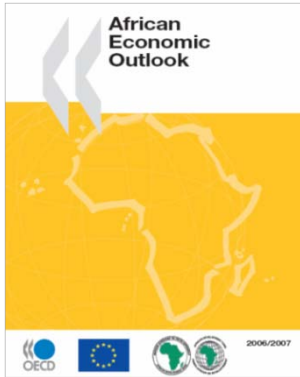
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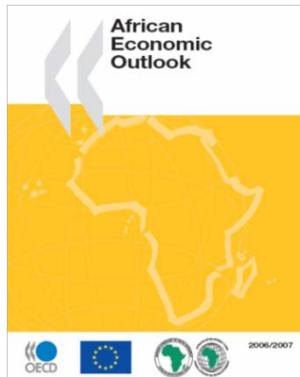


Experts Network

Consultants, think tanks ...

Financial partner





1. *Overview & annual thematic focus*
2. *Comparable country chapters*
3. *Statistical annex and indicators*

- ***Comprehensive, independent analysis***
- ***Short-term macroeconomic forecasts***
- ***Special annual focus***
 - 2003: *Privatization*
 - 2004: *Energy*
 - 2005: *SMEs*
 - 2006: *Transport*
 - 2007: *Water and sanitation*
 - 2008: *Technical & vocational skills development*

Promoting public debate on economic policies

- At national level (African policy makers)
- At regional and continental level (input for African Peer Review Mechanism)
- Building indicators tracking main APRM areas of focus
- Promoting best practice and lessons learned through experience

Supporting the International Dialogue on Africa's Development

- Monitoring capacity-building in infrastructure, trade, institutions
- Monitoring policy reforms, financial flows for development

Millennium Development Goals

- Monitoring progress in 31 countries in 2007, 35 in 2008
- AEO, a joint AfDB/OECD/UNECA contribution to Goal 8



New in 2008:
Cape Verde
Liberia
Libya
Equatorial Guinea

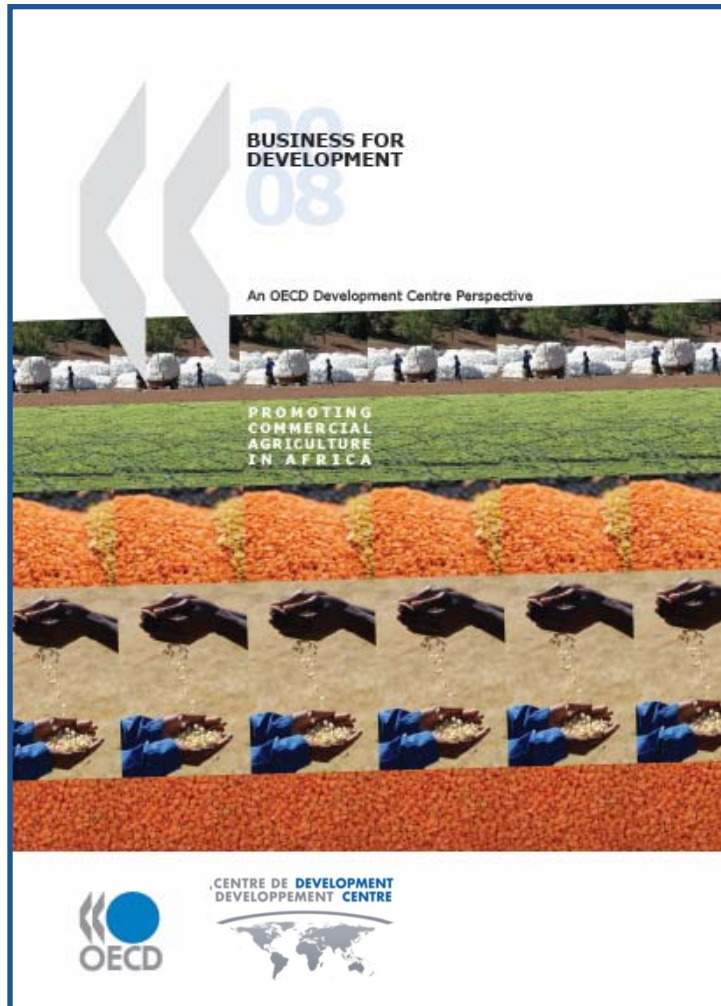
 **AEO 2008**

95% of GDP

87% of population

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Promoting Commercial Agriculture in Africa

- **2nd Edition of Business for Development**
- **Looks at African Agriculture from a Business Perspective**
- **Why focus on African Agriculture?**
 - Dominant economic sector in many African countries
 - Essential role in poverty reduction and economic development
 - Current food price crisis highlights the need to modernize African Agriculture

The Future of Africa is closely intertwined with the Development of its Agricultural Sector!

African Agriculture 2008

Reasons to be concerned

- **Low Productivity**
 - in 2006, the African average cereal yield was only 40 per cent of the Southeast Asian average
- **Food Availability went down**
 - since 1990, food availability per capita has declined by 3 per cent in SSA in sharp contrast to Asia and Latin America
- **Africa's Agricultural Exports declined**
 - since the mid 1980s, the share of African products in World agricultural imports has declined from 5.4 per cent (1985) to 3.2 per cent (2006)

But: Promoting Agribusiness is back on the International Agenda!