AFRICA’S UNFOLDING AGRI-FOOD SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION

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1. Major growth in per capita incomes
RISING REAL INCOMES

• 35% growth in inflation-adjusted real p.c. incomes in SSA, 2000-2014
  – Doubling in many countries

• Poverty rates falling for the region
  – % of people living on less than $1.90 a day declined from 54% in 1990 to 41% in 2013 (Barrett et al., 2017)
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Annual inflation-adjusted agricultural growth rates, 2000-2016:

- Sub-Saharan Africa: +4.62%
- Latin America: +2.49%
- East Asia: +3.07%
- South Asia: +2.96%
- World: +2.75%
AGRICULTURAL VALUE ADDED ANNUAL GROWTH RATES 2000-2016 (constant local currency units)

Source: World Development Indicators, 2017
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AGRICULTURAL GROWTH AND POVERTY REDUCTION

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## CHANGES IN FARM STRUCTURE IN TANZANIA (2008-2012)

**LSMS / NATIONAL PANEL SURVEYS**

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<th>Farm size</th>
<th>Number of farms (% of total)</th>
<th>% growth in number of farms between initial and latest year</th>
<th>% of total operated land on farms between 0-100 ha</th>
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<td>0 – 5 ha</td>
<td>5,454,961 (92.8)</td>
<td>6,151,035 (91.4)</td>
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<td>5 – 10 ha</td>
<td>300,511 (5.1)</td>
<td>406,947 (6.0)</td>
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<td>10 – 20 ha</td>
<td>77,668 (1.3)</td>
<td>109,960 (1.6)</td>
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<td>20 – 100 ha</td>
<td>45,700 (0.7)</td>
<td>64,588 (0.9)</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>5,878,840 (100%)</td>
<td>6,732,530 (100%)</td>
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**CHANGES**

- **6.1%**

- **-6.1%**

- **+6.1%**
## CHANGES IN FARM STRUCTURE IN GHANA (1992-2013)

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<th>Number of farms</th>
<th>% growth in number of farms</th>
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<td>116,800</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>2,211,900</td>
<td>3,057,978</td>
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Source: Ghana GLSS Surveys, 1992, 2013
MEDIUM SCALE FARMS’ SHARE OF TOTAL CROP VALUE IN TANZANIA – 14% TO 30% IN 6 YEARS

% of total crop value by farm size category

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RAPID INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAINS BY AFRICAN ENTREPRENEURS

• 800% increase in the volumes and value of food marketed through rural-to-urban value chains since 2000 (Tschirley et al, 2017)

• Underlying drivers:
  – rapidly rising urban demand
  – high global food prices
  – agricultural sectoral reforms of 1990s
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RAPID DECLINE IN SHARE OF LABOR FORCE IN FARMING (IN FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS)

Source: Yeboah and Jayne (2018)
FARMING IS THE SINGLE LARGEST EMPLOYER IN MOST COUNTRIES DESPITE DECLINING JOB SHARE

Source: Yeboah and Jayne (2018)
MAJORITY OF OFF-FARM AGRI-FOOD SYSTEM JOBS IN COMMERCE, MUCH LESS IN AGRO-PROCESSING

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NOMINAL VALUE OF TRACTOR IMPORTS TO SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA (EXCL. SOUTH AFRICA), 2001-2015

Source: Van der Westhuisen et al, 2018, based on Trade Map database
% OF FARM HOUSEHOLDS RENTING TRACTOR SERVICES IN TANZANIA, 2009 VS 2015

Source: Van der Westhuisen et al., 2018, based on NPS/LSMS surveys
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MEAN LAND PRICES IN TANZANIA: +53.9% IN REAL TERMS IN 6 YEARS

OUTPUT AND FACTOR PRICE INDICES, RURAL MALAWI, 2004-2013

Sources: LSMS-ISA and IHS for land and wages; FEWSNET for urea and maize
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FARMER REPORTED NUMBERS OF TRADERS BUYING MAIZE IN THEIR VILLAGE, 2014

Source: Sitko and Jayne, 2014
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CHANGE IN FARM HOUSEHOLDS’ DISTANCE TO SERVICES IN RURAL KENYA, 1997-2010

Percentage of 1997 value

Km to nearest...
- maize sale
- fertilizer seller
- veterinary service
- telephone
- extension service
- motorable road
- tarmac road
- improved water
- health center
- electricity

Source: Chamberlin and Jayne, 2012
MAJOR CHALLENGES TO BE TACKLED

1. Future ag growth needed from higher value per hectare and per laborer, not just area expansion
AFRICA’S AGRICULTURAL GROWTH STILL RELIES MAINLY ON CROPLAND EXPANSION, NOT ENOUGH ON PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH

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2. Land/soil degradation – will make continued agricultural transformation more difficult unless addressed
   • Proximate causes: low adoption of “climate smart” and “sustainable” land management practices
   • Underlying culprits – ineffective national ag R&D and extension systems

3. The “employment challenge”: each year, roughly 17 million young Africans enter working age
LOOMING EMPLOYMENT CHALLENGE IN SSA

Age pyramid: rural SSA, 2015

62% < 25 years old
**YOUTH LIVELIHOODS OPTIONS**

62% < 25 years

- **40% Non-farm**
  - 10% Successful non-farm
  - 30% Struggling non-farm
- **60% Farming**
  - 50% Struggling farm
  - 10% Successful farm

**Pulled out of agriculture**
- In jobs with high barriers to entry
- Post-secondary education
- Invested in skills

**Pushed out of agriculture**
- Relatively unskilled / limited education
- Limited access to land / finance
- Mainly informal sector / wage workers

**Pushed into agriculture**
- Few productive assets
- Poor access to land, finance, knowledge
- High concentration of poverty

**Pulled into agriculture**
- Good access to land, finance, etc.
- Favorable market access, infrastructure
- Diversified income sources
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**Policies**

- Inclusive economic growth
- Infrastructure
- R&D
- Education
  - Post-secondary

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- R&D / ext.
- Land access
- Finance
- Infrastructure and investments along value chain
  - Irrigation
  - Roads
  - Electricity

**STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION PATHWAY**
SUMMARY : UNMISTAKABLE PROGRESS IN SSA

1. Africa’s labor force diversifying away from subsistence farming
2. Share of labor force in non-farm employment up sharply since 2000
3. Governance has improved, albeit unevenly. Days of hyperinflation, black market exchange rates and macro turmoil largely over.
4. Greater proportion of young Africans acquiring secondary and university educations
5. Per capita GDP increased between 2000 and 2014 by 35% in real terms. SSA has been world’s second-fastest growing economy, exceeded only by Asia
6. +4.6% inflation-adjusted p.a. ag growth between 2000-2016 (WB, 2017) vs. world avg. of 2.75%
7. Women have become considerably more active in labor markets and better able to hold stocks of wealth on their own
8. Poverty rates declined significantly since 2000
9. Nutritional indicators also show gradual but clear improvement
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SUB SAHARAN AFRICA: ONLY REGION OF THE WORLD WHERE RURAL POPULATION CONTINUES TO RISE PAST 2050

Source: UN 2013
AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT SHARE IN TOTAL NUMBER OF JOBS AND IN FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS (FTE)

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