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Governmental Africa strategies

Opportunities to civil society?

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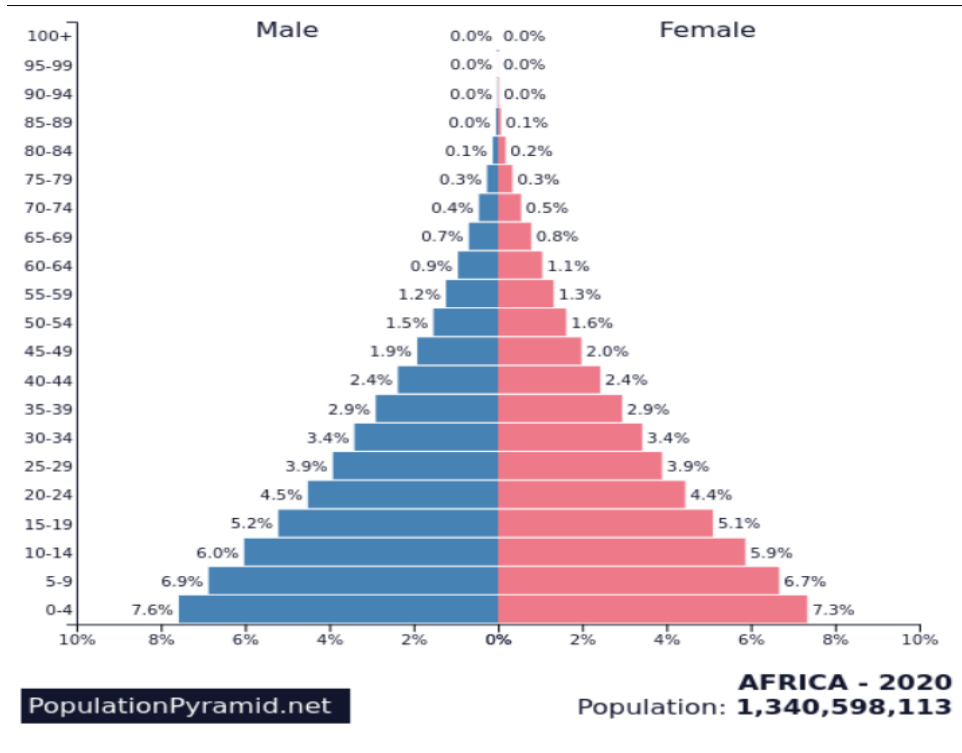


- the role African countries have in world politics and economics is becoming more prominent
- Agenda 2030
- Agenda 2063 of the African Union
- shared interests
- diversity
- coherence
- from development cooperation into other forms of cooperation

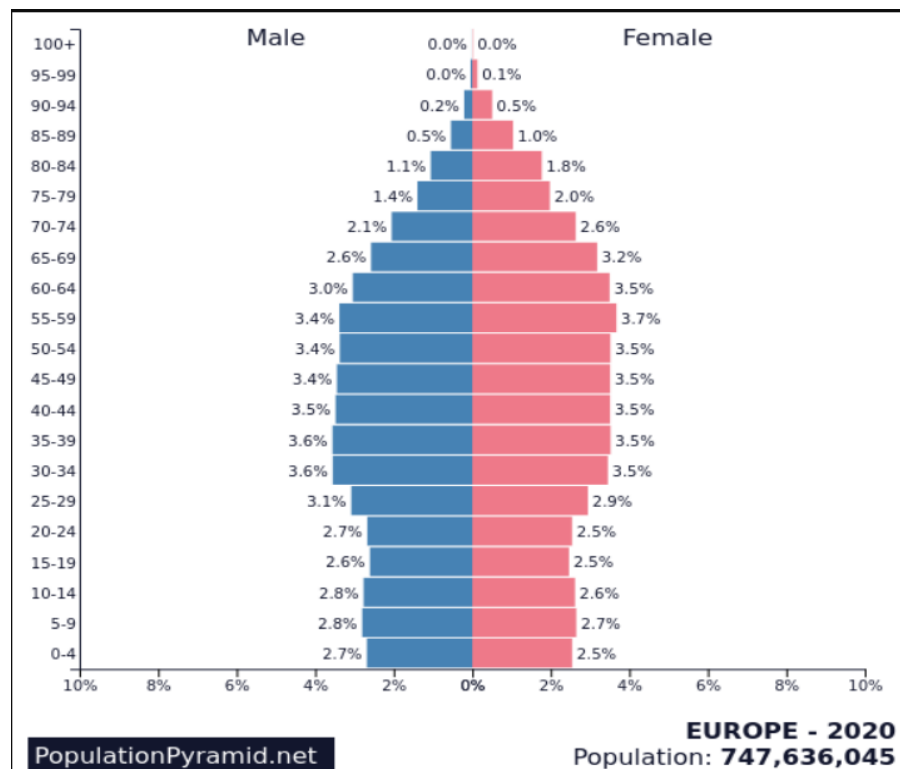


The youngest population in the world

Africa

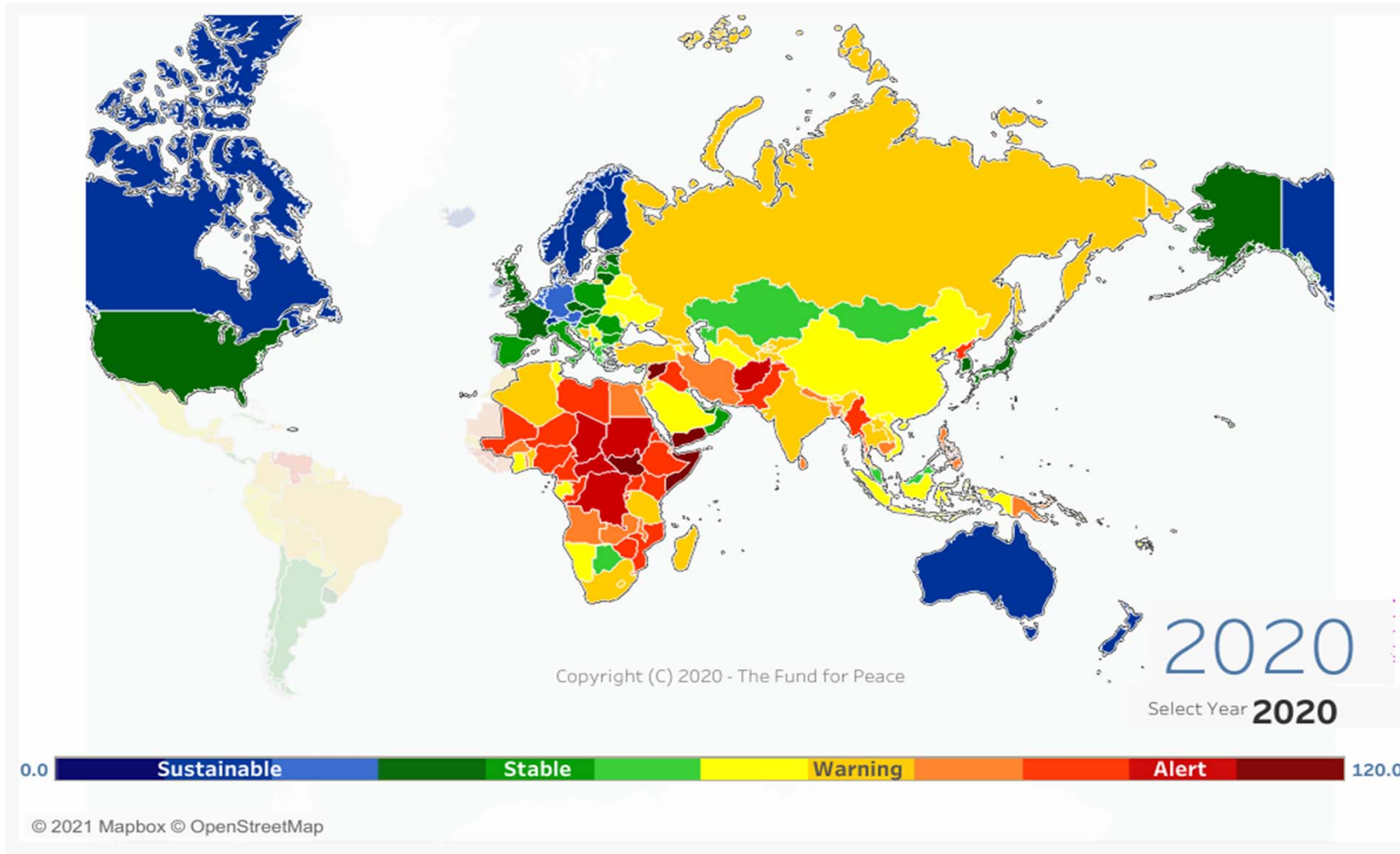


Europe





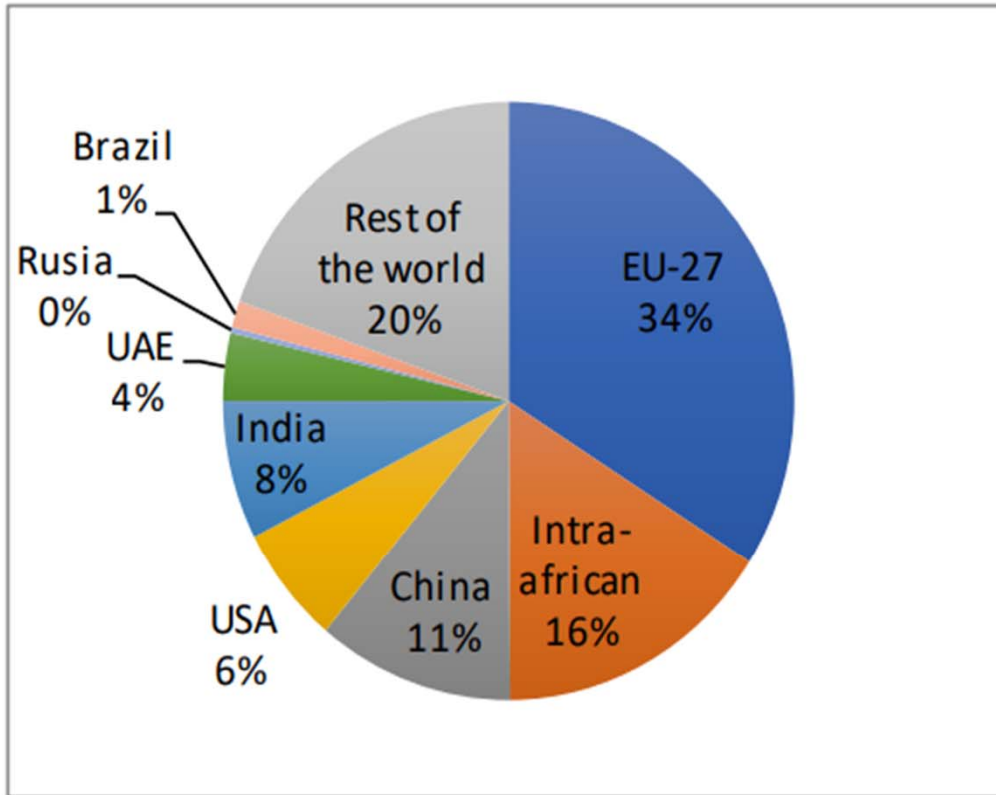
The most fragile states



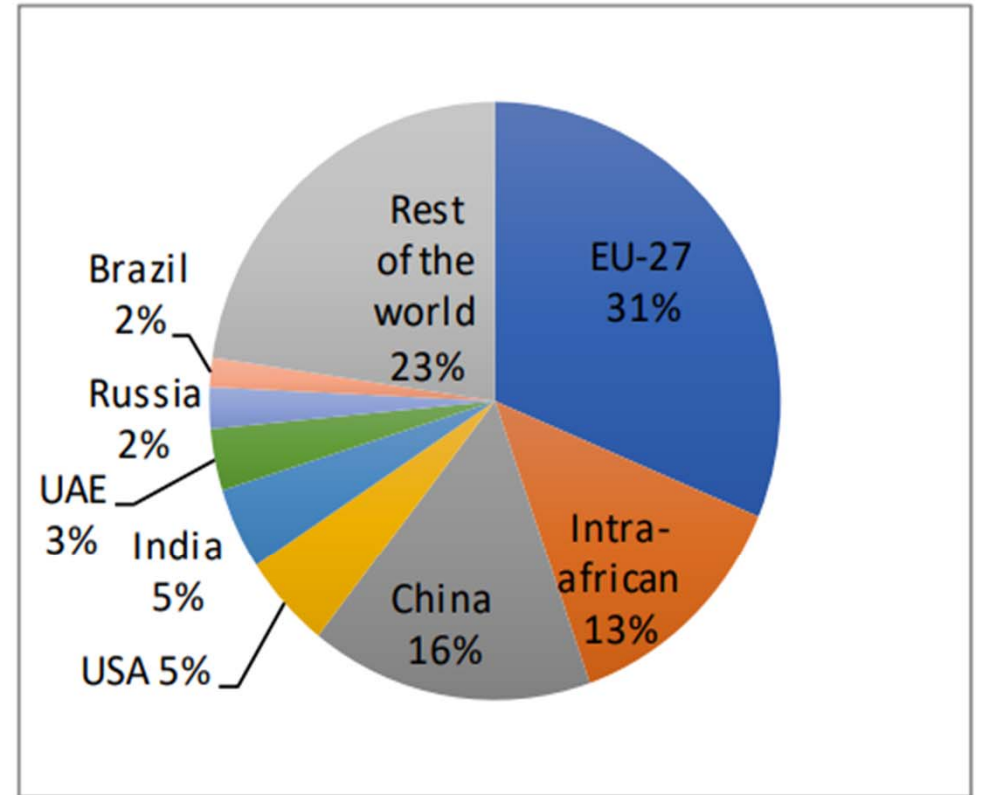


The biggest trade area

African exports to...



African imports from...



Source: own elaboration from UNCTAD



African Continental Free Trade Area, AfCFTA

- economies of scale
- flows of ideas and efficient resource allocation
- illicit financial flows leads to a loss of tax revenues in African nation states
- different African countries will be impacted differently from AfCFTA economically and socially
- trade can lock-in countries as primary commodity exporters
- income inequality will change during trade reform
- many countries do not have instruments to compensate losers



Africa-EU Partnership

1. green transition and energy access
2. digital transformation
3. sustainable growth and jobs
4. peace and governance
5. migration and mobility



Green transition

- maximise the benefits of the green transition
- minimise threats to the environment in full compliance with the Paris Agreement

- substantially increase environmentally, socially and financially sustainable investments that are resilient to the impacts of climate change
- promote investment opportunities by scaling up the use of innovative financing mechanisms
- boost regional and continental economic integration through the African Continental Free Trade Agreement



Sustainable growth

- attract investors by supporting African states in adopting policies and regulatory reforms that improve the business environment and investment climate, including a level-playing field for business
- rapidly enhance learning, knowledge and skills, research and innovation capacities, particularly for women and youth, protecting and improving social rights, and eradicating child labour



Peace and governance

- adapt and deepen EU support to African peace efforts through a more structured and strategic form of cooperation, with a particular focus on regions where vulnerabilities are the highest
- integrating good governance, democracy, human rights, the rule of law and gender equality in action and cooperation
- secure resilience by linking humanitarian, development, peace and security interventions at all stages of the cycle of conflicts and crises



Rules-based multilateral system

- strategic and operational coordination and joint action at partner country level with the private sector, development implementing agencies, export credit agencies, local authorities, civil society organisations or cultural, educational and research institutions
- initiatives to reinforce civil society organisations and human rights defenders
- dialogues with young people, women, business leaders, civil society organisations, academia and think tanks



Finland's Africa strategy

- Ministry for Foreign Affairs with other ministries
- Interactive process with representatives of civil society, African diaspora, youth, and business, science and research communities, Finnish missions in Africa, African countries' missions in Finland

- climate, environment and natural resources
- trade and economy
- peace and security
- education and expertise
- youth
- women
- migration



Nordic approach

- value based foreign policy.
- human rights, rule of law, democracy, peace, freedom, tolerance and equality
- responsibility of enterprises and private sector



Relations between people and communities

- NGOs and civil society
- twinning and mobility
- circular migration

- culture and art

- image of Africa

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