

## An overview of what is happening on the African continent

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It has become a relatively well-worn fact that over the past two decades the African economy has grown faster than the world economy by some 2% per annum. This translates into impressive headlines.



Along with fast economic growth, Africa is undergoing impressive urban growth. By 2030, it is expected that six of the world's 41 megacities will be African, including Cairo, Lagos, Kinshasa, Johannesburg, Luanda and Dar es Salaam. This puts an imperative on policymakers to establish competitive host cities for the newly urbanised. Smart cities are arguably a key arrow in the policymaker's quiver.

What is less well known – or often little known and many times misunderstood – is the detail beneath these headlines. Understanding the drivers, dividers, diversions, distractions and complexity that make up this continent, is key to building stronger businesses, implementing more effective policies and developing paths to prosperity for our companies and countries.

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