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Speakers

- Mammo Muchie
- Bengt-Åke Lundvall
- Luc Soete
- Charles Edquist
- Lukovi Seke
- Peter Gammeltoft
- (Norman Clark)
- (Xiaolan Fu)



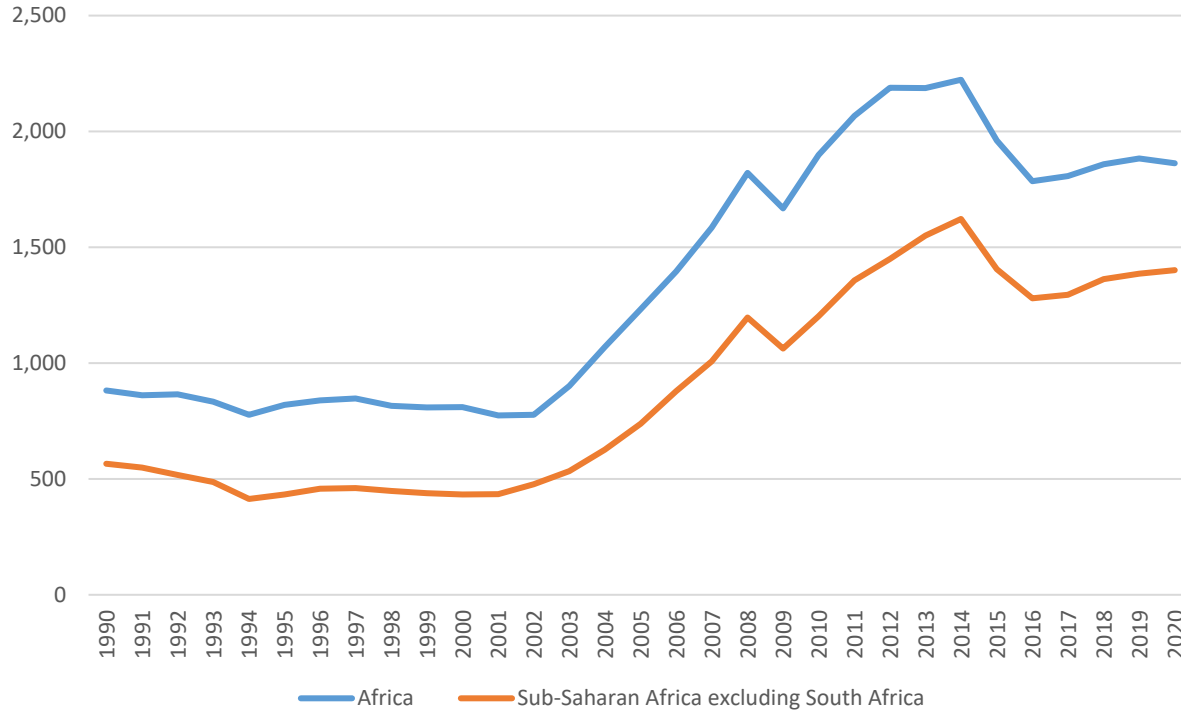
Profiles

- Bengt-Åke Lundvall** Professor emeritus in economics at Department of Business and Management at Aalborg University. His research is organized around a broad set of issues related to innovation systems and learning economies. Since 1985, he has published more than 200 publications as books, journal articles, and book chapters.
- Mammo Muchie** DST/NRF Research Professor at the Faculty of Management Sciences, Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa. He previously served as a Director of the Research Centre on Development Studies and International Relations, Department of History, International and Social Studies, Aalborg University, Denmark. He obtained his MPhil and DPhil degrees in development economics and science, technology and innovation studies from Sussex University, under the supervision of the Chris Freeman.
- Luc Soete** Honorary Professor of international economics at Maastricht University, Netherlands and currently the Dean of the Brussels School of Governance. He is former director of UNU-MERIT, a joint research institute of the United Nations University and Maastricht University. He has published widely on the economics of innovation and technological change as well as the related policy and measurement issues, both at national and regional/local level as well as at European and international level.
- Charles Edquist** Ruben Rausing Chair in Innovation Research at CIRCLE, Lund University, Sweden. His publications include books and articles on innovation processes, innovation systems and innovation policy. Of these, the edited volumes “Systems of Innovation: Technologies, Institutions and Organizations”, “Small Country Innovation Systems: Globalization, Change and Policy in Asia and Europe”, and the latest “Public Procurement for Innovation” constitute contributions to the development of the Systems of Innovation (SI) Approach.
- Lukovi Seke** A quantitative economist with a master’s degree in Economics of Trade and Investment from the University of Pretoria and a Bachelor (Honours) degree in Mathematical Economics from the University of Kinshasa (D.R. Congo). For the last 14 years, Seke has worked in the African Union (AU) system working and providing technical backstopping (capacity building) to AU member States in data collection and analysis on research and development (R&D) and innovation to produce core STI indicators.
- Peter Gammeltoft** Professor in International Business at Copenhagen Business School, Denmark. His research focuses on economic and technological change in an international perspective, particularly the globalization of innovation. He applies institutional and politico-economic approaches and specializes in emerging economies, especially East Asia. His current research focuses on outward investment from emerging economies, particularly strategic asset-seeking investments. He participated in the initial development of the Globelics network.
- Norman Clark** Professor emeritus at the Open University and Strathclyde University. His research interests include science and technology development in Africa and South Asia. He was a post-doctoral fellow at the Science Policy Research Unit [SPRU], Sussex University, and later became its founding Director of Graduate Studies in 1980. He has been Professor of Environmental Studies & Director, Graduate School of Environmental Studies, University of Strathclyde; Vice Chancellor at Kabarak University in Kenya; and Research Professor in Innovation Systems and Development at the Open University.
- Xiaolan Fu** Professor of Technology and International Development, University of Oxford. Founding Director of the Technology and Management Centre for Development (TMCD). Her research interests include innovation and technology policy and management; trade, foreign direct investment and economic development. Her current research concerns innovation collaboration, digital technologies and inclusive development, knowledge transfer within and between organisations, and green innovation policy.
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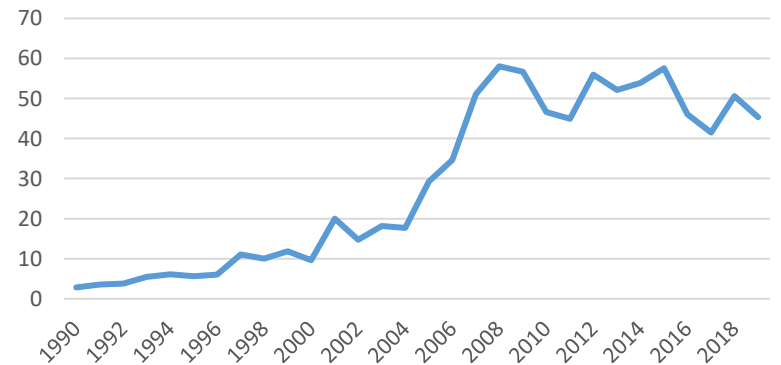
Agenda

- Welcome and general intro to the series by Convener (10 min)
- Introduction by the Chair (5 min)
- Opening address (15 min)
- Panel presentations (15 minutes each)
- Closing round of comments (15 min)
- Discussion and Q&A

GDP per capita (current USD)

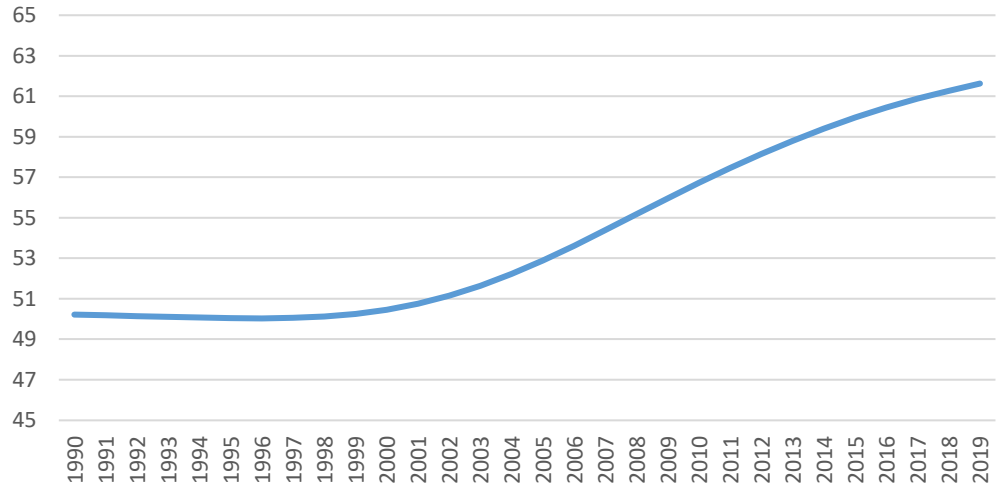


Inward FDI to Africa (current USD billion)

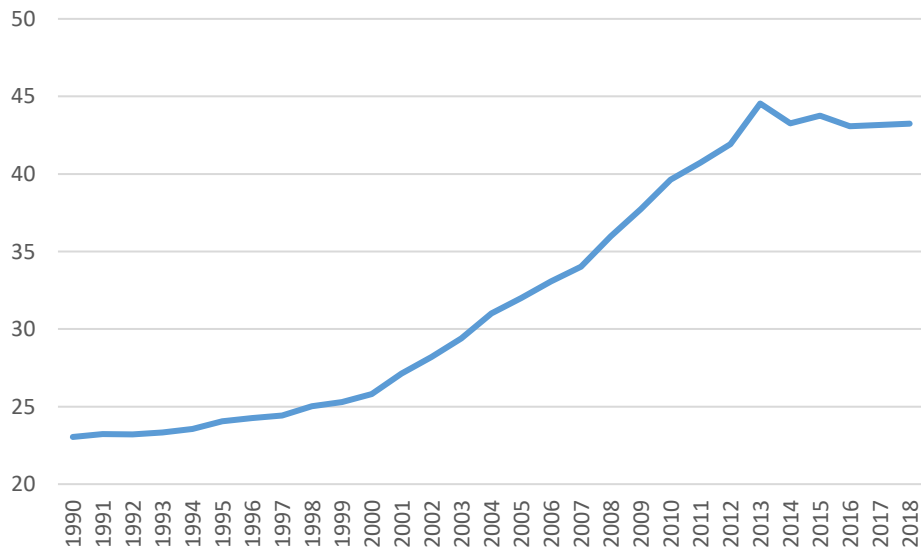


Sub-Saharan Africa (excluding high income)

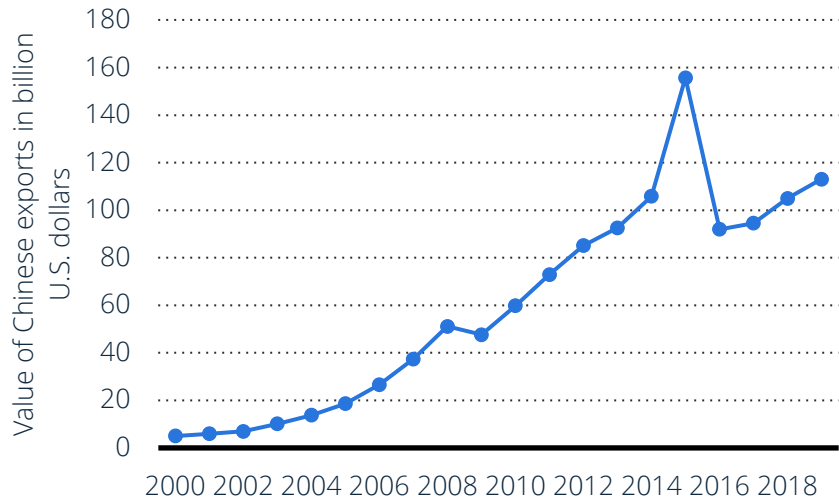
Life expectancy at birth (years)



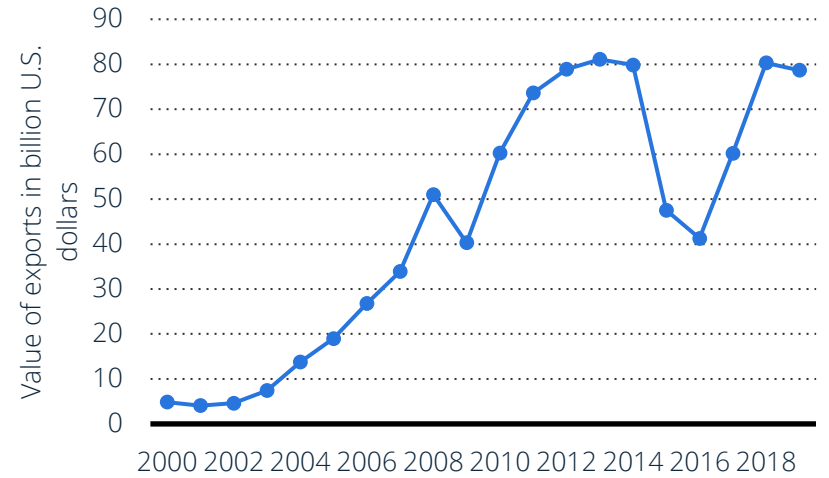
School enrollment, secondary (% gross)



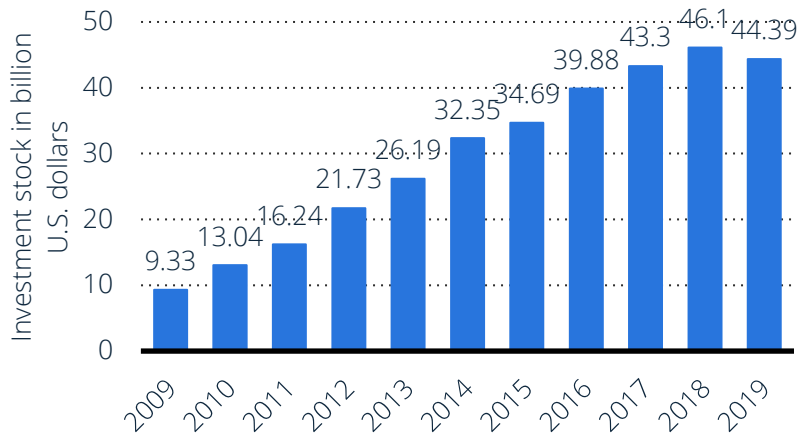
Chinese exports to Africa, 2000-2019 (USD billion)



Exports from Africa to China, 2000-2019 (USD billion)



Stock of Chinese FDI in Africa, 2009-2019 (USD billion)



Leading sources of FDI into Africa, 2014-2018

