

## Foreword

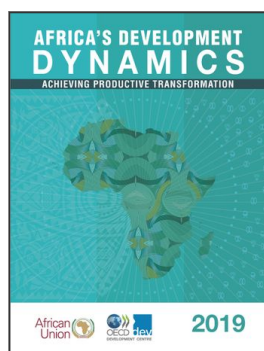
The annual report, *Africa's Development Dynamics*, analyses the continent's development policies. It presents a fresh narrative on Africa's development, assessing the economic, social and institutional performance in light of targets of the African Union's Agenda 2063. This second edition examines public policies that can help transform Africa's production systems.

*Africa's Development Dynamics 2019* is the product of a collaborative approach. It results from a unique, broad partnership between the African Union's Commission for Economic Affairs and the OECD Development Centre. A team of academic researchers, economists, statisticians, and other experts from Africa and diverse world regions contributed to this edition.

The report contains six chapters that offer analyses of productive transformation in Africa and provide actionable policy recommendations. The first chapter examines the continent as a whole. Chapters 2 to 6 focus on the five regions as defined by the Abuja Treaty: Southern Africa, Central Africa, East Africa, North Africa and West Africa. The authors tailor the policy recommendations for each region.

The statistical annex contains the latest economic, social and institutional indicators across African countries for which data are comparable. The data are presented by country, African region, regional economic communities and other relevant groups of African countries and compares Africa with other world regions and groups of developing countries. A list of the indicators is provided in the report, and the data are available on line which allows for updates throughout the year. This compilation of policy-relevant data can inform decision makers, advisors, business analysts, private sector actors, journalists, non-governmental organisations and engaged citizens around the globe interested in measuring African countries' development trajectories.

The full report is published in English, French and Portuguese. An electronic version is also available online, together with accompanying figures and tables and the statistical annex. These appear on the websites of both the African Union Commission (<https://au.int/afdd2019>) and the OECD Development Centre (<https://oe.cd/afdd2019>).



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