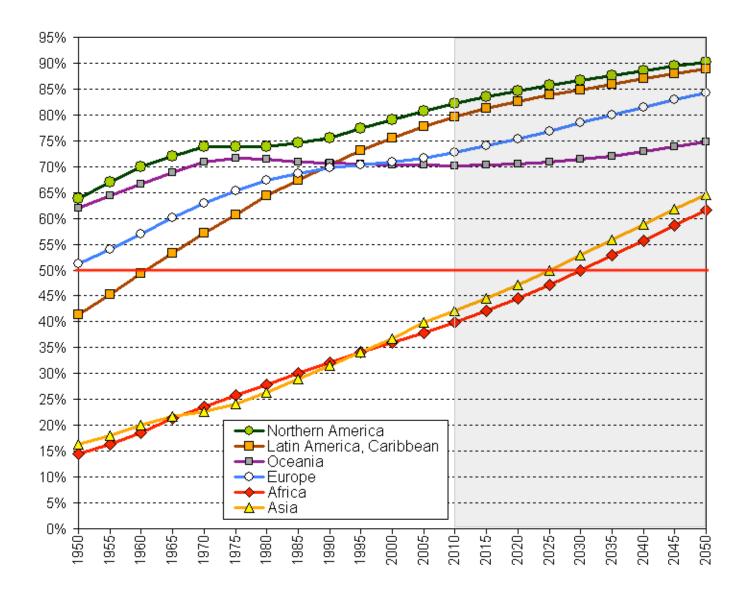
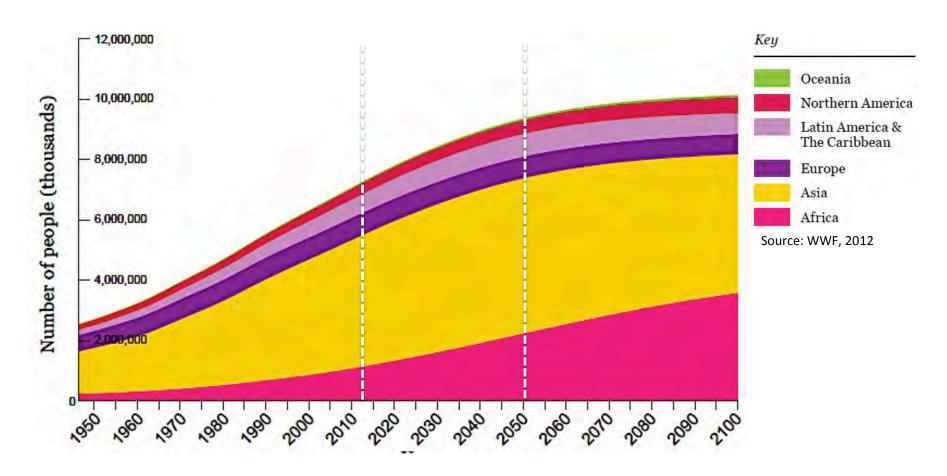
Urban population by geographical area (in % of total pop)

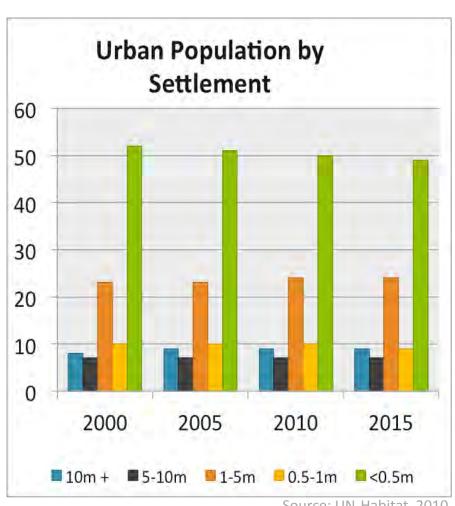


Urbanisation 1950-2100



Africa's Informal Urbanism

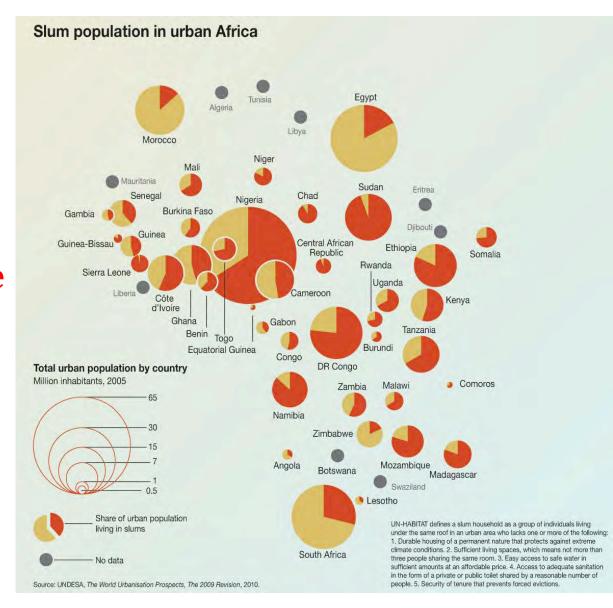
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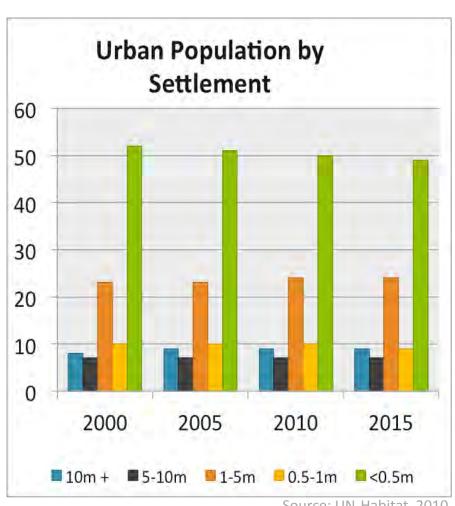
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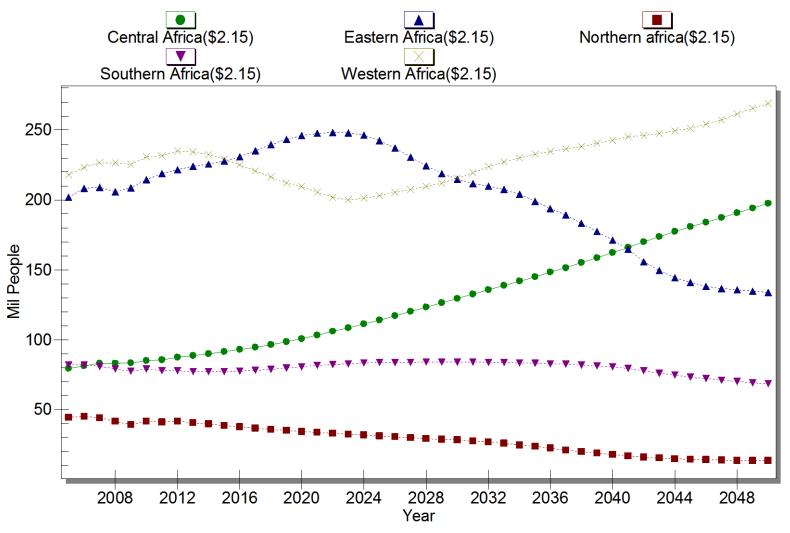


Structural poverty, inequality & limited employment manifest in Slum Living as the norm

Region	% Slums	Moderated	Severely	
		(1-2 deficiencies)	(3-4 deficiencies)	
Sub-Saharan Africa	62	63	37	
Latin America & Car	27	82	8	
Southern Asia	43	95	5	



African population below \$2.15 per day, per region



Source: Pardee Centre & Institute for Security Studies, 2011

STRUCTURAL OBSTACLES



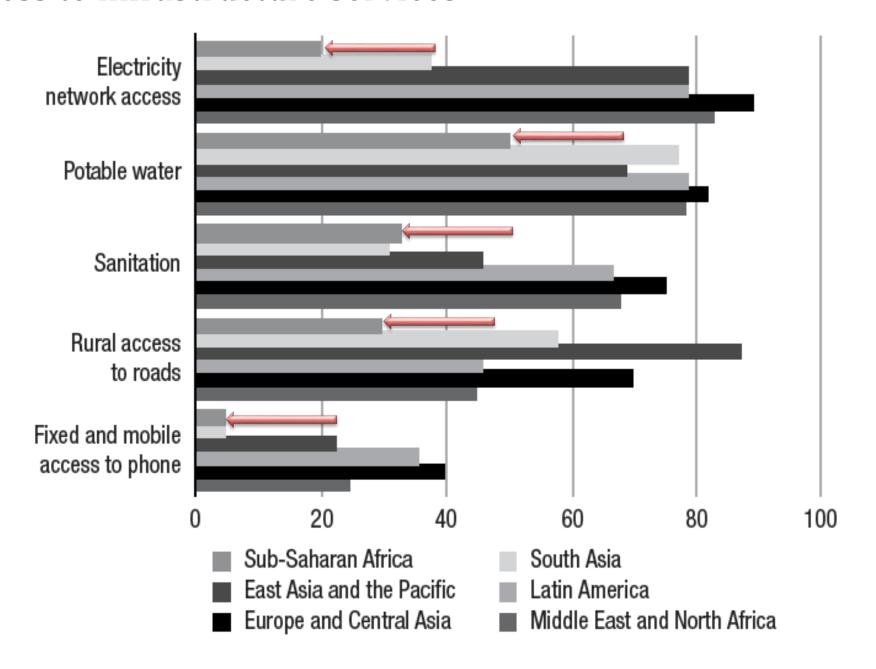
- Limited state understanding or appetite to address urbanization
- Stalled & uneven decentralization
- Regulations that penalize informality
- Discrimination re identity politics of affiliation
- Entering global markets with ltd leverage or unified positions
- Costs of large-scale dysfunction paid by voiceless slum dwellers
- Fragmented civil society
- Small & skewed formal economies limited tax base

Urgent policy questions

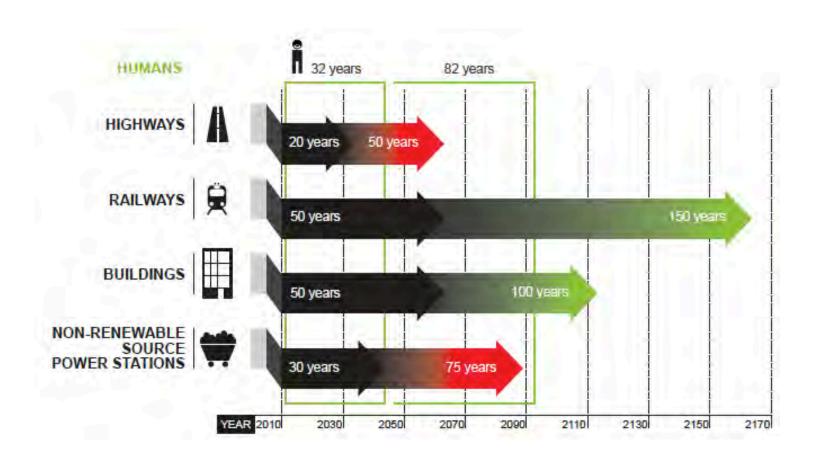
- How will the growth for urban services be met given the backlogs and the pace of future growth, especially when future consumers are unlikely to have stable incomes?
- How can service delivery systems be made to work in the absence of viable local governments?
- How can resource allocation decisions be improved if political parties remain hostage to rentseeking dysfunction?

- How can next generation infrastructure technologies be brought into investment planning?
- How will the various professional domains be transformed through new norms & standards and new educational systems?
- How will knowledge management systems be established, maintained and democratized?
- Where will innovation come from?

Access to infrastructure services



Avoid Infrastructural Lock-in



Urban infrastructure investment plans must be based on a realization that new systems can allow for 'leap-frogging': be efficient, low-carbon, labor-intensive, affordable, inclusive and resilient.

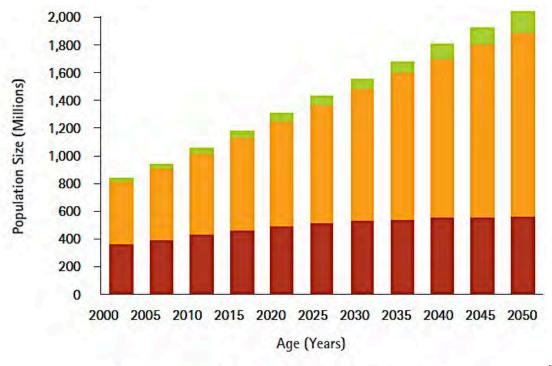
Infrastructure Investment Requirements for Africa in billions of US dollars

Infrastructure sector	Capital Expenditure	Operation & Maintenance	Total spending	
ICT	7.0	2.0	9.0	
Irrigation	2.9	0.6	3.4	
Power	26.7	14.1	40.8	
Transport	8.8	9.4	18.2	
Water & sanitation	14.9	33.0	47.9	
Total	\$60.4bn	\$33.0bn	\$93.3bn	

Source: Foster, V. and Briceño-Garmendia, C. (eds) (2010) Africa's Infrastructure: A Time for Transformation. Washington DC: World Bank



Most of the new entrants into the labour market will not be absorbed by the service sectors



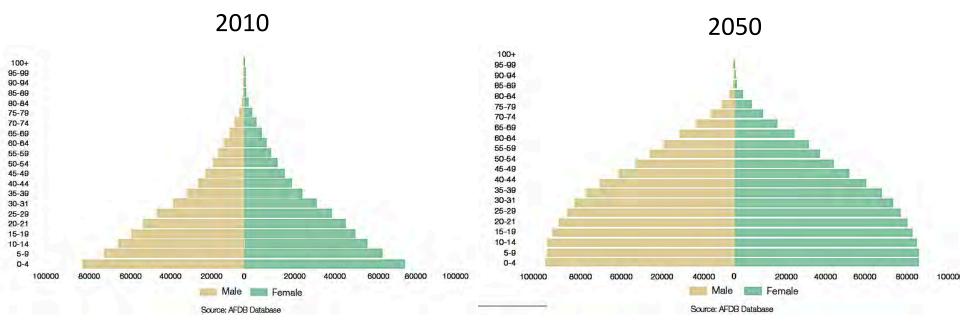
Age	2010	2010		2050		
0-14	416m	40%	546m	27%		
15-65	582m	56%	1,320m	66%		
65+	35m	4%	142m	7%		
Total	1,033m	100%	1,999m	100%		



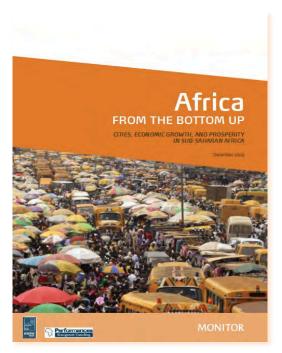
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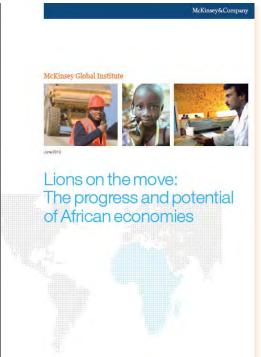
Source: UN Population Division, 2010

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- Half of the population is 17 years old and younger
- The labor force is expected to triple between 2000-2040: rising from 400m to 1.2bn over the period
- But, presently, 63% are in vulnerable jobs and 28% in stable wage-earning positions





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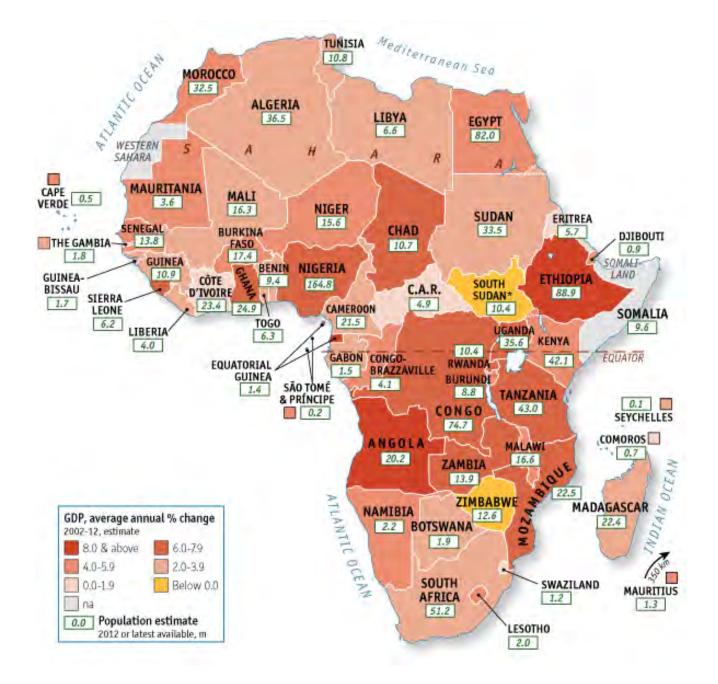


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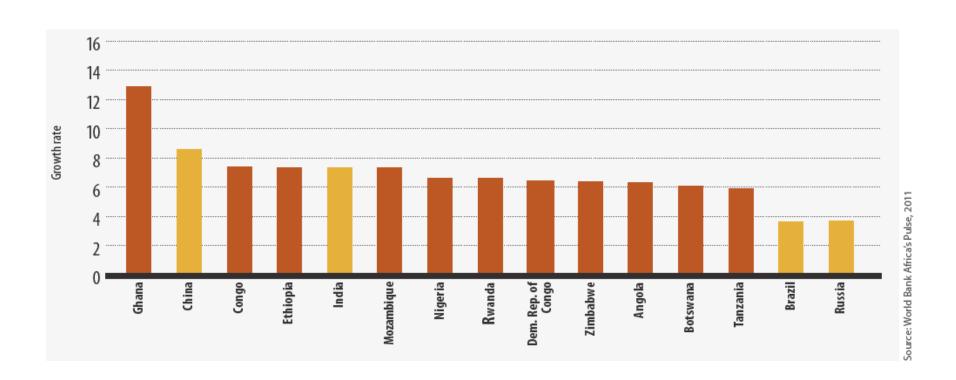
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FASTEST-GROWING AFRICAN ECONOMIES IN 2011



Numbers (millions) and Share (%) of the Global Middle Class

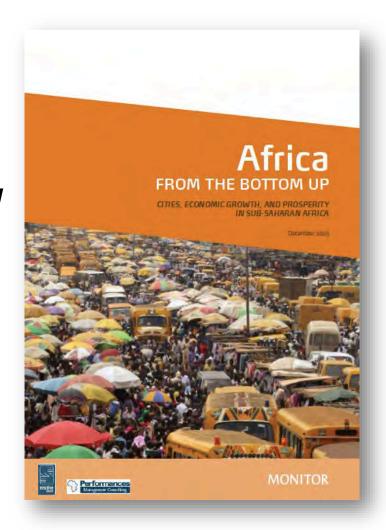
	2009		2020		2030	
North America	338	18%	333	10%	322	7%
Europe	664	36%	703	22%	680	14%
Latin America & Caribbean	181	10%	251	8%	313	6%
Asia Pacific	525	28%	1740	54%	3228	66%
SSA	32	2%	57	2%	107	2%
M-East & N-Africa	105	6%	165	5%	234	5%
World	1845	100%	3249	100%	4884	100%

[Kharas, Homi (2010) The Emerging Middle Class In Developing Countries. OECD Development Centre Working Paper Series 285.]



"Rapid urbanization turbocharges economic growth and diversification, enhances productivity, increases employment opportunities, and improves standards of living."

Maybe, but in a context of severe income inequalities, large-scale informality, and dysfunctional political economies, the benefits are likely to be highly skewed.



Can we avoid extreme splintered urbanism—slum neglect combined with enclave elite urbanism?





In Conclusion....

Africa urgently needs a vision and plan for constructing a suitable policy/knowledge ecology that can sustain *action networks* for urban transformation at all levels—local, regional, national, continental. The SDGs offer a good opportunity for building this vision. Through localizing the SDGs, local governments have a great role to play in shaping this new vision.

Collaboration and cooperation of cities and regions, specially from the South has a great potential of innovation for coping with the challenge of demographic, urban, ecological, social and cultural transition towards a world which leaves no one behind.

UCLG Africa proposes that a Africa/Latin America & the Caribbean Local Government Forum is set up to enhance cooperation between cities and local governments of both regions.

It is envisioned that this Forum holds its meetings back to back with the biennial Summits of Heads of State and Government of both regions.

