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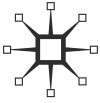
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To OMC
Troublesome but my beloved

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P R E F A C E

Africa is a continent with abundant natural and human resources. Yet, it has been beset by poor development performance stemming principally from bad political and economic governance and, until recently, had lacked the wherewithal to fulfill its promise of good development outcomes for sustained improvement in the lives of its citizens. In fact, Africa was a region that was characterized by, among other things, frequent conflicts, rampant corruption, neopatrimonialism, weak governance systems and institutions, statist economic policies, persistent poverty, and disease. All of these factors either contributed to, or were a manifestation of, generally unsatisfactory development performance for the continent. However, in recent years, Africa has been on the move positively and this book is about that achievement.

Most books on Africa are about doom and gloom and I may also be guilty of previously contributing some share to that perspective. This book, on the other hand, is forward-looking. It is about hope and promise. Its essays analyze Africa's past and current development problems, and the continent's now improving development performance—denoted by rising growth rates, declining poverty, better macroeconomic indicators, increasing exports in many countries, an improving investment climate, a decline in conflicts, an enhanced governance environment, and greater self-reliance—and the factors that have given rise to that state of affairs.

Having endured a lost decade in the 1980s and established a new partnership for development at the beginning of the twenty-first century, African countries now need to make even more serious and concentrated efforts to implement additional policy reforms, as outlined in this work, to further improve their governance and economic performance, and sustain momentum to meet their development goals. In this book, I argue that Africa can and must fulfill its promise of better development performance. The prospects are much better now than ever as demonstrated throughout this work.

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A C R O N Y M S

ACBF	African Capacity Building Foundation
ADF	African Development Forum
AfDB	African Development Bank
AIC	Africa Infrastructure Consortium
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AMCOW	African Ministerial Conference on Water
APF	Africa Partnership Forum
APR	African Peer Review
APRM	African Peer Review Mechanism
AU	African Union
BNPC	Botswana National Productivity Center
BOO	Build-own-operate
BOP	Bottom-of-the-pyramid
CAADP	Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme
CBNRM	Community-based natural resource management
CCFA	Commission on Capital Flows to Africa
CFA	Commission for Africa
CPI	Corruption Perception Index
CPRC	Chronic Poverty Research Center
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child
CSC	Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers
CSOs	Civil society organizations
DFID	Department for International Development
DPT	Diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus
DRC	Democratic Republic of the Congo
EAP	Education Action Plan
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FDI	Foreign direct investment
G8	Group of seven industrialized countries (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, and United States of America) plus Russia
GCI	Growth competitiveness index

GDP	Gross domestic product
GEMAP	Governance and Economic Management Assistance Program
GFHR	Global Forum for Health Research
GMACL	Global March Against Child Labor
GNI	Gross national income
GUD	Genital ulcerating disease
HIPC	Heavily indebted poor countries
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HSGIC	Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee
ICLS	International Conference of Labor Statisticians
ICZM	Integrated coastal zone management
IEC	Information, education, and communication
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFI	International Financial Institutions
ILO	International Labor Office
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IPAA	International Partnership Against AIDS in Africa
IPU	Inter-Parliamentary Union
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature
KBS	Kenya Bus Services
LEAPs	Local Environmental Action Plans
LHWP	Lesotho Highlands Water Project
LRA	Lord's Resistance Army
MAP	Millennium Partnership for the African Recovery Program
MCA	Millennium Challenge Account
MCC	Millennium Challenge Corporation
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MELISSA	Managing Environment Locally in Sub-Saharan Africa
NAI	New African Initiative
NEAPs	National Environmental Action Plans
NEPAD	New Partnership for Africa's Development
NGOs	Nongovernmental organizations
NPM	New Public Management
NPS	New Public Service
ODA	Official development assistance
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

PACT	Partnership for African Capacity Building
PHR	Physicians for Human Rights
ROSCA	Rotating savings and credit association
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SACI	Southern Africa Capacity Initiative
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SEACAM	Secretariat for Eastern African Coastal Area Management
SEWA	Self-Employed Women's Association
SEWU	Self-Employed Women's Union
STIs	Sexually transmitted infections
SWAPs	Sector wide approaches
TECCONILE	Technical Cooperation Committee for the Promo- tion of the Development and Environmental Pro- tection of the Nile Basin
TI	Transparency International
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Devel- opment
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNECA	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	United Nations High Commission for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organi- zation
UNIFEM	United Nations Development Fund for Women
UPC	Union des Patriotes congolais (Union of Con- golese Patriots)
USAID	United States Agency for International Develop- ment
WFP	World Food Programme
WHO	World Health Organization
WITS	Work improvement teams
WRI	World Resources Institute
WSP	Water and Sanitation Program
WUC	Water Utilities Corporation
WUP	Water Utility Partnership
WWF	World Wildlife Fund