

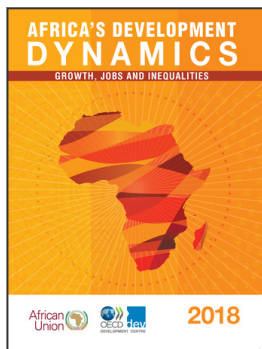
## Foreword

This new 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 first edition examines the relations between growth, employment and inequalities in Africa and draws strategic policy implications.

*Africa's Development Dynamics 2018* 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 eight chapters. The first offers an overview of Africa's development dynamics and its integration into the global economy. The second chapter introduces five key trends shaping the continent's current and future development dynamics. Chapters 3 to 7 focus on Africa's five regions as defined by the Abuja Treaty. They provide detailed analyses of growth, employment and inequalities and offer tailored policy recommendations for each region. The final chapter wraps up the analysis by recommending ten policy actions that can help Africa achieve its development targets.

The statistical annex, published online, contains the latest economic, social and institutional indicators across African countries for which data is comparable. 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.



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