



# « The Letter »

## (Observatoire Europe-Afrique 2030)

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## Events

**“West Africa Trade and Investment Conference”** - US-Africa Trade Council – Online conférence . 18/04/2022

<https://www.movemeback.com/members/events/us-africa-trade-council-west-africa-trade-and-investment-conference>

**“NewSpace Africa Conference 2022”** - Space in Africa - Nairobi, Kenya – 25/04/2022

<https://www.movemeback.com/events/space-in-africa-newspace-africa-conference-2022/>

**“AFSIC 2022 – Investing in Africa”** – Londres – 10/10/2022

<https://www.afsic.net/delegate-registration/>

## News

### Benin

The Tunisian group Aigle invests in a textile factory for the transformation of cotton into knitted and woven products. Location: Glo-Djigbé industrial zone (GDIZ) Investment: 16.8

MEUR. Market: Europe. Production should start at the end of 2022. Direct employment: 2,000 - (DG Trésor - February 2022).

More generally, the industrial zone of Glo-Djigbé (GDIZ) will recruit 1,000 young Beninese in textile units. Minimum level required: secondary education. The selected candidates will receive training in textile trades for eight months. The GDIZ is the result of a partnership between ARISE Integrated Industrial Platforms (ARISE IIP), a pan-African developer and operator of industrial parks and Benin (*Ecofin - 12/01/2022*).

### **Ivory Coast**

Inauguration of Sotra Industrie's local assembly unit for new vehicles. Vehicles manufactured: "Daily Ivoire", 18 seats (expandable to 22 and 26 seats), modular as a tipper truck, refrigerated truck, "Massa" type "gbaka" minibus, ambulance, Gendarmerie or Police van. Capacity of the unit: about 1000 vehicles/year. The vehicles produced will cost 30% less than imported vehicles. Production has started. Workforce: 500 direct jobs. It is an on-site assembly, with a total of 519 different components assembled (*Connectionivoirienne.net - 11/01/2022*).

### **Kenya**

Following the November 2021 launch of its electric bus assembly operations in Nairobi, Kenya, Kenyan start-up BasiGo has secured \$4.3M in additional capital to fund its operations in its home market. There are about 12,000 diesel buses in circulation in the Nairobi metropolitan area and 75,000 nationwide - (*Afrik21.africa - 09/02/2022*).

### **Morocco**

Cooperation agreements between Morocco and Israel in the fields of aviation, culture and security. The two countries want to quadruple their annual trade. The agreement includes discussions on the creation of industrial zones in Morocco, which could attract more Israeli companies, while diversifying trade between Rabat and Tel Aviv. The goal is to increase economic and commercial exchanges between the two countries from \$130 million/year today to \$500 million/year. Several sectors with "high investment potential" have been mentioned, including the pharmaceutical industry, agribusiness, automotive, aerospace, renewable energy and the digital sector - (*Ecofin - 22/02/2022*).

### **Nigeria**

Dangote Peugeot Automobiles Nigeria (DPAN) is commissioning a vehicle assembly plant. Location: Kaduna. Initial capacity: 120 vehicles per day. Models assembled: 301, then Landtrek, 3008, 5008 and the new 508. Other vehicle assemblers present in Nigeria: PAN Ltd, which assembles the Chinese brands Higer (buses, coaches, minibuses and pick-ups), Chery (passenger cars and 4X4) and Ford, which launched its assembly plant in Lagos in 2017. Six other companies assemble brands including Hyundai, Nissan or Kia (*La Tribune Afrique - 03/02/22*).

### **Nigeria**

From March 2022, the Kaduna Inland Dry Port (KIDP) will provide pre-shipment services. Pre-export operations for goods transiting through Kaduna (inspection, packaging, labeling, customs clearance, etc.) can be carried out locally rather than in Lagos. This will reduce costs and delays for exporters. KIDP has facilities adapted to agricultural products and 4,000 m2 of

warehouse space. The aim is to encourage farmers in the north to export their produce, and to make Kaduna a preferred redistribution platform for landlocked neighboring countries (Niger, Chad and Burkina Faso in particular). Around 30,000 containers are expected to pass through the port each year. In January 2022, the Benin-City dry port (Ames Edo Dry Port), in southern Nigeria, also obtained certification to carry out pre-shipment activities - (*DG Treasury - February 2022*)

### **Uganda**

Commissioning of a maintenance, repair and overhaul plant for military helicopters (Pro Heli International Services helicopter MRO plant). Location: Nakasongola. A joint initiative of the Ugandan army, NEC and the Russian company Pro-heli. The plant specializes in major repairs, service and overhaul of Mi-18, Mi-9 and Mi-24 helicopters. The goal of the facility is to eventually become a center not only for all of East Africa, including UN missions that use Russian helicopters, but for the entire continent (*AirMedandRescue - January 2022*).

### **Rwanda**

A new electric vehicle assembly plant has been set up in the Gahanga industrial zone (Kicukiro district). Built by the Chinese company "Tailling Electric Vehicle" (TAILG), it is specialized in the assembly and maintenance of bicycles, scooters and tricycles. TAILG is present in South Africa, Egypt, Kenya, Tanzania and Rwanda (*Ecom News Africa - January 2022*).

### **Senegal**

Technical and strategic partnership agreement between the Institut Pasteur in Dakar and the Coalition for Innovations in Epidemic Preparedness (CEPI) for a project to build a regional manufacturing center for COVID 19 and other vaccines. The MADIBA project is expected to begin production in Q3 2022. The initial phase is expected to produce 300 million doses annually (*DG Treasury - January 2022*).

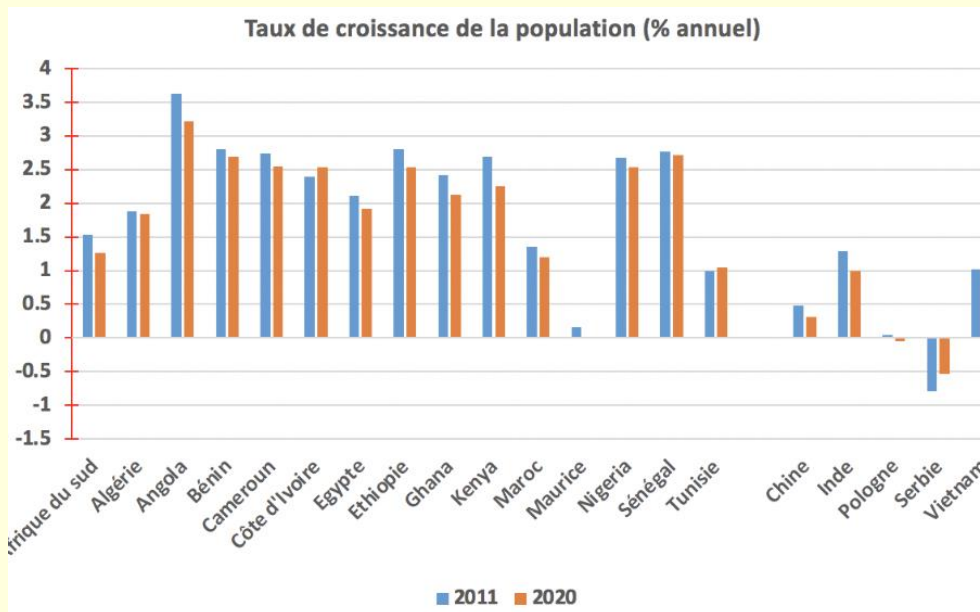
### **Togo**

The dry port of the Adetikopé industrial platform has been operational since January 2022. Area: 20 hectares. Capacity: 12,500 containers. The platform serves as a relay for containers, pending their transport to landlocked countries. It will relieve congestion at the port of Lomé by serving as a handling and transshipment platform for goods coming from or going to the port, for the benefit of hinterland countries. CMA CGM will transport containers unloaded at the site (*Togofirst.com - 17/01/2022*).

## **Indicators**

### **Population growth rate**

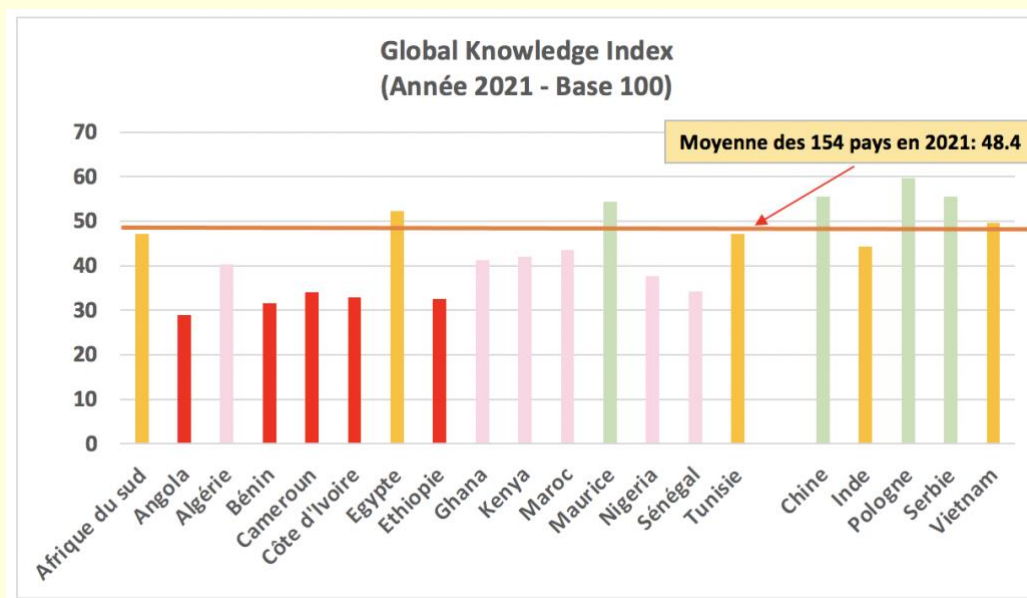
Africa has 725 million people under the age of 25. This is equivalent to the population of all of Europe, including Russia. By 2063, the continent will have 1.4 billion young people, twice the population of Europe, which is declining. While the median age is around 42 in Europe, it is 19 in Africa and around 16 in the central Sahel.



*Source: August 2021 - United Nations Population Fund Regional Office for West and Central Africa.*

### Global Knowledge Index (UNDP / Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation)

With the exception of Mauritius and Morocco, the 15 African countries covered by the Observatory score below the average of the 154 countries rated by the Global Knowledge Index. This reflects a handicap in terms of education/training. Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire and Ethiopia have particularly low scores.



*Source: UNDP, in partnership with the Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation. Chart last updated: March 2022.*

*Note: Each country's index is scored out of 100. The Global Knowledge Index covers 131 countries according to seven criteria: higher education, information and communication technology equipment, pre-university education level, scientific research, and the country's overall environment (socio-economic, political and environmental).*

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« **Africa Must Lead on Capital Flight** » – Project Syndicate – 03/11/2021.

<https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/africa-must-lead-fight-against-illicit-capital-flows-by-carlos-lopes-4-and-ricardo-soares-de-oliveira-2021-11>

« **Infrastructures et entreprises : Comment mieux financer l'Afrique ?** » - Conférence mensuelle des ambassadeurs africains à Paris.

Replay :

<https://www.africapresse.paris/LIEN-DE-REPLAY-de-notre-CMAAP-1-Infrastructures-et-entreprises-COMMENT-MIEUX>

« **Europe-Africa Forum** » – 17/03/2022 – Marseille

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