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FOREWORD

Almost one-third of the states in sub-Saharan Africa celebrated 50 years of independence during the year under review in the 40th edition of *AFRICA SOUTH OF THE SAHARA*. However, progress away from the single-party dominance that invariably followed independence towards a greater degree of democratic governance on the continent appeared to have stalled in 2009–10, as a trend emerged for stability without democratic advance, despite the holding of elections in 14 countries in the 12 months to October 2010. At the presidential poll in Burundi in June Jean-Pierre Nkurunziza was re-elected unopposed after opposition candidates refused to participate, in protest against the alleged manipulation of the results of local elections held the previous month, while in, *inter alia*, Equatorial Guinea, Mozambique, Rwanda and Sudan presidents standing for re-election comfortably defeated the challenges of weak opposition candidates. Indeed, in only one country, namely São Tomé and Príncipe, where the *Acção Democrática Independente* secured victory at legislative elections held in August, was an opposition party or candidate successful in ousting an incumbent. Furthermore, the seizure of power by the military in Niger in February, the extension of the mandate of President Ahmed Abdallah Sambi in the Comoros in May—which prevented the rotation of the presidency to a candidate from the island of Mwali—and the ongoing effective exclusion of the Movement for Democratic Change from any genuine involvement in the power-sharing Government in Zimbabwe were further indications of a diminution of political pluralism in the region. While sub-Saharan Africa was undoubtedly beset with significant political difficulties, there was also evidence of mounting social and economic problems, and progress towards achievement of the Millennium Development Goals remained slow. There was great concern at the proportion of those infected with HIV/AIDS living in Africa—estimated at some 67% of all people living with the virus world-wide—although figures released in September indicated that there had been a 25% decline in new infections in 22 of the worst affected sub-Saharan African countries between 2001 and 2009. A further obstacle to development was the lack of diversification in African trade, with the primary sector still making up the majority of African exports by value. While in mid-2010 much positive attention was focused on Africa as a result of South Africa’s successful hosting of the FIFA World Cup, a combination of drought and floods resulted in a massive crop failure in the eastern Sahel region, with over 400,000 children at risk of dying from starvation in Niger alone. Across the continent there were growing fears regarding the scarcity of foodstuffs and the increase in prices thereof, and the goal of eradicating extreme poverty and hunger by 2015 appeared unlikely to be achieved.

The year’s main political and economic developments in each of the 52 states that comprise Africa south of the Sahara, are comprehensively narrated and examined in this volume. Readers’ perspectives are further expanded by the General Survey, which provides an in-depth analysis of current economic trends, an assessment of aid and development initiatives over the past 100 years, an insight into the phenomenon of failed states and the repercussions of, and responses to, state failure in sub-Saharan Africa, an examination of the People’s Republic of China’s increasing political and economic interest in the African continent, a discussion of the African security architecture, and an exploration of health and medical issues. A new essay investigating the links between terrorism and trafficking in the Sahel region is also featured.

In addition to contributions by specialist authors, researchers and commentators, all statistical and directory material in the new edition has been extensively updated, revised and expanded. A calendar of the key political events of 2009–10 provides convenient rapid reference to the year’s main developments. Extensive coverage of international organizations and research bodies active in Africa is included, together with detailed background information on the continent’s major agricultural and mineral commodities.

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HEALTH AND WELFARE STATISTICS: SOURCES AND DEFINITIONS

Total fertility rate Source: WHO Statistical Information System. The number of children that would be born per woman, assuming no female mortality at child-bearing ages and the age-specific fertility rates of a specified country and reference period.

Under-5 mortality rate Source: WHO Statistical Information System. Defined by WHO as the probability of a child born in a specific year or period dying before reaching the age of five, if subject to the age-specific mortality rates of that year or period.

HIV/AIDS Source: UNAIDS. Estimated percentage of adults aged 15 to 49 years living with HIV/AIDS. < indicates 'fewer than'.

Health expenditure Source: WHO Statistical Information System.

US \$ per head (PPP)

International dollar estimates, derived by dividing local currency units by an estimate of their purchasing-power parity (PPP) compared with the US dollar. PPPs are the rates of currency conversion that equalize the purchasing power of different currencies by eliminating the differences in price levels between countries.

% of GDP

GDP levels for OECD countries follow the most recent UN System of National Accounts. For non-OECD countries a value was estimated by utilizing existing UN, IMF and World Bank data.

Public expenditure

Government health-related outlays plus expenditure by social schemes compulsorily affiliated with a sizeable share of the population, and extrabudgetary funds allocated to health services. Figures include grants or loans provided by international agencies, other national authorities, and sometimes commercial banks.

Access to water and sanitation Source: WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme on Water Supply and Sanitation (JMP) (Progress on Drinking Water and Sanitation, 2010 Update). Defined in terms of the percentage of the population using improved facilities in terms of the type of technology and levels of service afforded. For water, this includes house connections, public standpipes, boreholes with handpumps, protected dug wells, protected spring and rainwater collection; allowance is also made for other locally defined technologies. Sanitation is defined to include connection to a sewer or septic tank system, pour-flush latrine, simple pit or ventilated improved pit latrine, again with allowance for acceptable local technologies. Access to water and sanitation does not imply that the level of service or quality of water is 'adequate' or 'safe'.

Carbon dioxide emissions Source: World Bank, World Development Indicators database, citing the Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center (sponsored by the US Department of Energy). Emissions comprise those resulting from the burning of fossil fuels (including those produced during consumption of solid, liquid and gas fuels and from gas flaring) and from the manufacture of cement.

Human Development Index (HDI) Source: UNDP, *Human Development Report* (2009). A summary of human development measured by three basic dimensions: prospects for a long and healthy life, measured by life expectancy at birth; knowledge, measured by adult literacy rate (two-thirds' weight) and the combined gross enrolment ratio in primary, secondary and tertiary education (one-third weight); and standard of living, measured by GDP per head (PPP US \$). The index value obtained lies between zero and one. A value above 0.8 indicates high human development, between 0.5 and 0.8 medium human development, and below 0.5 low human development. A centralized data source for all three dimensions was not available for all countries. In some cases other data sources were used to calculate a substitute value; however, this was excluded from the ranking. Other countries, including non-UNDP members, were excluded from the HDI altogether. In total, 182 countries were ranked for 2007.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Acad.	Academician; Academy	E	East; Eastern; Emalangeni (Swaziland currency)
ACP	African, Caribbean and Pacific (States)	€	Euro (currency)
AfDB	African Development Bank	EAC	East African Community
ADF	African Development Fund	EC	European Community
Adm.	Admiral	ECA	Economic Commission for Africa (UN)
Admin.	Administration; Administrative; Administrator	ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
AEC	African Economic Community	ECU	European Currency Unit(s)
AG	Aktiengesellschaft (limited company)	Ed.(s)	Editor(s)
AGOA	African Growth and Opportunity Act	EDF	European Development Fund
a.i.	ad interim	edn	edition
AIDS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome	EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
AM	Amplitude Modulation	e.g.	exempli gratia (for example)
Apdo	Apartado (Post Box)	EIB	European Investment Bank
Apt	Apartment	Eng.	Engineer; Engineering
ARV	advanced retroviral	EP	Empresa Pública
Ass.	Assembly	EPZ	Export Processing Zone
Asscn	Association	ESAF	Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facility
Assoc.	Associate	est.	established; estimate; estimated
Asst	Assistant	etc.	etcetera
AU	African Union	EU	European Union
Aug.	August	excl.	excluding
auth.	authorized	Exec.	Executive
Av.	Avenida (Avenue)	exhbn(s)	exhibition(s)
Ave	Avenue	Ext.	Extension
BCEAO	Banque centrale des états de l'Afrique de l'ouest	f.	founded
Bd	Board	FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
b/d	barrels per day	f.a.s.	free alongside
BEAC	Banque des états de l'Afrique centrale	FDI	foreign direct investment
Bldg(s)	Building(s)	Feb.	February
Blvd	Boulevard	Fed.	Federation; Federal
BOAD	Banque Ouest-Africaine de développement	FG	Guinea Franc
BP	Boite Postale (Post Box)	FIDES	Fonds d'investissement et de développement économique
br.(s)	branch(es)		et social
Brig.	Brigadier	FIt	Flight
C	Centigrade; Cedi(s) (Ghana currency)	FMD	foot-and-mouth disease
c.	circa	FMG	Malagasy Franc
cap.	capital	fmr(ly)	former(ly)
Capt.	Captain	f.o.b.	free on board
CEMAC	Communauté économique et monétaire de l'Afrique centrale	Fr	Father
Cen.	Central	Fr.	Franc(s)
CEO	Chief Executive Officer	Fri.	Friday
cf.	confer (compare)	ft	foot (feet)
CFA	Communauté financière africaine; Coopération financière en Afrique centrale	FTA	free trade agreement/area
Chair.	Chairman/woman	g	gram(s)
Cie	Compagnie	GDP	gross domestic product
c.i.f.	cost, insurance and freight	Gen.	General
C-in-C	Commander-in-Chief	GMO(s)	genetically modified organism(s)
circ.	circulation	GMT	Greenwich Mean Time
cm	centimetre(s)	GNI	gross national income
cnr	corner	GNP	gross national product
c/o	care of	Gov.	Governor
Co	Company; County	Govt	Government
Col	Colonel	GPO	General Post Office
Comm.	Commission	grt	gross registered ton(s)
Commndr	Commander	GWh	gigawatt hour(s)
Commr	Commissioner	ha	hectare(s)
Conf.	Conference	HIPC	heavily indebted poor country
Confed.	Confederation	HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
COO	Chief Operating Officer	hl	hectolitre(s)
Corpn	Corporation	HLTF	High Level Task Force
CP	Caixa Postal, Case Postale (Post Box)	HM	His/Her Majesty
Cpl	Corporal	HPAI	highly pathogenic avian influenza
Cttee	Committee	HQ	Headquarters
cu	cubic	HYV	high-yielding variety
cwt	hundredweight	ibid.	ibidem (from the same source)
Dec.	December	IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank)
Del.	Delegate	ICT	information and communication technology
Dem.	Democratic	IDA	International Development Association
Dep.	Deputy	IDPs	Internally Displaced Persons
dep.	deposits	i.e.	id est (that is to say)
Dept	Department	IGAD	Intergovernmental Authority on Development
Dev	Development	ILO	International Labour Organization/Office
Dir	Director	IMF	International Monetary Fund
Div.	Division(al)	in	inch (inches)
Dr	Doctor	Inc	Incorporated
Dr.	Drive	incl.	include, including
Dra	Doctora	Ind.	Independent
dwt	dead weight tons	Ing.	Engineer
		Insp.	Inspector

ABBREVIATIONS

Inst.	Institute	Prin.	Principal
Int.	International	Prof.	Professor
Is	Islands	Propr	Proprietor
ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification	Prov.	Province; Provincial
ISP	internet service provider	Pte	Private
ITUC	International Trade Union Confederation	Pty	Proprietary
IUU	illegal, unreported and unregulated	p.u.	paid up
Jan.	January	publ.(s)	publication(s); published
Jr	Junior	Publr	Publisher
Jt	Joint	Pvt.	Private
K	Kwacha (Malawi and Zambia currencies)	q.v.	quod vide (to which refer)
kg	kilogram(s)	R	Rand (South African currency)
km	kilometre(s)	Rd	Road
kW	kilowatt(s)	RECs	regional economic communities
kWh	kilowatt hour(s)	regd	registered
lb	pound(s)	reorg.	reorganized
Lda	Limitada (limited company)	Rep.	Representative
LDCs	Least Developed Countries	Repub.	Republic
Le.	Leone (Sierra Leone currency)	res	reserves
LLC	Limited Liability Company	retd	retired
LNG	Liquefied natural gas	Rev.	Reverend
LPG	Liquefied petroleum gas	Rm	Room
Lt	Lieutenant	RMS	Royal Mail Steamer
Ltd	Limited	Rs	Rupee(s) (Mauritius currency)
M	Maloti (Lesotho currency)	Rt	Right
m	metre(s)	S	South; Southern
m.	million	SA	Soci�t� Anonyme, Sociedad An�nima (limited company); South Africa
Maj.	Major	SADC	Southern African Development Community
Man.	Manager; Managing	SARL	Sociedade An�nima de Responsabilidade Limitada (limited company)
MB/s	megabits per second	Sat.	Saturday
MDG	Millennium Development Goal	SDR	Special Drawing Right(s)
MDRI	multilateral debt relief initiative	Sec.	Secretary
Me	Maitre	Secr.	Secretariat
mem.	member	Sept.	September
MFA	Multi-fibre Arrangement	Sgt	Sergeant
Mfg	Manufacturing	SITC	Standard International Trade Classification
mfrs	manufacturers	SME	small and medium-sized enterprises
mg	milligram(s)	Soc.	Society
Mgr	Monseigneur, Monsignor	Sq.	Square
Mil.	Military	sq	square (in measurements)
Mlle	Mademoiselle	SR	Seychelles Rupee(s)
mm	millimetre(s)	Sr	Senior
Mme	Madame	St	Street; Saint, San, Santo
Mon.	Monday	Sta	Santa
MP	Member of Parliament	Ste	Sainte
MSS	manuscripts	STI(s)	sexually transmitted infection(s)
Mt	Mount	Stn	Station
MV	Motor Vessel	Sun.	Sunday
MW	megawatt(s); medium wave	Supt	Superintendent
MWh	megawatt hour(s)	tech.	technical, technology
N	North; Northern	trans.	translator, translated
�	Naira (Nigerian currency)	Treas.	Treasurer
NA	National Association (banking)	TV	Television
n.a.	not available	UA	Unit(s) of Account
Nat.	National	UEE	Unidade Econ�mica Estatal
NCO	Non-Commissioned Officer	UEMOA	Union �conomique et mon�taire ouest-africaine
NEPAD	New Partnership for Africa's Development	UK	United Kingdom
n.e.s.	not elsewhere specified	ul.	ulitsa (street)
NGO	non-governmental organization	UM	Ouguiya(s) (Mauritania currency)
No.	number	UN	United Nations
Nov.	November	UNAIDS	United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS
nr	near	UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
nrt	net registered ton(s)	UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
NV	Naamloze Vennootschap (limited company)	UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
OAU	Organization of African Unity	UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
Oct.	October	Univ.	University
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	UNWTO	World Tourism Organization
OIC	Organization of the Islamic Conference	US(A)	United States (of America)
OMVS	Organisation pour la mise en valeur du fleuve S�n�gal	USAID	United States Agency for International Development
OPEC	Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries	USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
opp.	opposite	Vol.(s)	Volume(s)
Org.(s)	Organization(s)	W	West; Western
oz	ounce(s)	WHO	World Health Organization
P	Pula (Botswana currency)	WSSD	World Summit on Sustainable Development
p.	page	WTO	World Trade Organization
p.a.	per annum	yr(s)	year(s)
Parl.	Parliament(ary)		
Perm.	Permanent		
pl.	place (square)		
PLC	Public Limited Company		
PMB	Private Mail Bag		
PO	Post Office		
POB	Post Office Box		
Pres.	President		
PRGF	Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility		

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Angola	244	+1	Mauritania	222	0
Ascension Island	247	0	Mauritius	230	+4
Benin	229	+1	Mayotte	262	+3
Botswana	267	+2	Mozambique	258	+2
British Indian Ocean Territory	246	+5	Namibia	264	+2
Burkina Faso	226	0	Niger	227	+1
Burundi	257	+2	Nigeria	234	+1
Cameroon	237	+1	Réunion	262	+4
Cape Verde	238	-1	Rwanda	250	+2
The Central African Republic	236	+1	Saint Helena	290	0
Chad	235	+1	São Tomé and Príncipe	239	0
The Comoros	269	+3	Senegal	221	0
Congo, Democratic Republic	243	+1	Seychelles	248	+4
Congo, Republic	242	+1	Sierra Leone	232	0
Côte d'Ivoire	225	0	Somalia	252	+3
Djibouti	253	+3	South Africa	27	+2
Equatorial Guinea	240	+1	Sudan	249	+2
Eritrea	291	+3	Swaziland	268	+2
Ethiopia	251	+3	Tanzania	255	+3
Gabon	241	+1	Togo	228	0
The Gambia	220	0	Tristan da Cunha	290	0
Ghana	233	0	Uganda	256	+3
Guinea	224	0	Zambia	260	+2
Guinea-Bissau	245	0	Zimbabwe	263	+2
Kenya	254	+3			
Lesotho	266	+2			
Liberia	231	0			
Madagascar	261	+3			
Malawi	265	+2			
Mali	223	0			

*Time difference in hours + Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). The times listed compare the standard (winter) times. Some countries may adopt Summer (Daylight Saving) Times—i.e. + 1 hour—for part of the year.

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JUDICIAL SYSTEM

RELIGION

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BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS

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COMMERCIAL BANKS
DEVELOPMENT BANKS
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