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FOREWORD

The year's main political and economic developments in each of the 53 countries and territories of the region, are comprehensively narrated and examined in this volume, the 42nd edition of *AFRICA SOUTH OF THE SAHARA*. 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 ties with the African continent, the prospects of the East African Community, and an exploration of health and medical issues. New essays detailing the burgeoning relationship between Brazil and the African continent and investigating West Africa's security dilemmas are 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 2011–12 provides convenient rapid reference to the year's main developments. Comprehensive 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. Select bibliographies of relevant books and periodicals are also provided.

The entire content of the print edition of *AFRICA SOUTH OF THE SAHARA* is available online at www.europaworld.com. This prestigious resource incorporates sophisticated search and browse functions as well as specially commissioned visual and statistical content. An ongoing programme of updates of key areas of information ensures currency of content, and enhances the richness of the coverage.

The year under review in sub-Saharan Africa was notable for significant unrest across the region. The world's newest nation, South Sudan, came into conflict with Sudan (from which it had seceded in July 2011) over arrangements regarding the transportation of petroleum. Tensions were compounded by an ongoing dispute over the demarcation of the common border, and in January 2012 South Sudan halted oil production, resulting in both countries' economies experiencing severe difficulties. Eastern areas of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), close to the border with Rwanda, were also affected by violence in 2012, as a result of which more than 200,000 people were reported to have been displaced. Meanwhile, in West Africa, the peaceful handover of power in Senegal in April 2012, following the defeat of Abdoulaye Wade by Macky Sall in the run-off presidential election the previous month, was in stark contrast to the military coups which took place in neighbouring Mali and Guinea-Bissau in March and April, respectively. Although interim administrations and election schedules were subsequently established in both countries, the security situation remained extremely fragile, especially in the north of Mali where separatist Islamist groups were in control of large areas of territory. The increasing number of attacks by the Islamist Boko Haram movement in Nigeria—which was believed to have been responsible for some 1,400 deaths in the country since 2010—provided further cause for concern in the sub-region.

Elsewhere in sub-Saharan Africa, the death in August 2012 of the long serving Ethiopian Prime Minister, Meles Zenawi, and the passing in July of John Evans Atta Mills, the Ghanaian President, threatened the stability of two of the continent's fastest growing economies. However, the death of the Malawian President, Bingu wa Mutharika, in April enabled his successor, Joyce Banda, to improve hitherto strained relations with the international community and to introduce necessary economic reforms. Further positive developments were observed in Somalia with the adoption of a new Provisional Constitution, which facilitated the election of Hassan Sheikh Mohamud as President and the creation of new institutions of state. Presidential elections were also successfully held in Zambia, Cameroon, Liberia, The Gambia and the DRC; in all bar the former incumbents were returned to office.

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HEALTH AND WELFARE STATISTICS: SOURCES AND DEFINITIONS

Total fertility rate Source: WHO Statistical Information System (part of the Global Health Observatory). 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, 2012 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* (2011). 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 a combination of mean years of schooling and expected years of schooling; and standard of living, measured by GNI per head (PPP US \$). The index value obtained lies between zero and one. A value above 0.8 indicates very high human development, between 0.7 and 0.8 high human development, between 0.5 and 0.7 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, 187 countries were ranked for 2011.

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

ABBREVIATIONS

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

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To make international calls to telephone and fax numbers listed in *Africa South of the Sahara*, dial the international code of the country from which you are calling, followed by the appropriate country code for the organization you wish to call (listed below), followed by the area code (if applicable) and telephone or fax number listed in the entry.

| | Country code | + GMT* | | Country code | + GMT* |
|--|-----------------|--------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------|
| Angola | 244 | +1 | Mauritius | 230 | +4 |
| Ascension Island | 247 | 0 | Mayotte | 262 | +3 |
| Benin | 229 | +1 | Mozambique | 258 | +2 |
| Botswana | 267 | +2 | Namibia | 264 | +2 |
| British Indian Ocean Territory | 246 | +5 | Niger | 227 | +1 |
| Burkina Faso | 226 | 0 | Nigeria | 234 | +1 |
| Burundi | 257 | +2 | Réunion | 262 | +4 |
| Cameroon | 237 | +1 | Rwanda | 250 | +2 |
| Cape Verde | 238 | -1 | Saint Helena | 290 | 0 |
| The Central African Republic | 236 | +1 | São Tomé and Príncipe | 239 | 0 |
| Chad | 235 | +1 | Senegal | 221 | 0 |
| The Comoros | 269 | +3 | Seychelles | 248 | +4 |
| Congo, Democratic Republic | 243 | +1 | Sierra Leone | 232 | 0 |
| Congo, Republic | 242 | +1 | Somalia | 252 | +3 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 225 | 0 | South Africa | 27 | +2 |
| Djibouti | 253 | +3 | South Sudan | 211† | +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 | | | |
| Mauritania | 222 | 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.

† Some telephone numbers for South Sudan use the country code for Sudan (249) or Uganda (256).

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CABINET/COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
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MINISTRY ADDRESSES

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BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS

FINANCE

CENTRAL BANK
NATIONAL BANKS

COMMERCIAL BANKS
DEVELOPMENT BANKS
MERCHANT BANKS
SAVINGS BANKS
INVESTMENT BANKS
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
STOCK EXCHANGE
INSURANCE

TRADE AND INDUSTRY

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS
CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE
INDUSTRIAL AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS
EMPLOYERS' ORGANIZATIONS
UTILITIES
MAJOR COMPANIES
CO-OPERATIVES
TRADE UNIONS

TRANSPORT

RAILWAYS
ROADS
INLAND WATERWAYS
SHIPPING
CIVIL AVIATION

TOURISM

DEFENCE

EDUCATION