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FOREWORD

The 36th edition of *AFRICA SOUTH OF THE SAHARA* covers a period of both democratic transition and continued significant unrest in the sub-Saharan region. In January 2006 Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf became the continent's first elected female Head of State when she was inaugurated as President of Liberia. Sirleaf's administration was widely welcomed by the international community, and it was hoped that the introduction of measures to address corruption and to improve human rights, as well as the subsequent capture and extradition to the Special Court in Sierra Leone of Liberia's former President, Charles Taylor, would precipitate the restoration of stability. In August multi-party legislative and presidential elections were held in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the first time since independence from Belgium in 1960. Further positive developments were also observed with the formation of a Government of National Unity in Sudan in September 2005 and the introduction of transitional legislative institutions in southern Sudan. However, with regard to that country, international attention remained largely focused on events in the troubled Darfur region, and on the continuing refusal of President Lt-Gen. Omar Hassan Ahmad al-Bashir to allow a UN peace-keeping force to enter the region, despite the adoption, in August 2006, of a UN Security Council resolution to that effect. Meanwhile, in the neighbouring Horn of Africa an uneasy stalemate prevailed between Ethiopia and Eritrea, and there was further turbulence in Somalia, where an Islamist movement—the Union of Islamic Courts—seized control of Mogadishu and its surrounding areas in June, severely weakening the authority of the Transitional Federal Government and of President Col Abdullahi Yussuf Ahmed. During the year under review, constitutional reforms were implemented in Swaziland and Mauritania, but rejected in Kenya, while new Presidents were elected in Benin, Tanzania and the Comoros. Also, Omar Bongo Ondimba, Yoweri Museveni, Idriss Deby Itno, James Michel, Fradique de Menezes, Pedro Pires and Blaise Compaoré secured further presidential terms in Gabon, Uganda, Chad, Seychelles, São Tomé and Príncipe, Cape Verde and Burkina Faso, respectively.

These events, together with 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. Readers' perspectives are further expanded by an evaluation of African 'continuities and changes' in the General Survey, which also provides an in-depth analysis of current economic trends, an examination of health and medical issues, an assessment of aid and development initiatives over the past 100 years, and an exploration of measures being undertaken by the African Union to prevent and resolve conflicts. A new essay discusses the phenomenon of failed states and the repercussions of, and responses to, state failure in sub-Saharan Africa.

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 2005–06 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.

The Editors are once again thankful to all the contributors for their articles and advice, and to the numerous governments and organizations that have returned questionnaires and provided statistical and other information.

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Under-5 mortality rate Source: UNICEF, *The State of the World's Children* (2006). The ratio of registered deaths of children under 5 years to the total number of registered live births over the same 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, *The World Health Report* (2006).

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) (Mid-Term Assessment, 2004). 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'.

Human Development Index (HDI) Source: UNDP, *Human Development Report* (2005). 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. Countries with insufficient data were excluded from the HDI. In total, 177 countries were ranked for 2003.

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ABBREVIATIONS

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

ABBREVIATIONS

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

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Albania	355	+1	Mali	223	0
Angola	244	+1	Mauritania	222	0
Ascension Island	247	0	Mauritius	230	+4
Benin	229	+1	Mayotte	269	+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	2897	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			

*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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