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FOREWORD

The 37th edition of *AFRICA SOUTH OF THE SAHARA* provides coverage of a period of notable developments in the sub-Saharan region. In March 2007 the Ivorian President, Laurent Gbagbo, and the Secretary-General of the Forces nouvelles, Guillaume Soro Kigbafori, agreed upon a detailed timetable for the resolution of the ongoing political crisis that had effectively divided the country in two. Also in March in neighbouring Guinea a period of severe industrial and political unrest was brought to an end, following President Lansana Conté's decision to appoint a new Prime Minister selected from a list supplied by the country's trade unions and political opposition. However, there was continued turbulence in Zimbabwe as the annual rate of inflation reached 7,635% in July. Meanwhile, after the holding of legislative and presidential elections in Mauritania during November 2006–March 2007, the Military Council for Justice and Democracy relinquished power and restored democratically selected institutions to that country. Also during the year under review, multi-party elections were held in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the first time since independence from Belgium in 1960, while a peace agreement was signed between the Chadian authorities and the rebel Front uni pour le changement démocratique, members of which organization were subsequently incorporated into the Chadian Government. Nevertheless, instability persisted on that country's borders with the Central African Republic and Sudan, and international attention in this last remained predominantly focused on the deteriorating conditions in Darfur, where it was estimated that more than 2m. people had been displaced since 2003. It was, nevertheless, hoped that stability could be brought to the region by the deployment of a 26,000-strong joint African Union-UN peace-keeping mission, which was scheduled to be fully operational there by the end of 2007. Elections held in Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation, where for the first time power was to be transferred between democratically elected civilian leaders, were widely criticized by international observers, but resulted in the installation of a new President, Umaru Musa Yar'Adua. Elsewhere on the continent, Yahya Jammeh, Levy Patrick Mwanawasa, Marc Ravalomanana, Abdoulaye Wade and Amadou Toumani Touré secured further presidential terms in The Gambia, Zambia, Madagascar, Senegal and Mali, 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 the General Survey, which 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 the phenomenon of failed states and the repercussions of, and responses to, state failure in sub-Saharan Africa. A new essay discusses the People's Republic of China's increasing political and economic interest in the African continent.

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 2006–07 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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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) (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* (2006). 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, 177 countries were ranked for 2004.

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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
Av.	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)	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 en 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)
Commdr	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	HM	His/Her Majesty
CP	Caixa Postal, Case Postale (Post Box)	HPAI	highly pathogenic avian influenza
Cpl	Corporal	HQ	Headquarters
Cttee	Committee	HYV	high-yielding variety
cu	cubic	ibid.	ibidem (from the same source)
cwt	hundredweight	IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank)
Dec.	December	ICT	information and communication technology
Del.	Delegate	IDA	International Development Association
Dem.	Democratic	IDPs	Internally Displaced Persons
Dep.	Deputy	i.e.	id est (that is to say)
dep.	deposits	IGAD	Intergovernmental Authority on Development
Dept	Department	ILO	International Labour Organization/Office
Devt	Development	IMF	International Monetary Fund
Dir	Director	in	inch (inches)
Div.	Division(al)	Inc	Incorporated
Dr	Doctor	incl.	include, including
Dr.	Drive		

ABBREVIATIONS

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

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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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