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FOREWORD

Some 20 years after the ‘third wave’ of democratization began to roll across the sub-Saharan region, a notable reversal of this process was experienced in 2008–09, with several countries suspended from the African Union as a result of ‘unconstitutional interruption of the democratic order’. Thus, the 39th edition of *AFRICA SOUTH OF THE SAHARA* covers a period of significant change, including the passing of two of the continent’s longest serving Heads of State. El Hadj Omar Bongo Ondimba died in June 2009 after 42 years as the Gabonese President. He was to be succeeded by his son, Ali Bongo Ondimba, who secured victory at a presidential election held in August, which was alleged by opposition parties to have been conducted fraudulently and was followed by widespread unrest. In Guinea the death of Gen. Lansana Conté in December 2008 precipitated the seizure of power by a military junta, led by a junior army officer, Capt. Moussa Dadis Camara, which suspended the Constitution and all political and trade union activity. During the year under review, constitutional changes were also enacted by the Presidents of Niger and the Comoros, which enabled the incumbents to extend their mandates and increase their control over the institutions of state, while a presidential election in Mauritania in July 2009 legitimized the effective re-establishment of military rule. Furthermore, Marc Ravalomanana, the elected President of Madagascar, was forced from office in March, and also in that month João Bernardo Vieira, the Guinea-Bissau President, was assassinated by disaffected members of the armed forces. The decision of the ruling African National Congress of South Africa to ‘recall’ President Thabo Mbeki in September 2008 was also interpreted in some quarters as a weakening of African constitutional democracy. Elsewhere on the continent, economic measures implemented following the signing of a power-sharing accord in Zimbabwe between the Movement for Democratic Change and the Zimbabwe African National Union—Patriotic Front stabilized the country’s perilous financial position; however, a solution to Zimbabwe’s enduring political problems remained elusive. Meanwhile, there was increasing concern regarding the potential effect of the global financial crisis on levels of aid to African countries, with a number of donors reducing assistance commitments during 2009. As a consequence, substantial negative implications for current programmes to reduce poverty and increase development were expected.

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 assessment of aid and development initiatives over the past 100 years, an exploration of the phenomenon of failed states and the repercussions of, and responses to, state failure in sub-Saharan Africa, and an examination of the People’s Republic of China’s increasing political and economic interest in the African continent. New essays on health and medical issues and African security architecture are presented, while essays on two regional specific topics—the threat to West Africa by organized crime and the development of ICT in East Africa—are included for the first time.

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 2008–09 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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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, 2008). 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* (2007/08, Statistical Update). 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, 179 countries were ranked for 2006.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Acad.	Academician; Academy	Dra	Doctora
ACP	African, Caribbean and Pacific (States)	dwt	dead weight tons
AfDB	African Development Bank	E	East; Eastern; Emalangeni (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	FDI	foreign direct investment
BOAD	Banque Ouest-Africaine de développement	Feb.	February
BP	Boîte Postale (Post Box)	Fed.	Federation; Federal
br.(s)	branch(es)	FG	Guinea Franc
Brig.	Brigadier	FIDES	Fonds d'investissement et de développement économique et social
C	Centigrade; Cedi(s) (Ghana currency)	FIt	Flight
c.	circa	FMD	foot-and-mouth disease
cap.	capital	FMG	Malagasy Franc
Capt.	Captain	fmr(ly)	former(ly)
CEMAC	Communauté économique et monétaire de l'Afrique centrale	f.o.b.	free on board
Cent.	Central	Fr	Father
CEO	Chief Executive Officer	Fr.	Franc(s)
cf.	confer (compare)	Fri.	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	HIPC	heavily indebted poor country
COO	Chief Operating Officer	HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
Corpn	Corporation	hl	hectolitre(s)
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		

ABBREVIATIONS

incl.	include, including	PO	Post Office
Ind.	Independent	POB	Post Office Box
Ing.	Engineer	Pres.	President
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
ISP	internet service provider	Pte	Private
ITUC	International Trade Union Confederation	Pty	Proprietary
Jan.	January	p.u.	paid up
Jr	Junior	publ.(s)	publication(s); published
Jt	Joint	Publr	Publisher
		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	Soci�t� Anonyme, Sociedad An�nima (limited company); South Africa
Man.	Manager; Managing	SADC	Southern African Development Community
MB/s	megabits per second	SARL	Sociedade An�nima de Responsabilidade Limitada (limited company)
MDG	Millennium Development Goal	Sat.	Saturday
MDRI	multilateral debt relief initiative	SDR	Special Drawing Right(s)
Me	Maitre	Sec.	Secretary
mem.	member	Secr.	Secretariat
MFA	Multi-fibre Arrangement	Sept.	September
Mfg	Manufacturing	Sgt	Sergeant
mfrs	manufacturers	SITC	Standard International Trade Classification
mg	milligram(s)	SME	small and medium-sized enterprises
Mgr	Monseigneur, Monsignor	Soc.	Society
Mil.	Military	Sq.	Square
Mlle	Mademoiselle	sq	square (in measurements)
mm	millimetre(s)	SR	Seychelles Rupee(s)
Mme	Madame	Sr	Senior
Mon.	Monday	St	Street; Saint, San, Santo
MP	Member of Parliament	Sta	Santa
MSS	manuscripts	Ste	Sainte
Mt	Mount	STI(s)	sexually transmitted infection(s)
MV	Motor Vessel	Stn	Station
MW	megawatt(s); medium wave	Sun.	Sunday
MWh	megawatt hour(s)	Supt	Superintendent
N	North; Northern	tech.	technical, technology
�	Naira (Nigerian currency)	trans.	translator, translated
NA	National Association (banking)	Treas.	Treasurer
n.a.	not available	TV	Television
Nat.	National	UA	Unit(s) of Account
NCO	Non-Commissioned Officer	UEE	Unidade Econ�mica Estatal
NEPAD	New Partnership for Africa's Development	UEMOA	Union �conomique et mon�taire ouest-africaine
n.e.s.	not elsewhere specified	UK	United Kingdom
NGO	non-governmental organization	ul.	ulitsa (street)
No.	number	UM	Ouguiya(s) (Mauritania currency)
Nov.	November	UN	United Nations
nr	near	UNAIDS	United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS
nrt	net registered ton(s)	UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
NV	Naamloze Vennootschap (limited company)	UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
OAU	Organization of African Unity	UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
Oct.	October	UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	Univ.	University
OIC	Organization of the Islamic Conference	UNWTO	World Tourism Organization
OMVS	Organisation pour la mise en valeur du fleuve S�n�gal	US(A)	United States (of America)
OPEC	Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries	USAID	United States Agency for International Development
opp.	opposite	USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Org.(s)	Organization(s)	Vol.(s)	Volume(s)
oz	ounce(s)	W	West; Western
P	Pula (Botswana currency)	WHO	World Health Organization
p.	page	WSSD	World Summit on Sustainable Development
p.a.	per annum	WTO	World Trade Organization
Parl.	Parliament(ary)	yr(s)	year(s)
Perm.	Permanent		
pl.	place (square)		
PLC	Public Limited Company		
PMB	Private Mail Bag		

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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			
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*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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