

Investment and Market Opportunities in Africa 2021-22

Recent Trends, New Projects, Future Outlook and Projections

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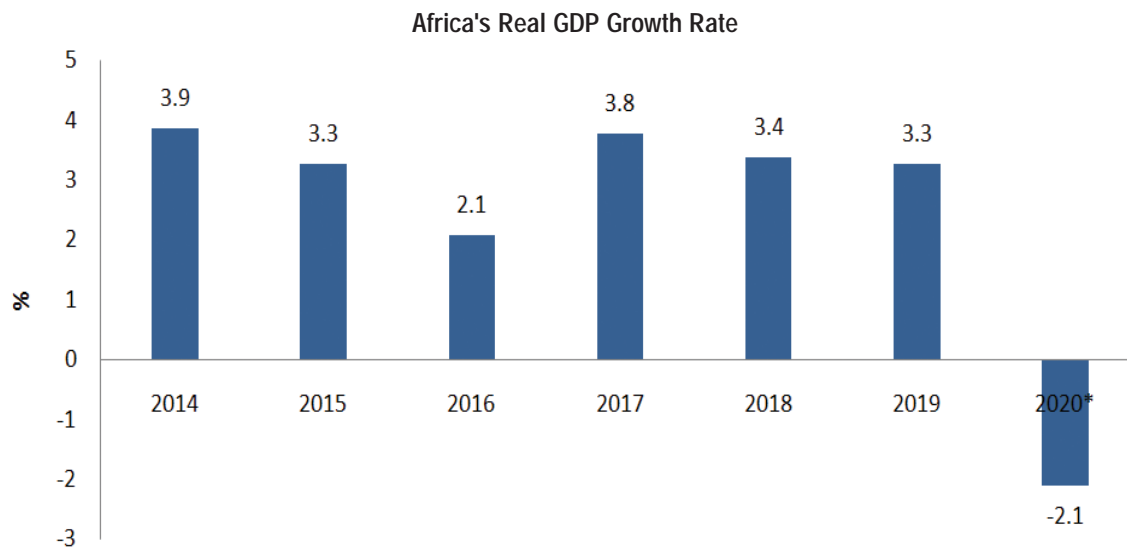
India Infrastructure Research recently released the
Investment and Market Opportunities in Africa 2021-22.

The report covers:

- ❖ Key trends, emerging opportunities and investment projections across infrastructure sectors in African countries.
- ❖ Country-wise and sector-wise growth, recent developments and outlook in light of COVID-19.
- ❖ The ongoing and upcoming project pipelines for different infrastructure sectors.
- ❖ Role of foreign investment and scope for private participation in African infrastructure.
- ❖ Key investment destinations in Africa and upcoming opportunities at each destination.

Report Summary and Key Insights

Africa is seen as one of the world's fastest growing regions and infrastructure development will help catalysing this growth. The continent's vast infrastructure deficit is a constraint on its growth, but also an opportunity to leapfrog to new, more efficient business models and technologies.

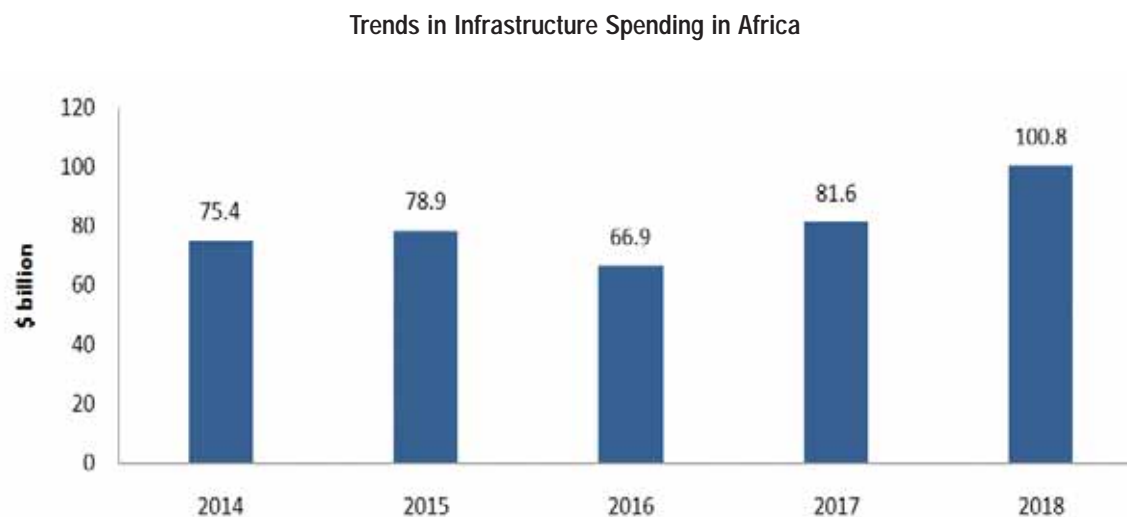


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Source: African Development Bank

Infrastructure development plays a major role in promoting growth and reducing poverty. In Africa, however, underdeveloped infrastructure continues to be a binding constraint to sustainable development. Africa's Infrastructure investment needs have increased over time, reaching \$130- 170 billion a year by 2018, with a financing gap of \$68-108 billion (AfDB 2018).

Energy infrastructure seems to be the most in need of financing in Africa, followed by water and sanitation. Transport infrastructure comes a close third in funding needs. However, Africa is reportedly performing much better in telecommunications than in any other infrastructure sector.



Source: Infrastructure Consortium of Africa

On the global scale as well, the African countries still have a long way to go. Nonetheless, a host of countries across the continent have started treading the Africa rising narrative. The African countries make up 17 of the bottom 20 countries in the Global Competitiveness Index 2019. Mauritius and South Africa are among the few bright spots, being the only two countries in the top half of the index.

In the decades ahead, Africa can become a major contributor to and driver of global growth, just as Asia has been. However, for this to be true, Africa's industrialisation would have to be underpinned by a robust infrastructure financing program. This requires a global finance pact among advanced and developing countries, a shift in strategic approaches, and new models of financing.

However, political instability remains one of the key challenges in the growth path of Africa. The policy landscape, especially that related to infrastructure is still at a nascent stage. Besides, the PPP framework is still evolving and fraught with several challenges. As per industry experts, inadequate availability of funds for project development and preparation renders projects unviable. Across African countries, the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted structural gaps in national health care systems, corruption risks associated with public procurement and the misappropriation of emergency funds.

Trends in Private Investment in Africa



Source: PPI Database, World Bank

Infrastructure demand-supply gap is widening, so are the investment requirements. That said, the outlook for infrastructure development in Africa looks promising. India Infrastructure Research has tracked a pipeline of 1,136 projects (ongoing, recently awarded, in the bidding stage and preliminary/planning stages/announced/approved) worth over \$1 trillion in Africa. The continent is set to offer some big-ticket opportunities, especially in the oil and gas and power sector.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and Impact on the Continent

While the COVID-19 pandemic had led to disruptions in project delivery, raw material availability, labour supply, capacity addition and investments, activity has started to resume normalcy with the phased lifting of lockdowns across countries. As growth picks up in the post-COVID world, the region will continue to offer substantial opportunities in sector such as roads, railways, urban transport, electricity, renewables, and oil and gas.

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The database will have information on project scope, cost, capacity, location, implementing agency, ownership, EPC contractor/developer, current status, date of commencement of construction/month of award, and expected date of completion.

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