Economic Performance of the Agro-processing sub-sector

3rd PAFO Continental Briefing

Mmatlou Kalaba
University of Pretoria and
Bureau for Food and Agricultural Policy (BFAP)

28-29 November 2015 Durban, South Africa

Presentation outline

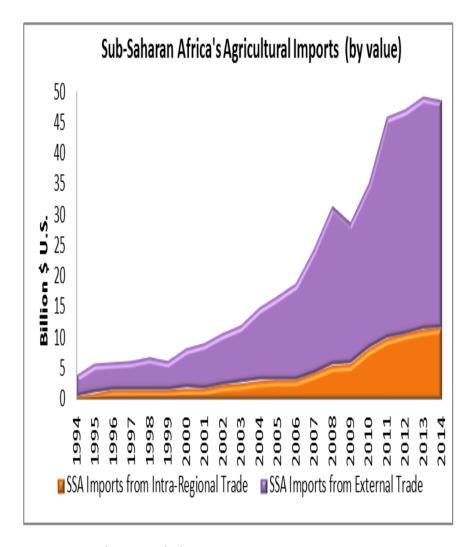
- The GAP (Great Agricultural Potential)
- Agribusiness Opportunity
- Trade Agreements
- Future-trends: Threats or Opportunities

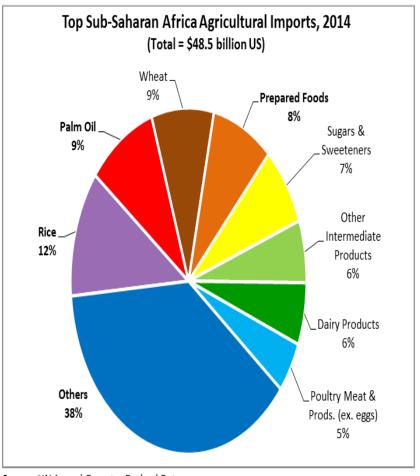
The GAP: Agricultural Deficit

Can Africa close this gap?

How long will it take

Africa: net-importer of food





Source: UN Annual Exporter Derived Data

Source: UN Annual Exporter Derived Data

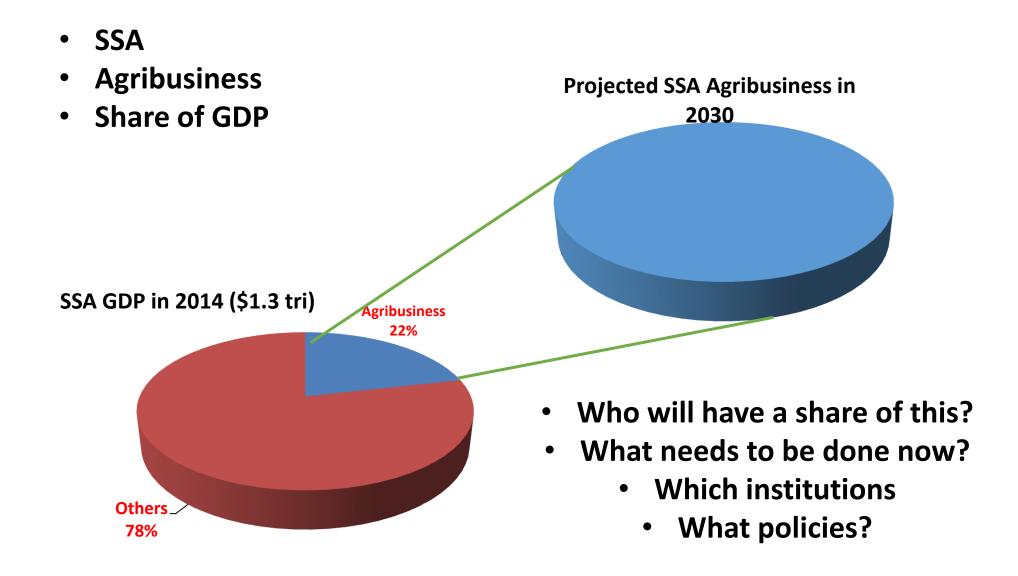
Food demand and who meets it

- Population growth- implications for food demand.
- Gap as African supply fails to meet demand.
- Expansion in production
- Role of infrastructure
- Net food importer

Agribusiness Potential

Massive growth is predicted by the World Bank Who will own what?

Africa agribusiness future

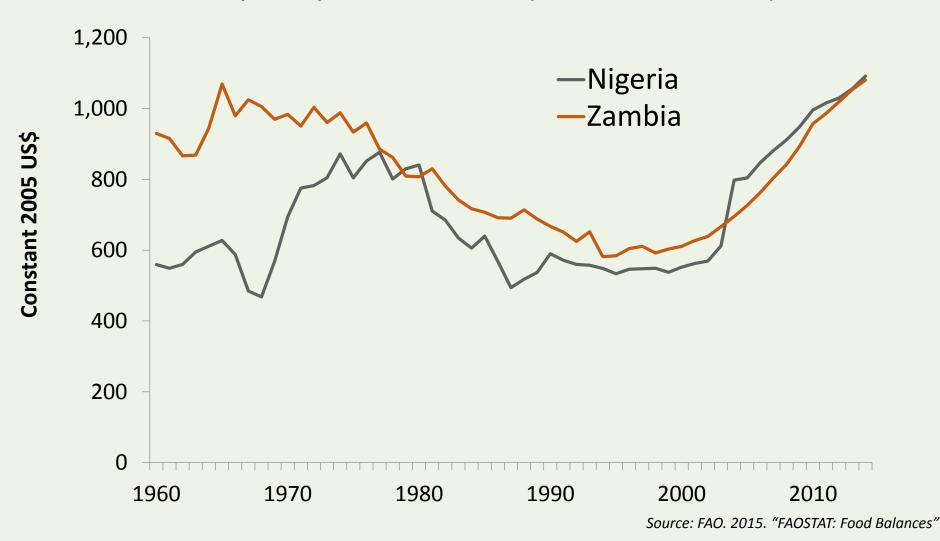


Who will gain from the projections?

- Answer- it depends on:
 - Integrated value chains rural, small farmers and regional, global
 - Transformation of the structure of sector
 - Competitive, high standard and thriving sector
 - Growth in agro-processing
 - Investment (infrastructure, irrigation,)
 - Strengthening institutions (enforcement and regulation)
 - Policy environment, and
 - Many other factors

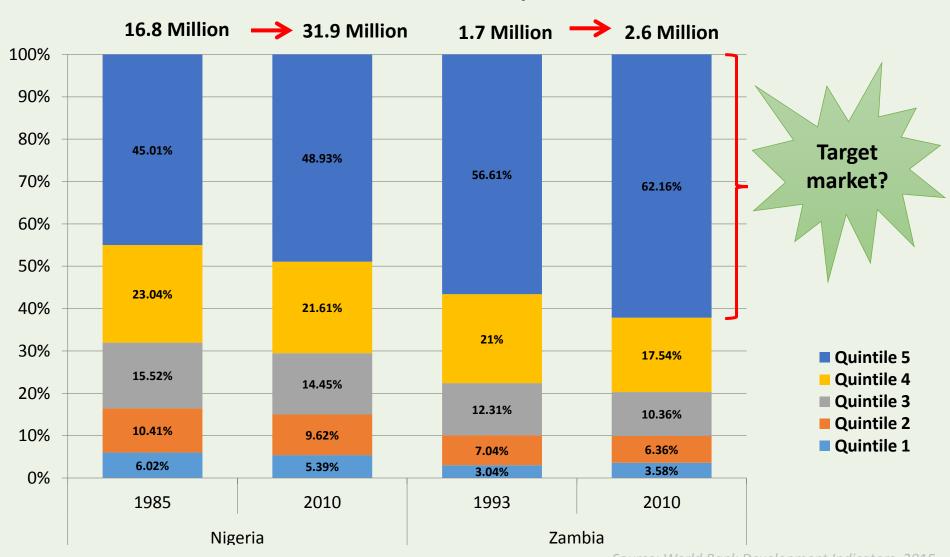
Demand: Income

GDP per capita, 1960-2014 (constant 2005 US\$)



Rising Income but skewed distribution

Income Shares by Quintiles

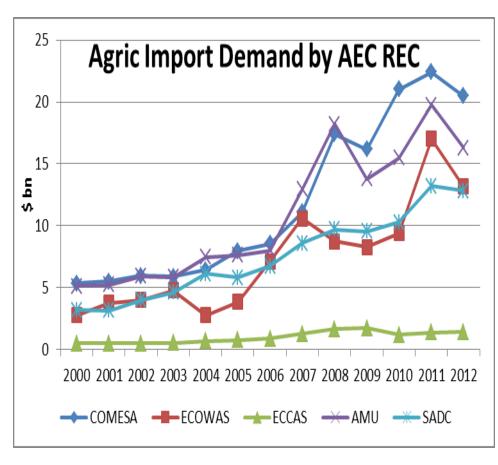


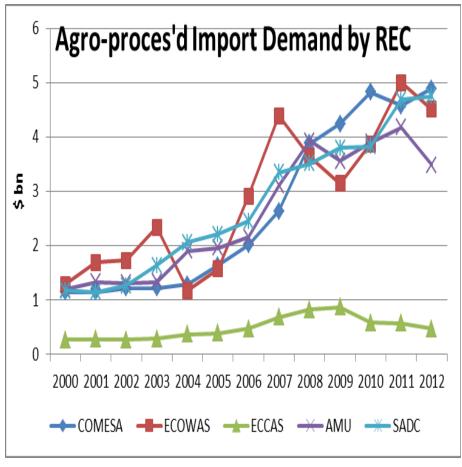
Source: World Bank Development Indicators, 2015

Regional Trade Agreements

Will the Tripartite FTA create additional opportunities?
Will agriculture respond to incentives?

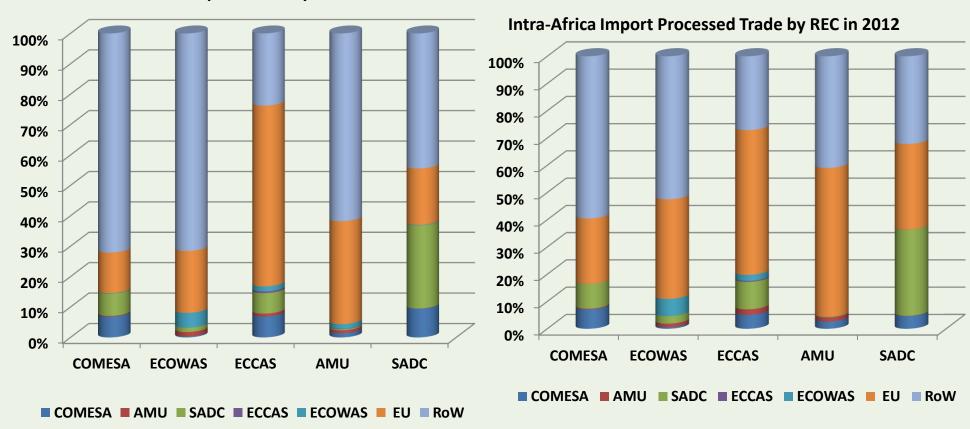
Demand for agric & agro-processed products: AEC regional blocs





Intra-regional trade





Tripartite FTA

- National markets absorb most of the production.
- TFTA will create opportunities up to where supply is available.
- Major benefits accrue to few countries.
- Generally there is low African agric trade, and even lower agro-processed products trade
- There is need for supply expansion
 - Additional area
 - Yield
 - diversification?
- Trade barriers.

Future trends: Opportunities or threats

What does it take to create Africa that we want?

What do we know about the future?

What can we do to realise the future we want?

Opportunities in African agriculture

- Market Dynamism
- African investment
- Growing urbanisation
- Linking rural markets with urban consumers
- Increase manufacturing
- Strengthening value chains
- Increased role of private sector role

Creating Africa that we want

- Population growth
- Youth population
- Technology
- Energy
- Land markets
- Climate change shocks



Challenges: Can we overcome them?

- Political decisiveness,
- Insurance and financial markets,
- Regional markets (and value chains),
- Investing in R&D, extension, and education
- Infrastructure improvement.
- Policy environment and regulation/

Thank you!

For more information:

www.bfap.co.za and www.up.ac.za

Contact us mmatlou.kalaba@up.ac.za

admin@bfap.co.za