

A historical map of Africa showing various colonial territories. The map is color-coded by colonial power: French West Africa (dark green), Anglo-Egyptian Sudan (yellow), British Somaliland (orange), Italian Somaliland (purple), Belgian Congo (dark blue), German East Africa (brown), and others. The map is overlaid with a red banner containing the title.

# Geopolitica del continente africano tra vecchie e nuove sfide

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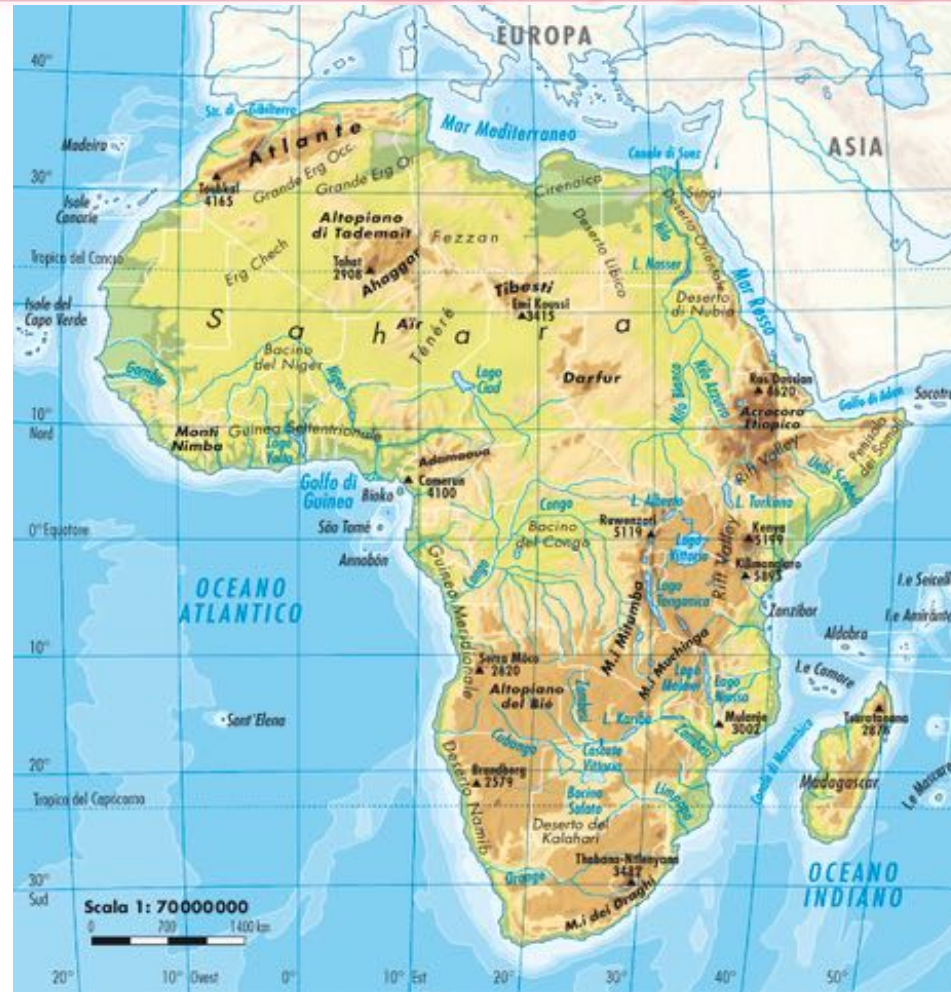
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- Economia
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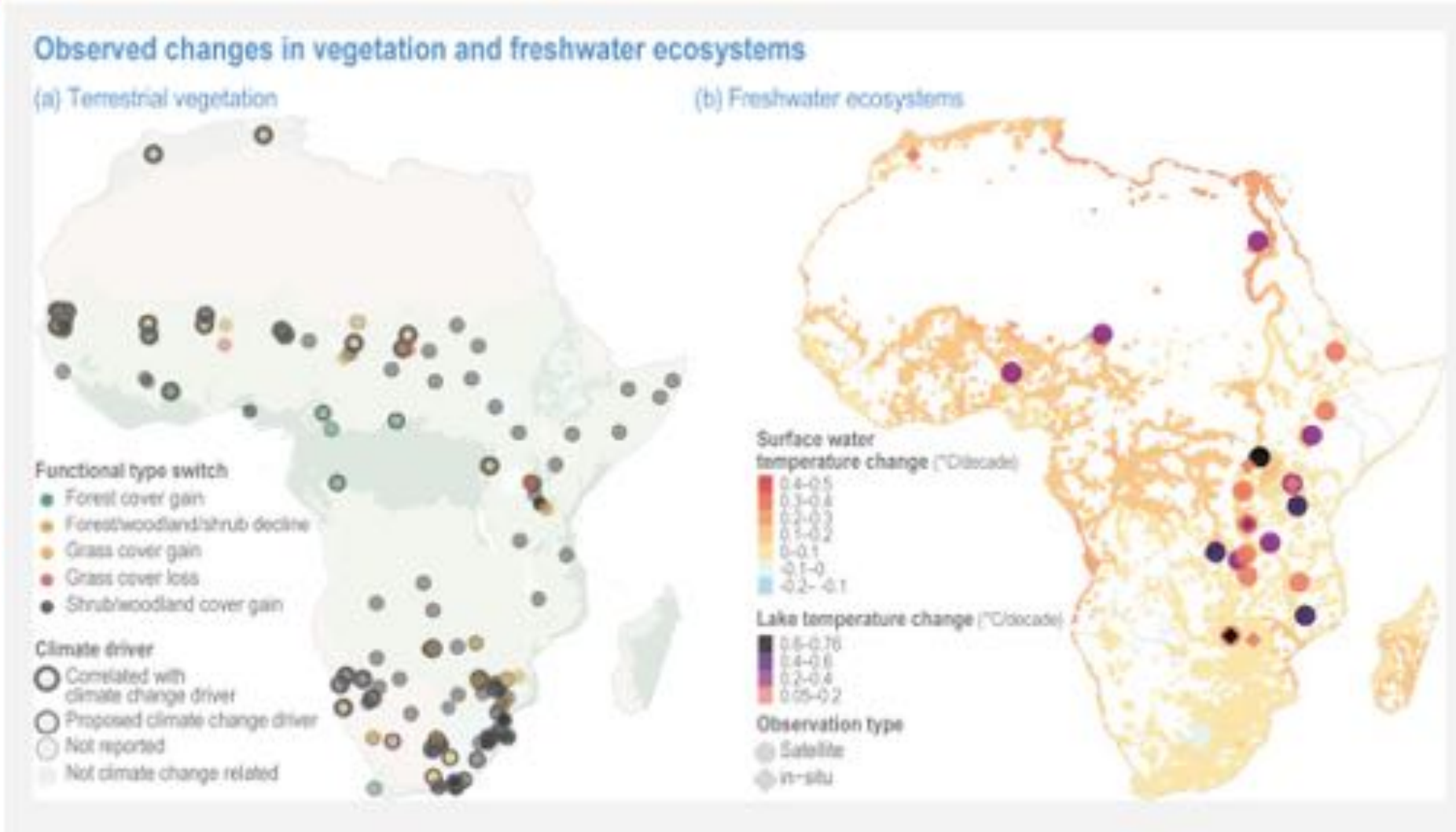
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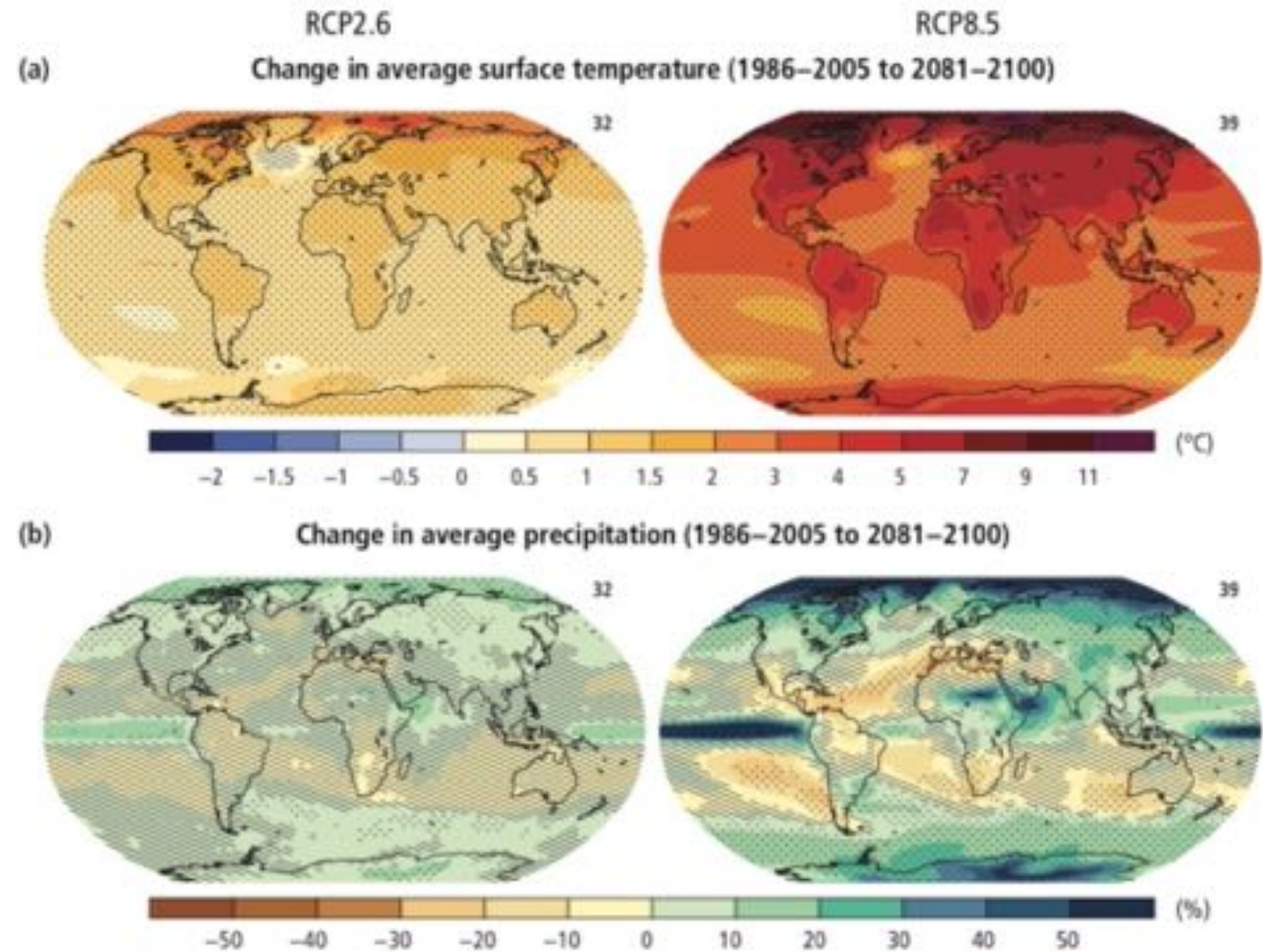


# Ambiente

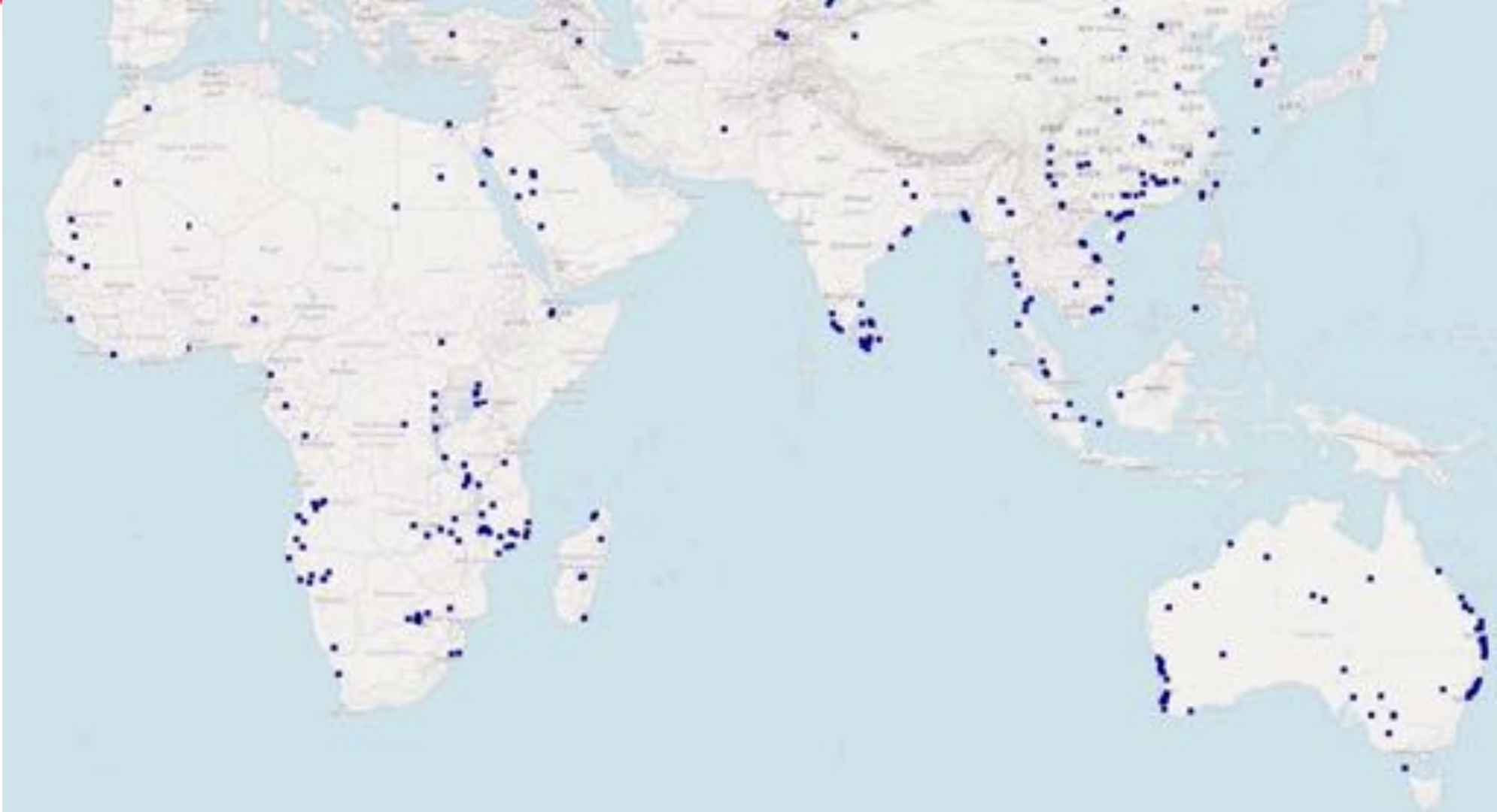


# Ambiente – cambiamenti climatici





## Ambiente – terre rare



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### Smartphone batteries: The Democratic Republic of Congo has almost half the world's cobalt

Global cobalt reserves, 2018–2022, metric tons

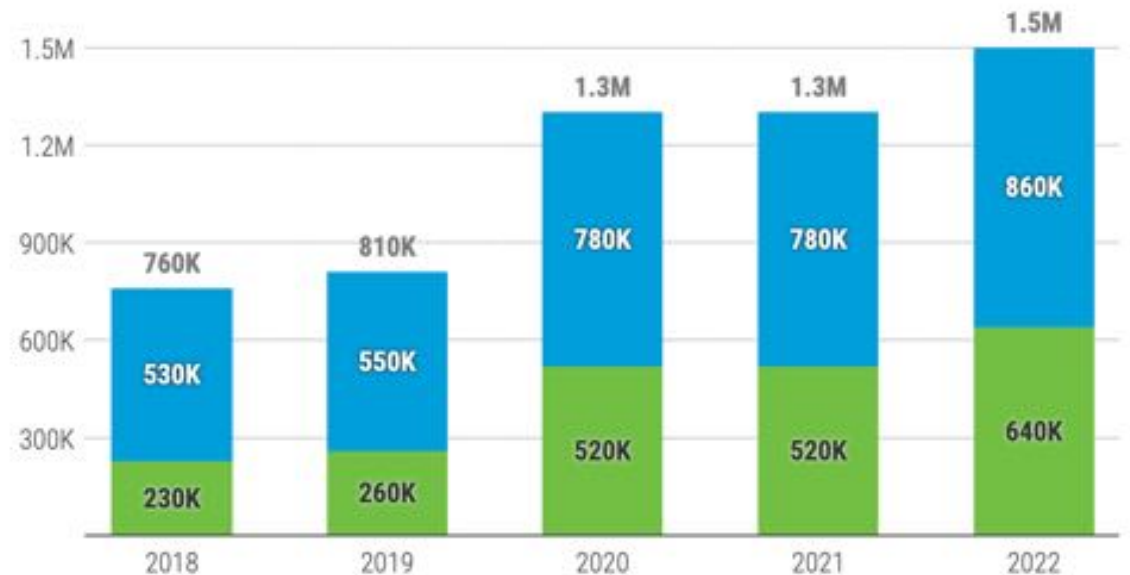
■ Democratic Republic of the Congo ■ Rest of the world



### Powering electric cars: South Africa has the world's largest reserves of manganese

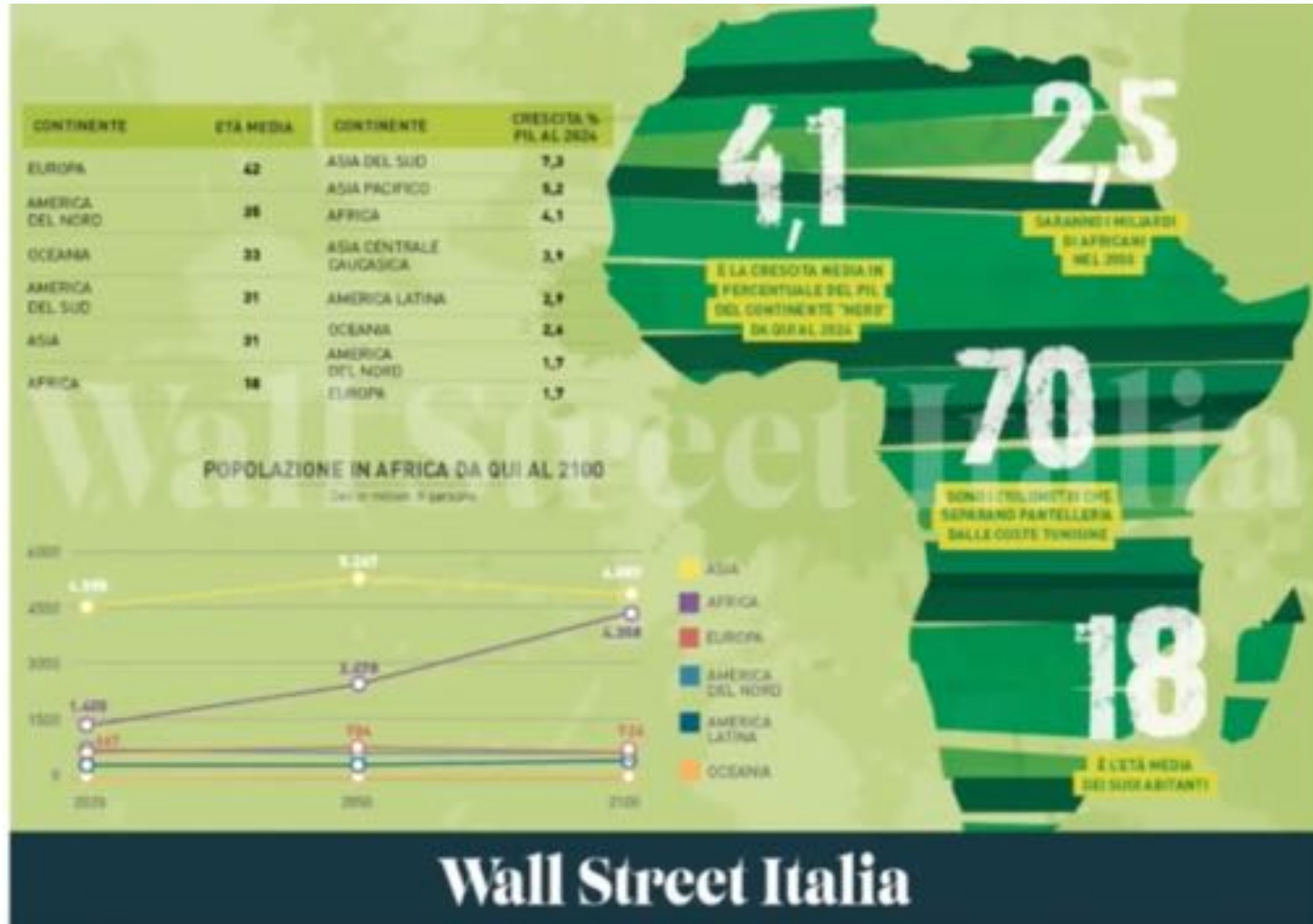
Global manganese reserves, 2018–2022, 1 000 metric tons

■ South Africa ■ Rest of the world





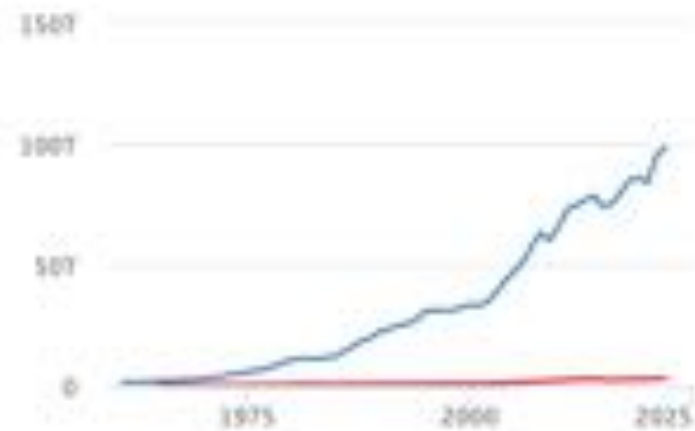
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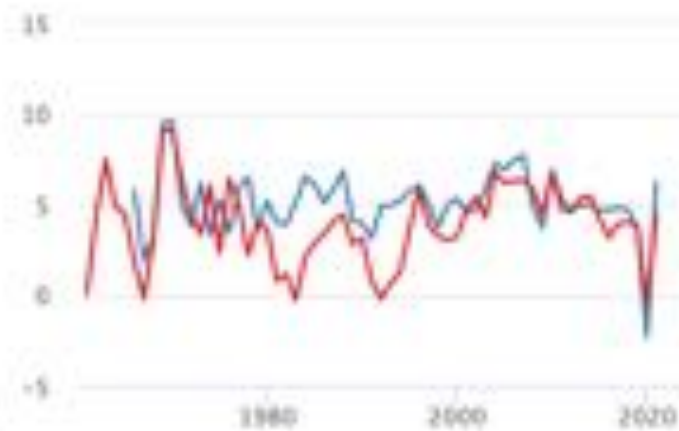
# Economia

(World Bank 2023)

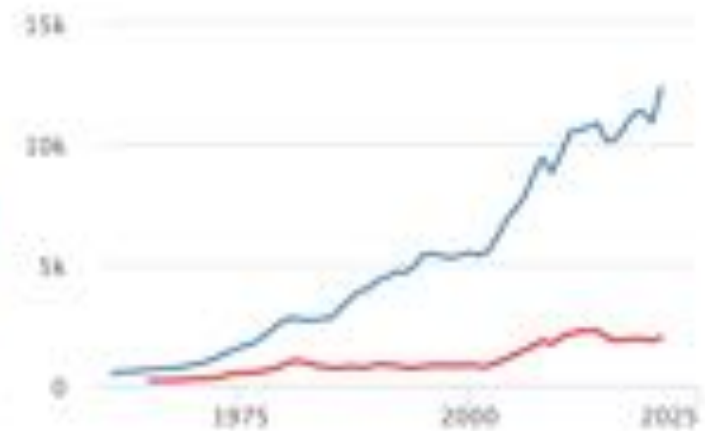
GDP, Current US\$ ⓘ



GDP | growth, % (annual) ⓘ

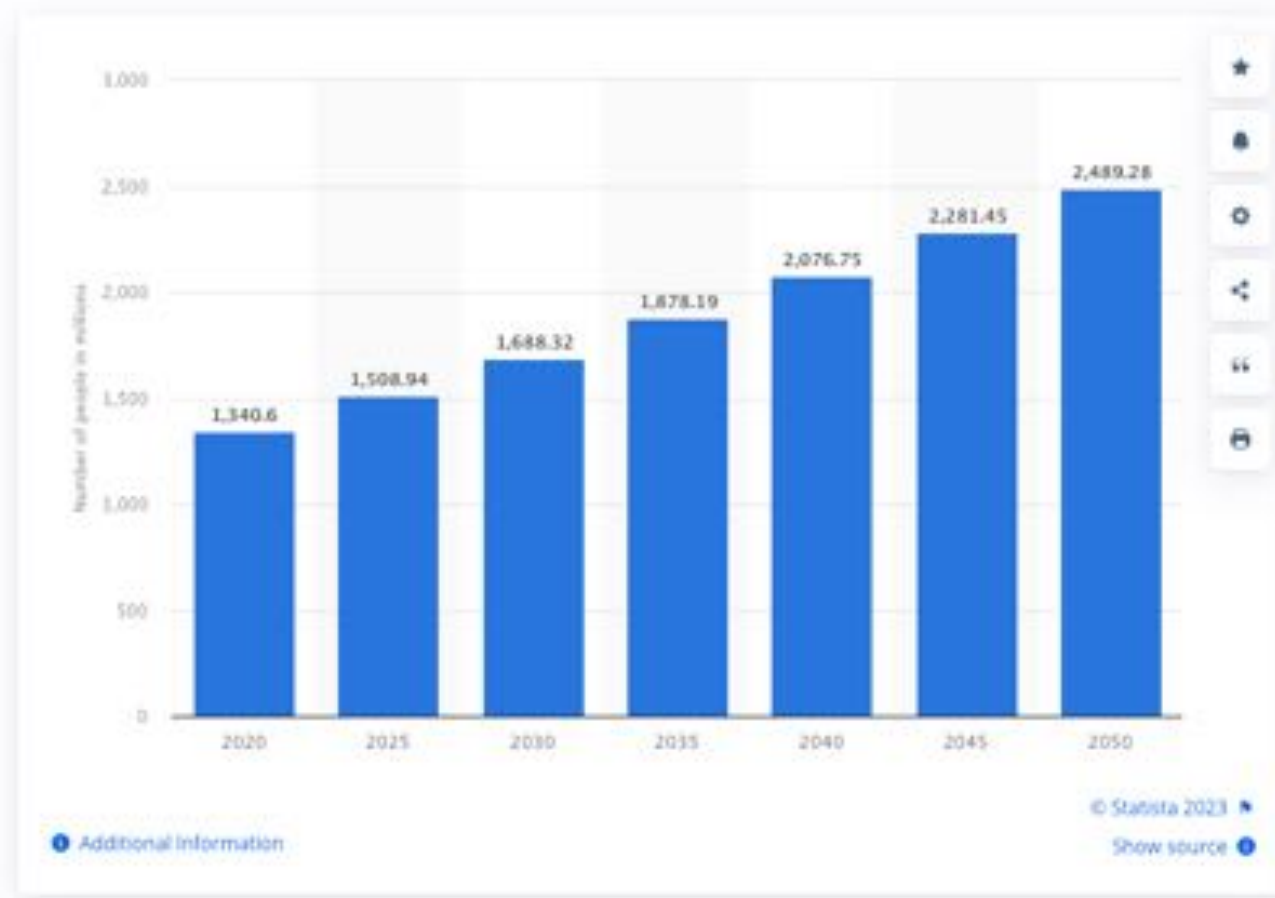


GDP per capita, Current US\$ ⓘ



## Economia - demografia

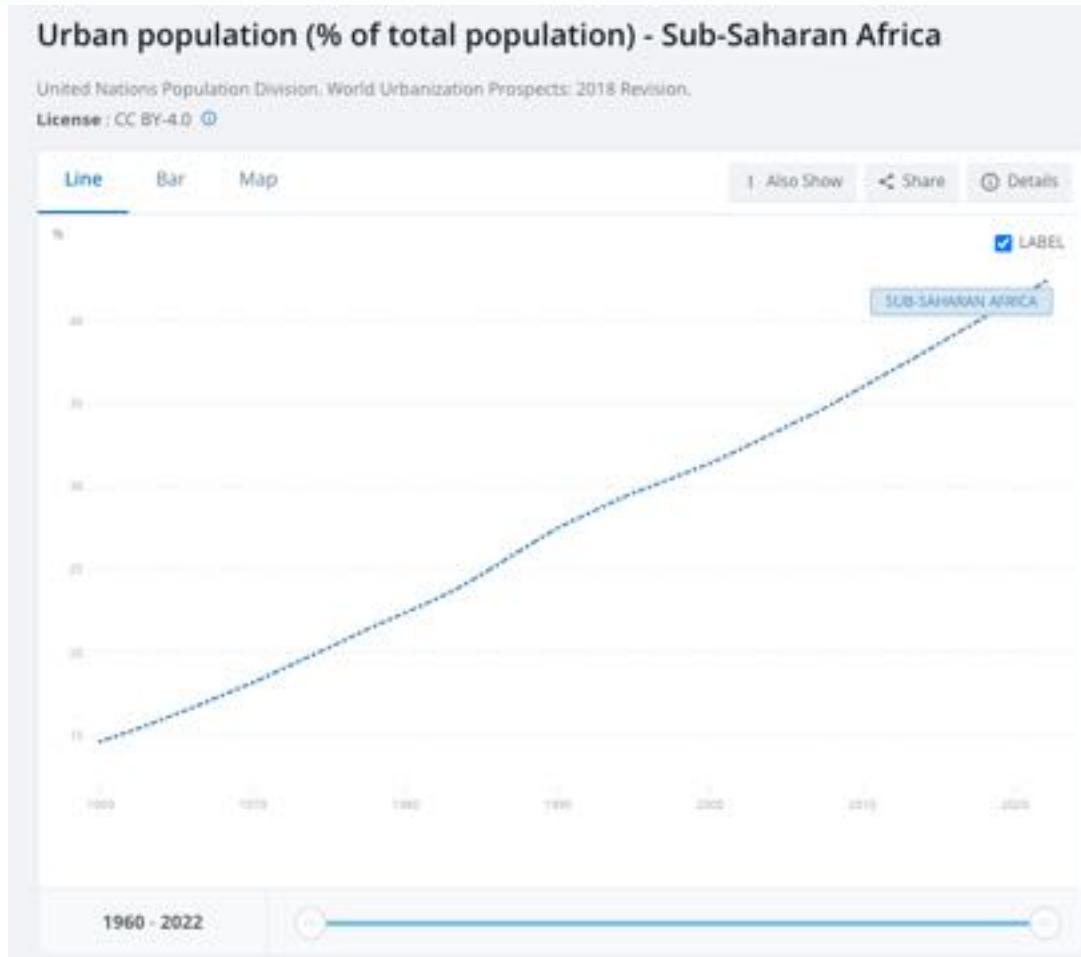
Forecast of the total population of Africa from 2020 to 2050  
(in millions)





# Economia





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**Figure 3: Merchandise trade of Africa by major product group, 2018**  
(% share)



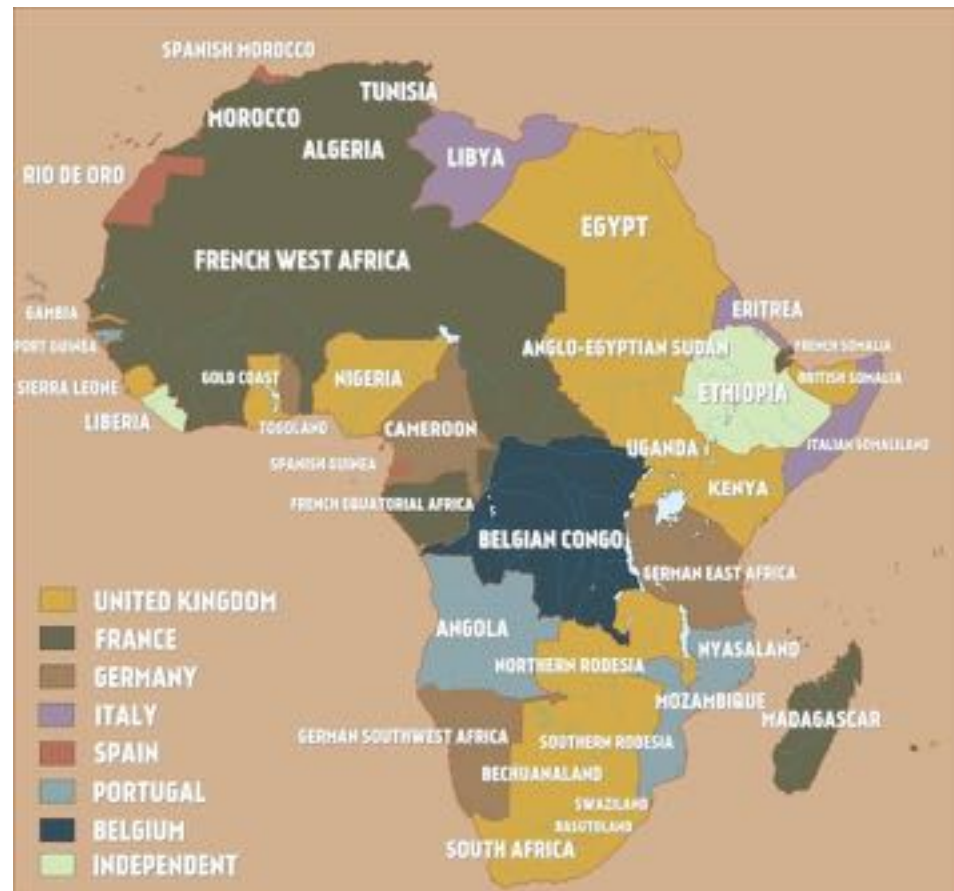
Source: WTO Secretariat estimates.  
Note: Estimate for product break-down.

**Figure 2: Trade in goods and services of Africa, 2005-19**  
(US\$ billion)



Source: WTO-UNCTAD-ITC Trade Statistics.

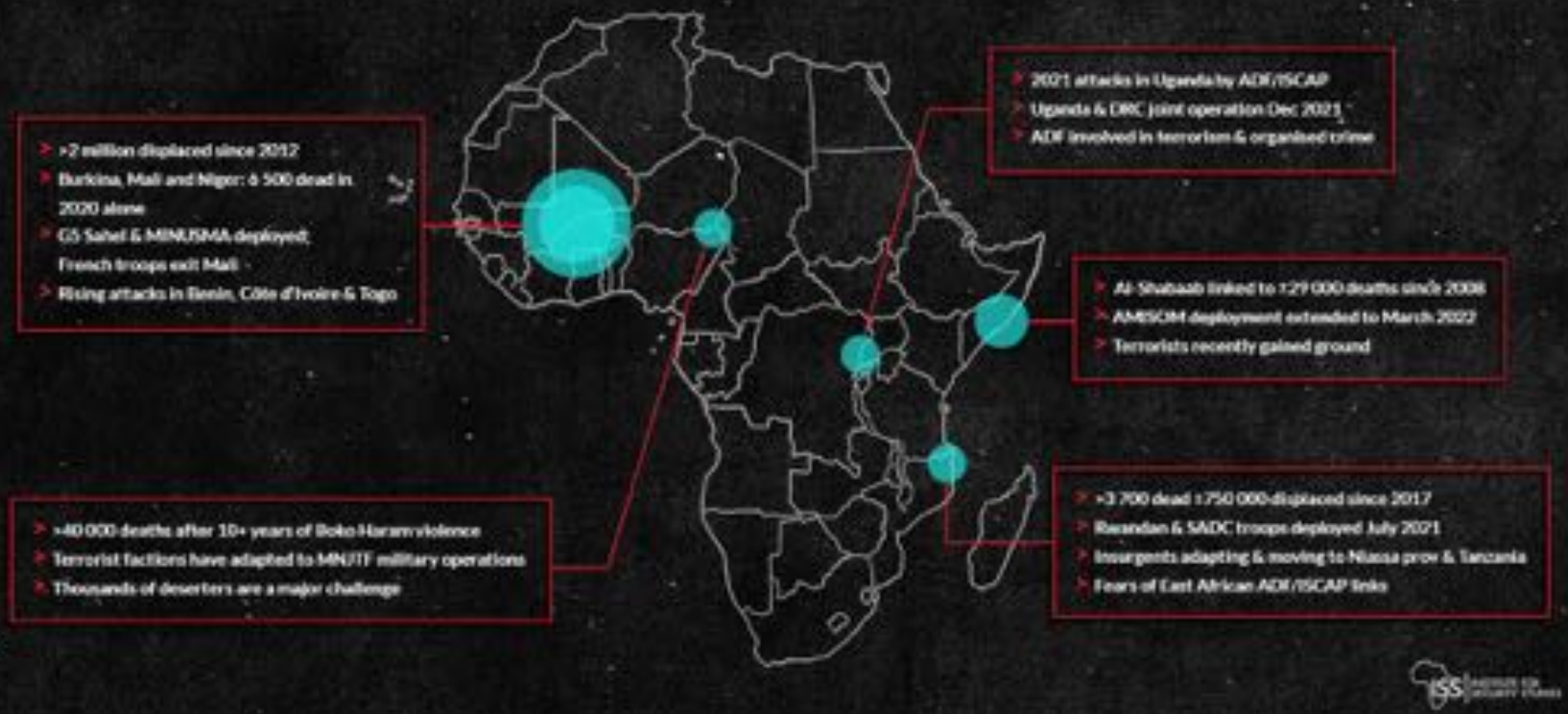
## Politica – eredità del colonialismo



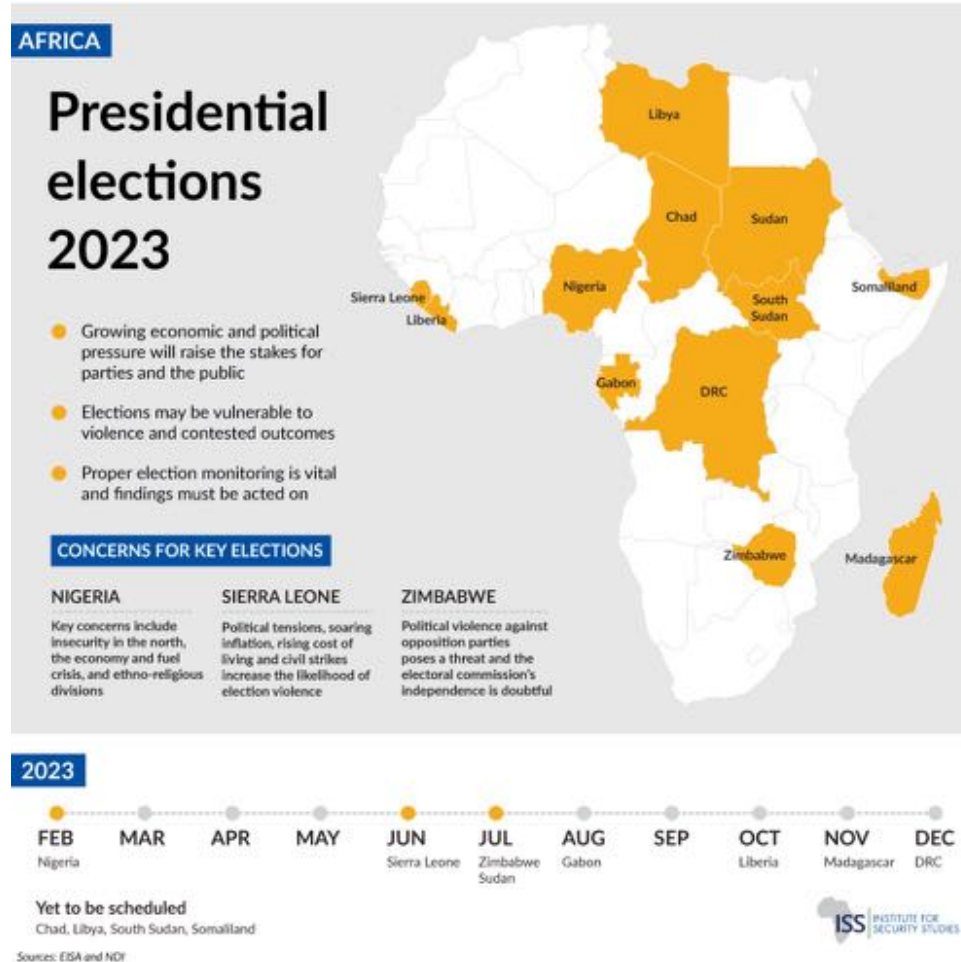
[https://african-volunteer.net/african\\_resources/african\\_independence.html](https://african-volunteer.net/african_resources/african_independence.html)

## Violent extremism: Africa's struggle deepens

Weak governance, local conflicts and ISIS/al-Qaeda support drive terrorism

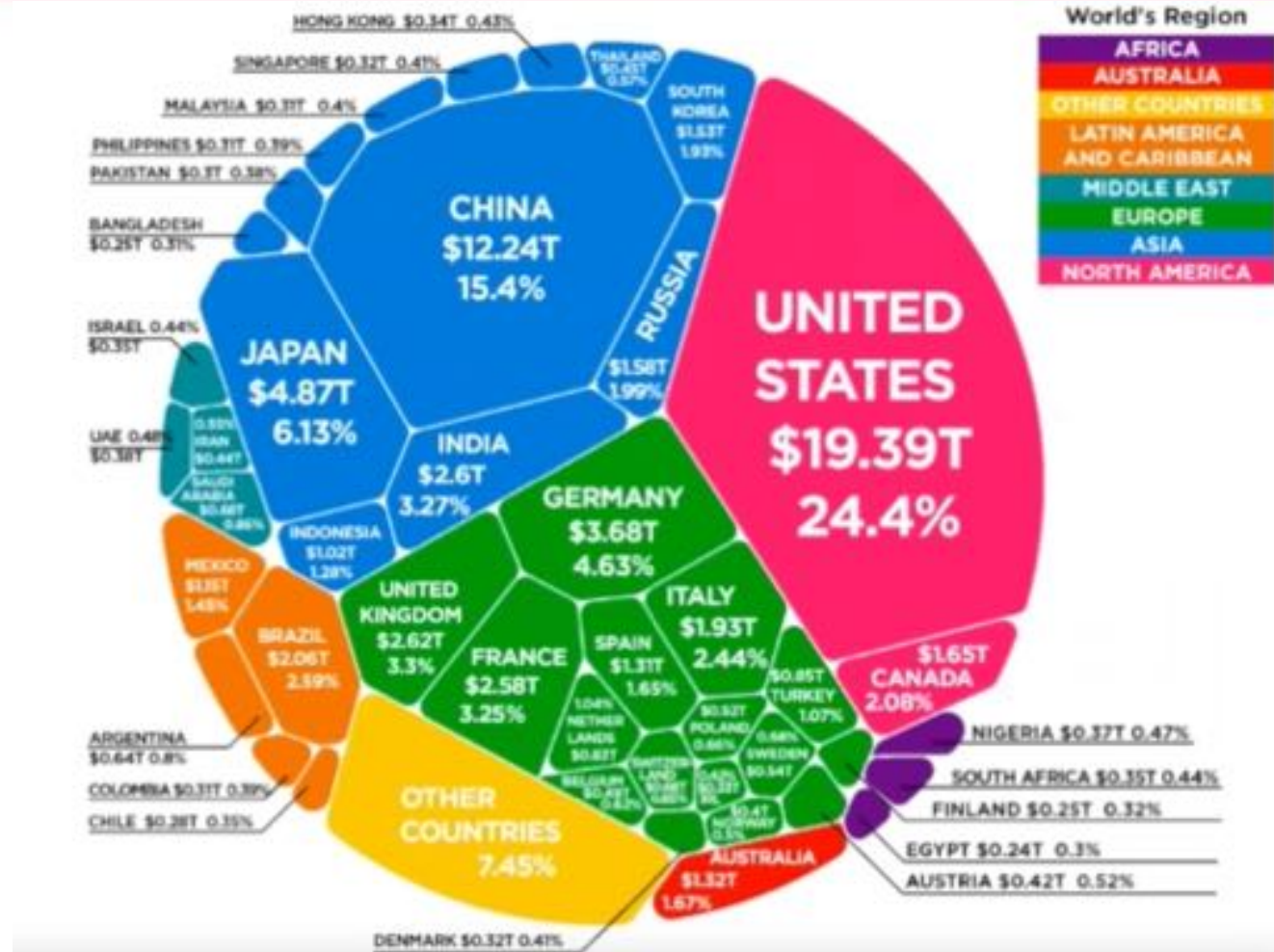









# Politica



# Politica – Global south rising?

## BRICS

A rising global south alliance



■ BRICS members    ■ Applied to join BRICS

Globally, BRICS covers:

> 42%


of population

23%

of GDP

18%

of trade



**Johannesburg summit**

67 global south leaders invited

Key agenda items

- ✓ New membership criteria
  - 22 countries have applied
  - 6 could be considered
- ✓ Using local currencies in member country trade

KEY DATES

**2009**  
BRIC founded

**2010**  
SA joins & BRIC becomes BRICS

**2015**  
New Development Bank (HQ Shanghai) launched: \$32 billion approved since 2015 (compared to \$104 billion approved by World Bank in 2022 alone)

WHAT IS BRICS?

- ✓ Alliance of emerging and developing economies
- ✓ Committed to more balanced global system
- ✓ Cooperates on security, economic and cultural issues
- ✓ 150 meetings annually
- ✓ 30 cooperation agreements

WHAT BRICS IS NOT

- ✗ A trade bloc – only 6% of BRICS trade is with members
- ✗ Non-aligned

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Source: ISS with additional data provided by Reuters, https://reuters.com/2023/08/01/

Conclusioni: non solo continente del futuro

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