

Fertility, demographic change and education planning and financing in Africa



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Context

- ❖ SDG 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- ❖ Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development: A plan of action for people, planet, and prosperity
 - universal, transformative, and rights-based (sustainabledevelopment.un.org).
- ❖ Agenda 2063: The Africa we want (2013 - 2063)
 - integrated, prosperous, and peaceful Africa driven by Africans (au.int)
- ❖ UNESCO's Futures of Education Initiative: Reimagining Education
- ❖ United Nation's Transformation Education Summit: Mobilising action, ambition, solidarity, and solutions to recover pandemic-related learning losses and sow the seeds to transform education in a rapidly changing world
- ❖ Community cultural wealth (Yosso, 2005)



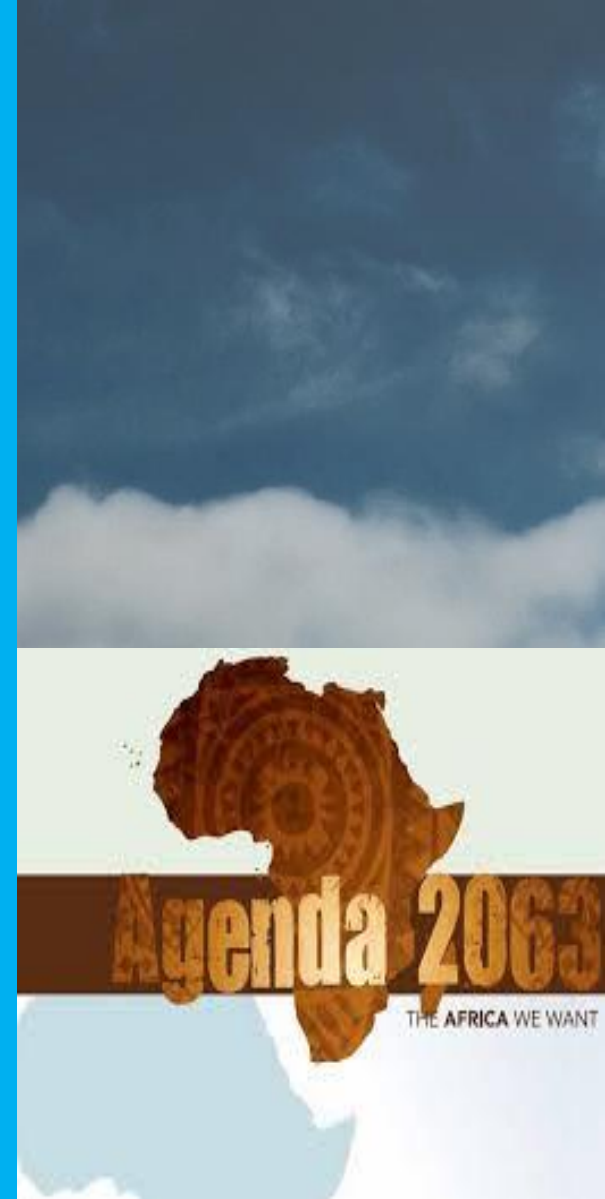
The Africa we have

- ❖ Home to approximately 1.3 billion people
- ❖ An estimated population growth rate of 2.7 percent—more than double that of South Asia (1.2 percent) and triple that of Latin America (0.9 percent)
- ❖ The United Nations projects that by 2050, Africa's population will nearly double to 2.5 billion people, and by 2100 triple to 3.8 billion
- ❖ These numbers are even more significant in light of the 2020 Lancet study that predicts every other region could see its population decline during this same period.
- ❖ By the end of this century, one-third of the people on the planet will be African and largely concentrated in cities, with 65 percent of the top 20 urban areas projected to be on the continent
- ❖ The Brookings Institution also projects that by 2050, Africa's combined business and consumer spending will exceed \$16 trillion, making the continent an attractive market for African producers and global exporters alike.



The Africa we want

- ❖ If demographics are destiny, then Africa is poised to be the center of global affairs within a generation.
- ❖ Through the African Union, the continent has articulated a plan to achieve “the Africa we want”—the A.U.’s Agenda 2063 for sustainable development and inclusive growth
- ❖ Political and leadership commitment
- ❖ Data-driven policies, practices and interventions
- ❖ Effective and efficient delivery approaches in all sectors
- ❖ Effective and efficient accountability measures in all sectors



Alternative Policy, Lessons, Implications

Inclusivity, equity, access, relevance

Fertility

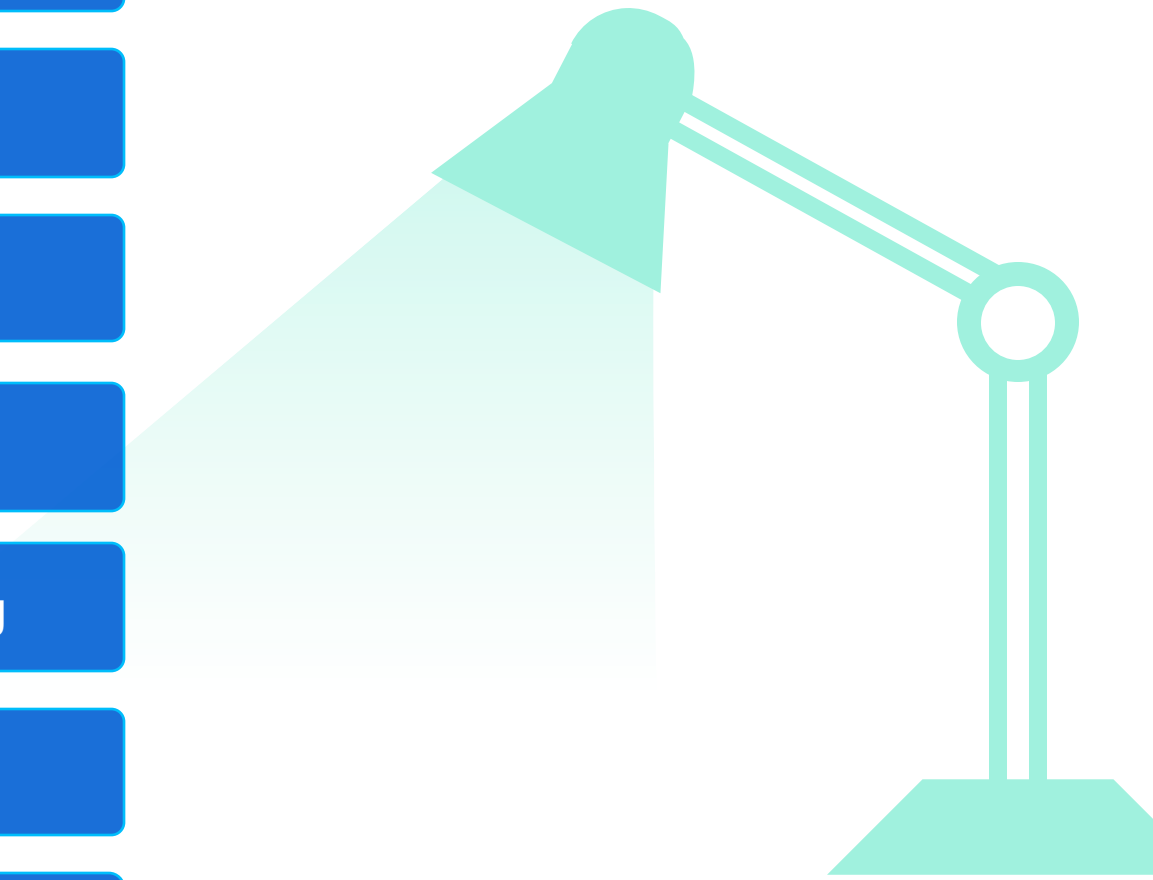
Population

Migration

Education planning & financing

Youth development

Economic development



Conclusion

To fill the gap between the Africa we want and the Africa we have, we need intentionality in developing, sustaining & prioritizing:

1. Inclusive, equitable, safe and healthy schools
2. Learning and skills for life, work and sustainable development
3. Teachers, teaching and the teaching profession
4. Digital learning & transformation
5. Financing of education

(Source: Transforming Education Summit)

'Play to your strengths. If you aren't great at something, do more of what you're great at.' -Jason Lemkin

Thank
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