



Beyond Aid

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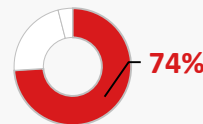
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Who we are?

1

Belgian governmental cooperation
with 14 partner countries (mainly in Africa)



2

Actions for other partners (EU among others)
in view of enhancing the impact of Belgium



3

Public service assignments
under the SDG Agenda



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

Belgian development cooperation policy

Other FPSs

**FPS Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and
Development Cooperation**

**Other Federal Public
Programme Services**

Partners

Enabel

Other donors

Private actors

Public actors

Civil Society

Governmental cooperation: Why?

Sustainable development can only be achieved if public services, businesses and civil society work together.

Governmental cooperation is important as it really strengthens a country's **public services and institutions**.

A major asset of Enabel is that the agency operates at several levels of power: **central, regional and operational** (execution).

That way, Enabel assures a **coordination role** whilst being a **catalyst** enabling effective cooperation.



Public services

Businesses

Civil society

Key figures



25

years experience



2200

staff



170

projects



350

million euro



21

countries



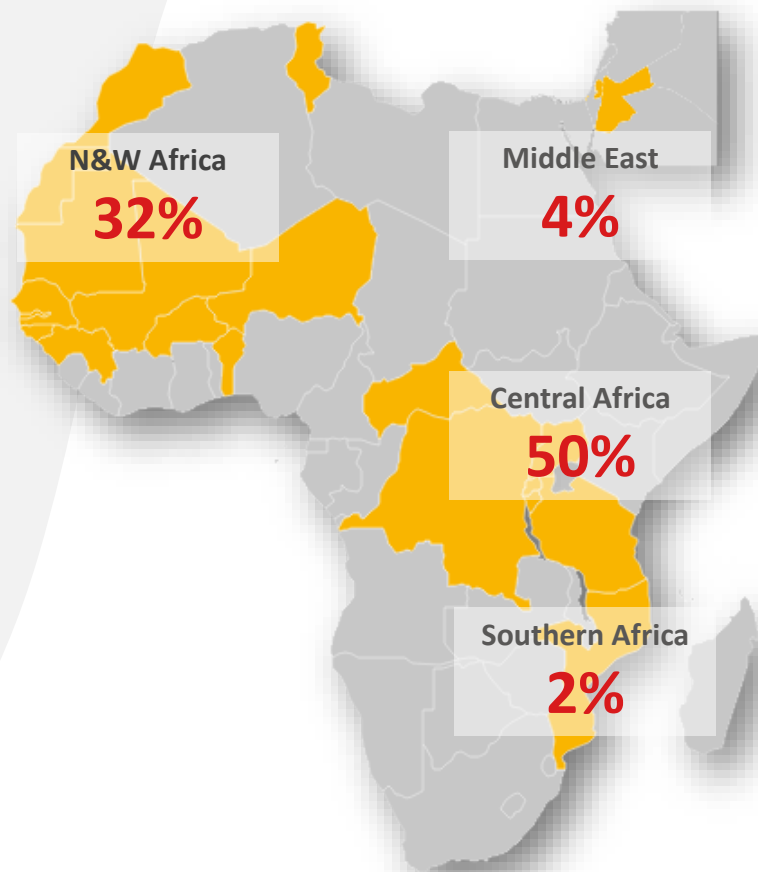
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in 'fragile'
contexts

Where do we work ?

The main regions in which Enabel implements actions are Central Africa and North and West Africa.

Activities in Latin America and Asia were stopped at the end of 2019.



Our context

By the End of the Century, 40% of People Will Be African

World population forecast with Africa's percentage share

World's Population

1950  2.5 billion

2015  7.3 billion

2050  9.5 billion

2100  11 billion

Africa's
Population

Accounts for

230 million



1.2 billion



2.4 billion



4.2 billion



Source: UNICEF

Our context – General

POLITICAL

- Pluralization of Actors in Development (State and Non-State)
- Return of Geopolitics and the weakening of the Liberal International Order
- “New Self-Esteem” of the G77 and the rise of the “North-South-Conflict” narrative
- “Democratic Disappointment” and Democratic Decline (worldwide!)



ECOLOGICAL

- Climate Change: Faster, more severe, and with various knock-on effects



ECONOMIC

- The Rise of “Geo-Economics” based on “Strategic Resources”
- De-Globalization and the Formation of Regional Trade Blocs



SOCIAL

- Demographic Change: Youthquake vs. Ageing

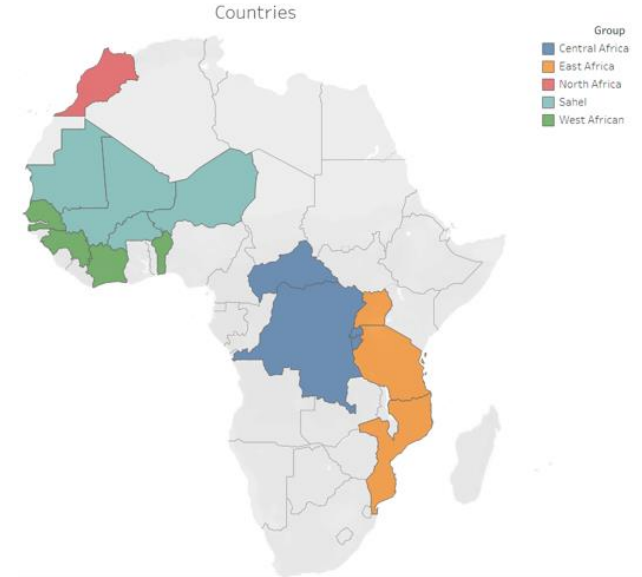


TECHNOLOGICAL

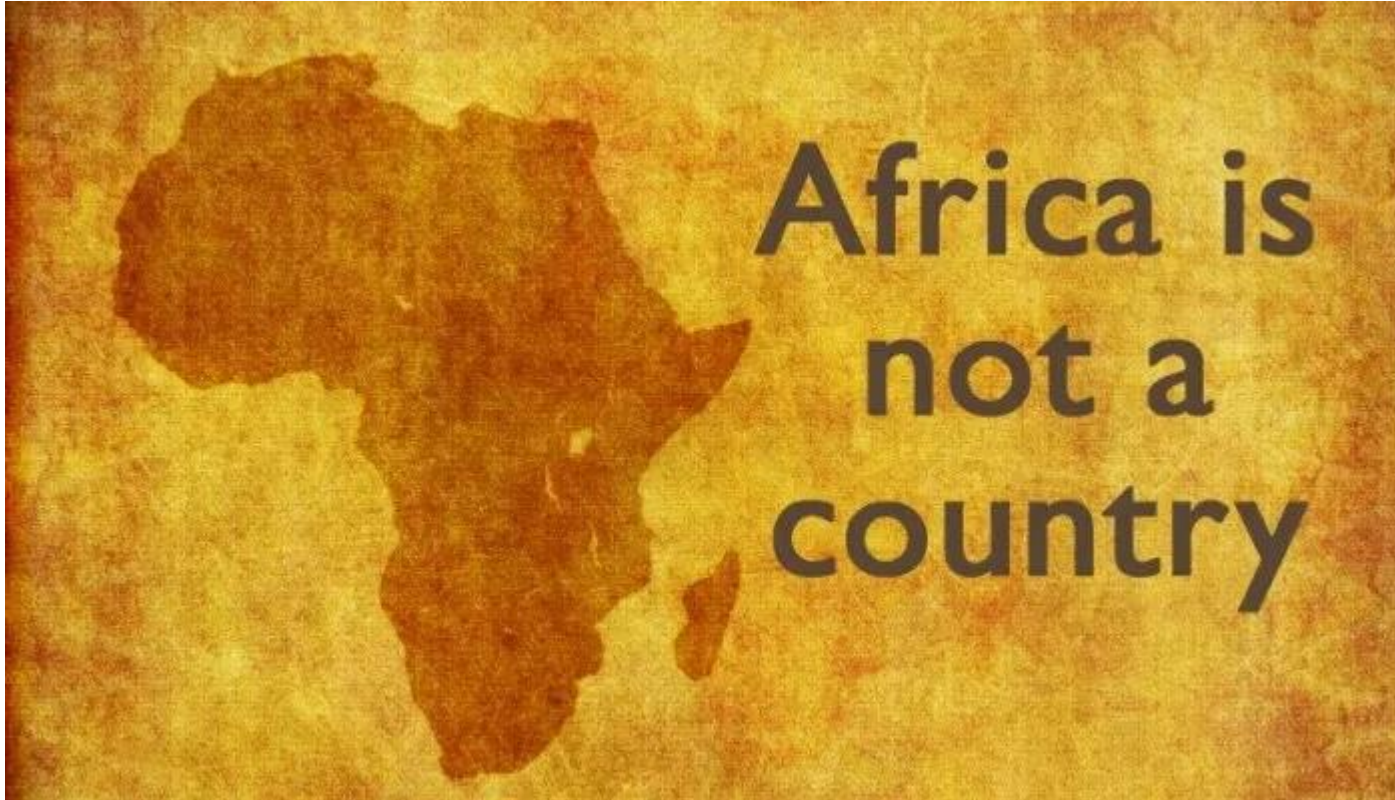
- Digitalization, New Technologies, Rapid Innovation

Our context – Africa

1. **Declining aid inflows & pluralization** of development actors
2. **China & Russia's** influence on governance choices
3. **Quality of democracy** is falling
4. **Deteriorating security** and government effectiveness
5. **Digitalization/innovation** in public services delivery
6. **Expansion of extractive resources** and **climate change** dilemma



Our context – Africa



Our context – Africa



Our context

**The Chinese come with an offer we
can't refuse, European come with
an offer we don't understand**

Ambition 2030

1

Privileged partner of the Belgian government and the European Union and hub for expertise

2

Preferred partner to enable systemic changes

3

Double volume, triple impact

4

Specific areas of expertise and geographical focus

5

Beyond aid

6

Role model and cradle of entrepreneurship and innovation

Five global challenges

In our search for adapted solutions, we strongly believe in empowering women and youths, and we fully exploit the potential of digitisation.



Peace & security



Climate & environment



Human mobility



Social & economic inequality



Urbanisation



Peace & security

Create stable environments to enable sustainable development

- Reform of the security sector (including community policing)
- Fair and inclusive justice
- Citizenship and participation
- Civil registry





Cimate & environment

Tackle the causes of climate change and increase resilience

- Climate-friendly and climate-smart agriculture (sustainable forest and land management)
- Drinking water and productive water
- Green urban development (renewable energy and eco-construction)





Social & economic inequality

Inclusive economic development and less inequality

- Sustainable businesses and decent jobs
- Sustainable and fair value chains (agro-business, port management...)
- Reproductive rights and family planning (She Decides)
- Access to basic services (education, health care, social protection)





Human mobility

Human solutions for migrating people

- Good governance for migrating people
- Protection and resilience during emergencies and in lasting crisis situations
- Involvement of the diaspora





Urbanisation

Building sustainable and inclusive (secondary) cities

- Participative urban planning and management
- Adapted infrastructure and services (roads, waste management, sewerage...)
- Social cohesion in the cities





Global citizenship

Promote global awareness

- Global citizenship education (Kruit, Annoncer la Couleur)
- Other programmes promoting global citizenship (Junior programme, fair trade...)
- Raising awareness about global challenges, in Belgium and abroad



European and international partnerships

More impact

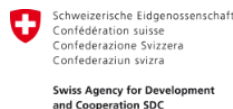
In order to enhance the impact of Belgian cooperation, Enabel also carries out actions in partnership with **Belgian, European and international organisations.**

Team Europe

Enabel is a privileged partner of the European Union for the joint implementation of actions with other European agencies.

Working Better Together

Enabel is member and president (>05/2021) of the **Practitioners' Network**, which includes 17 European development agencies.



Know-how: partners and networks

Enabel uses a comprehensive approach with a view to fully exploit Belgian public know-how.

Partnerships

Enabel has signed more than 60 partnerships with Belgian public entities, universities, national and international research centres, businesses and civil society organisations.

Networks

The agency is affiliated to many expertise networks : Be-Cause Health, Educaid.be, Be-Troplive, Belgian D4D Platform, Learn4Dev, International Network on Fragility and Conflict, DAC Network on Gender Equality, DeloG...



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Current evolutions

1. **More integration with foreign policy / national strategic agenda**
 2. **More transactional – mutual benefits (e.g. migration, strategic corridors)**
 3. **More thematic programs, less country based**
 4. **More European/international**
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- **Belgium needs to position international on what it is strong at, on its niche and core expertise (e.g. vaccines production, Green H2, health systems, logistics), no more development cooperation working in silo**
 - **Belgium needs to consider international cooperation as an investment for its future**

Current evolutions

(Consequence of) Global Changes	ENABEL Strategy Consideration
Climate-focus inevitable	New prominence in strategy (sustainability, resilience, buffering, mitigation of social, economic and political knock-on effects)?
Demography-focus inevitable	New prominence in strategy with consideration of effects on different fields (education, labor market, health, “carrying capacity”, ...)?
Migration-focus inevitable (S-S / S-N)	New prominence in strategy? How to channel influence of right-wing anti-S-N migration discourse?
Technology and Innovation focus inevitable? (“smart substitution”, 3rd sector growth)	New prominence in strategy? Mitigation of negative technology effects?



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