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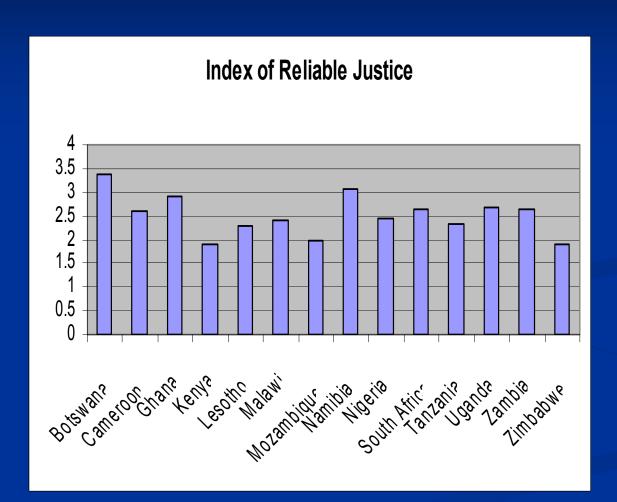
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Factors Affecting Investment for African Entrepreneurs

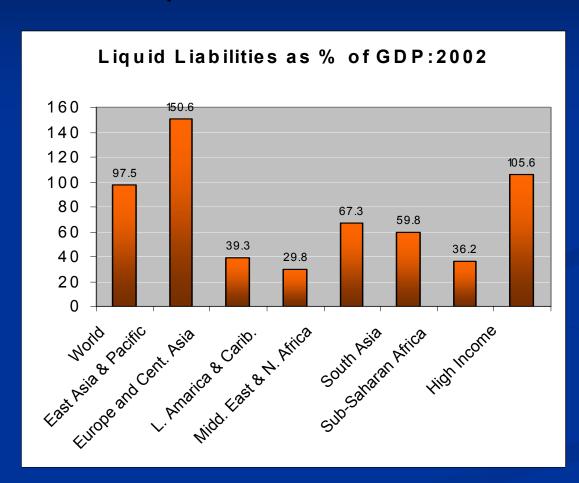
- Property Rights
- Small banking sector
- Shallow Financial markets
- Expensive Capital
- Poor Accounting Standards
- Exchange Rate Volatility
- Monetary Policy Conduct
- Poor Financial Innovation
- Undeveloped Pension Fund System
- Undeveloped Fund Management/Private Equity market
- Slow Privatization
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Property Rights



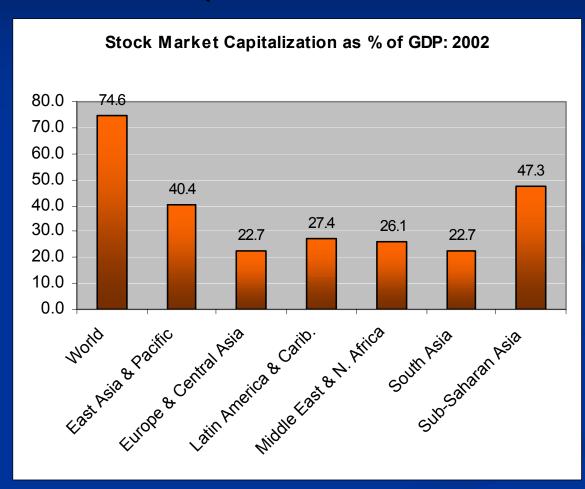
- The protection of property rights is important for realizing one's investment
- In some countries private property is not protected
- State ownership of land hindering entrepreneurship
- Need local partners for investments for protection

Shallow Financial Markets (M3 as % of GDP: 2002)



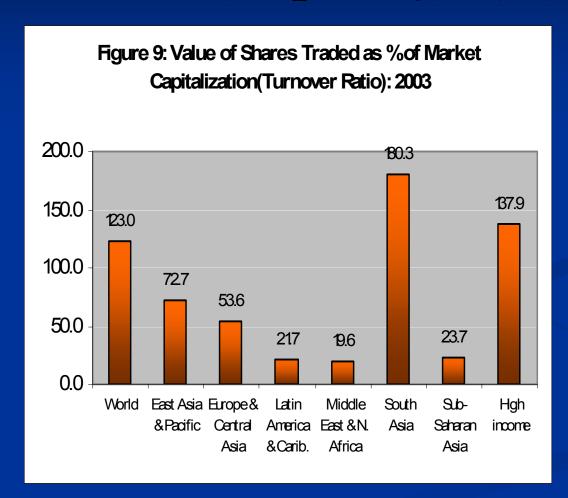
- Small banking sector in Africa hinders risk diversification
- Big projects,
 particularly
 resources and
 infrastructure,
 always need
 foreign funding
 because local
 banking system is
 small

Stock Market Capitalization (as % of GDP: 2002)



- Small African stock markets, if we exclude South Africa
- Equity capital not easy to raise

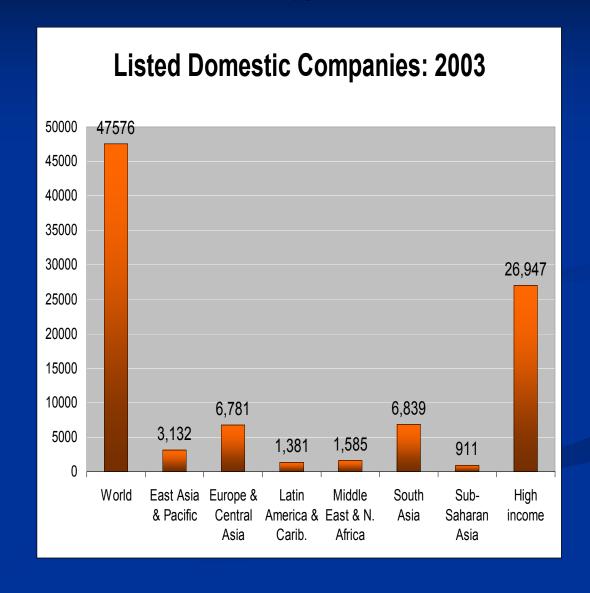
Stock Market Turnover Ratio (Liquidity) (%): 2003



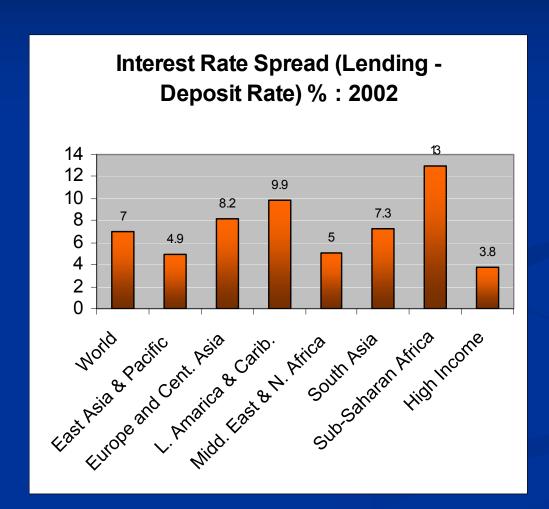
- Turnover ratio
 (Liquidity) for
 Sub-Saharan
 Africa below
 world average
- Affects efficient price discovery
- Discourages global investors

Publicly Listed Companies

- Few publicly listed companies for investment in Africa
- Most companies in South Africa



Expensive Capital: Interest Rate Spreads (%):2002



- Interest rate spread in sub-Saharan Africa is 13 % compared to 7% for the rest of the world
- Capital quite expensive in Africa

Holdings of Government Debt in Africa (1980-2000)

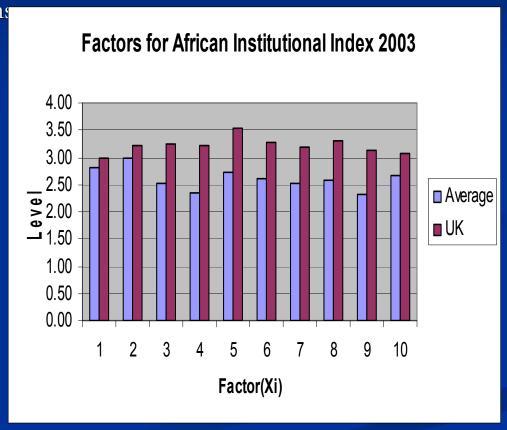
Country	Commercial Bank holdings (%)	Central Bank holdings (%)	Total Banking Sector (%)	Non-bank holdings (%)	
Burundi	22	55	77	23	
Ghana	39	27	66	34	
Kenya	39	39 11 50		50	
Mauritius	40	5	45	55	
Nigeria	30	66	96	4	
Rwanda	21	0	21	79	
Seychelles	86	0	86	14	
Swaziland	66	0	66	34	
Tanzania	42	44	86	14	
Uganda	73	17	90	10	
Zambia	77	0	78	22	
Zimbabwe	35	19	53	47	
Average	54	17	70	30	

Additional Factors

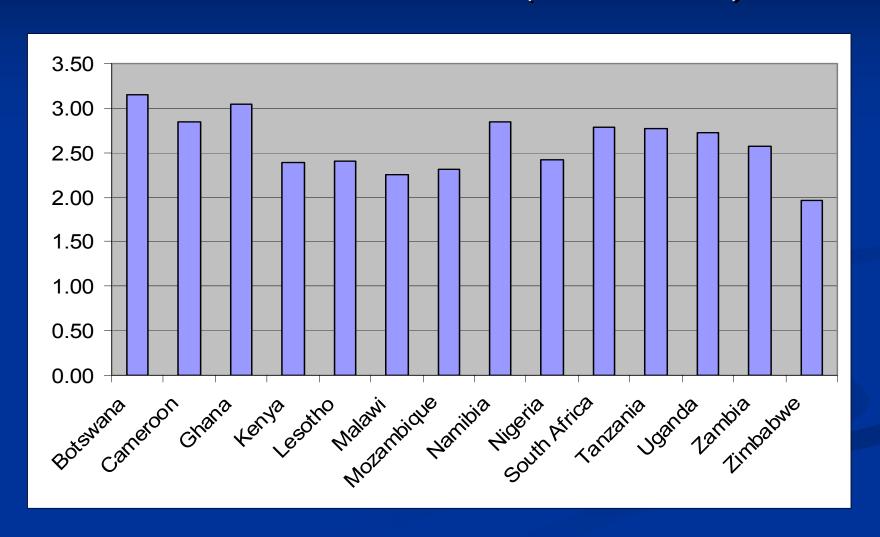
- Exchange Rate Volatility/Exchange Controls
- Monetary Policy Conduct/Crowding Out
- Poor Financial Innovation
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- Slow Privatization
- Human Skills/Migration
- Weak Institutions (both Macro and Micro)

Weak Institutions in Africa: Macro

- 1: Government Business Relations
- 2: Free Media
- 3: Reliable Justice
- 4: Efficient Administration
- **5**: Effective Government
- 6: Corporate Governance
- 7: Human Resources
- 8: Financial Infrastructure and Framework
- 9: Corruption Reduction
- 10: Consistent Policies
- ((FROM CBC..14 countries))



Institutional Ranking of African Countries: 2003..(MACRO)



Institutional Factors: Micro

- Mostly Regulatory factors for business....see "World Bank, Doing Business" survey..
- Number of procedures required to start a business;
- Number of procedures to enforce a contract;
 and
- Amount of time taken to close a business.
- Affects ENTREPRENEURSHIP Activity

Regulatory Conditions For Business

	Number procedures to start a business	Number of procedures to enforce a contract	Months to close a business 5 (Ireland) 120 (Brazil, India, Chad)	
Best country	2 (Australia,Canada,New Zealand)	11 (Australia)		
Worst country	19 (Chad)	58 (Sierra Leone)		
Argentina Brazil	 15 17	33 25	34 120	
Chile	9	28	67	
India	11	40	120	
Mexico	8	37	22	
South Africa	9	26	24	
Thailand	8	26	31	
Uganda	17	15	25	
Venezuela	13	41	48	
Average for developing countries only	12	30	56	

Source: Doing Business, World Bank, 2004

Entrepreneurship (TEA) and Poverty Levels in 25 African Countries

Table5: Regression between Poverty Measures and Total Entrepreneurship Activity (TEA) Index Across 25 Countries

Dependent Variable	Constant	Coefficient	Adjusted-R squared	No. of Observations
% Pop below US\$1 a Day	-2.4408 (-3.6533)*	0.5383 (9.6914)*	0.795	25
% Pop below US\$2 a Day	-5.5075 (-3.3773)*	1.2133 (8.9496)*	0.767	25

^{*}significant at 99% level. Figures in parenthesis are t-values; F-Value = 14.94 and significant at the 99% level.

Poverty Levels vs Micro Institutional factors

Regression of Poverty levels on various factors Constraining Entrepreneurship across 25 countries

Dependent Variable	Constant	Start-up Procedures	Time Taken	Cost of Registration	Capital Requirements	Contract Enforcement	Employment Laws index	Adj- R ²
US\$1 a	-3.123	-0.254	0.0655	0.1576	-0.0448	0.4271	-0.088	0.754
Day	(-1.65)*	(-1.3814)	(2.9219)*	(4.0911)*	(-3.372)*	(4.139)*	(-1.497)	
US\$2 a	-5.4315	-0.4675	0.1680	0.3564	-0.0990	0.9641	-0.2659	0.777
Day	(-0.9278)	(-1.1646)	(3.4352)**	(4.2389)**	(-3.4104)**	(4.2796)**	(-2.0739)*	

Thank You