

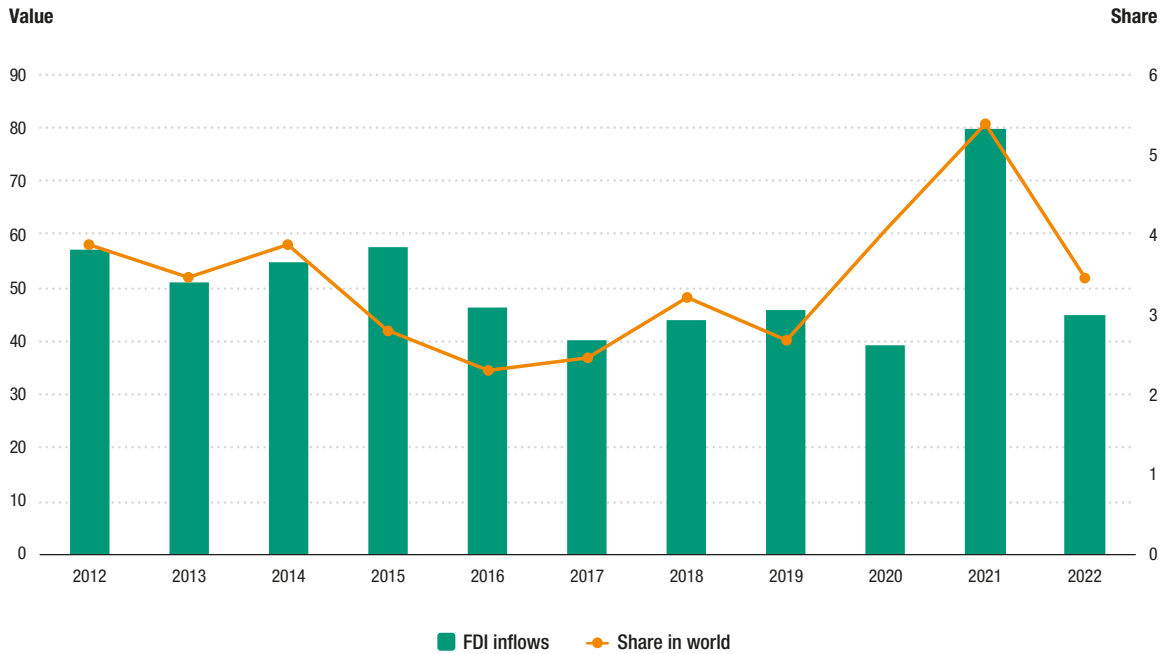
REGIONAL TRENDS

AFRICA

HIGHLIGHTS

- Foreign direct investment (FDI) flows to Africa declined to \$45 billion from the record set in 2021. They accounted for 3.5 per cent of global FDI. The number of greenfield project announcements rose by 39 per cent to 766. Six of the top 15 greenfield investment megaprojects (those worth more than \$10 billion) announced in 2022 were in Africa.
 - In North Africa, Egypt saw FDI more than double to \$11 billion as a result of increased cross-border merger and acquisition (M&A) sales. Announced greenfield projects more than doubled in number, to 161. International project finance deals rose in value by two thirds, to \$24 billion. Flows to Morocco decreased slightly, by 6 per cent, to \$2.1 billion.
 - In West Africa, Nigeria saw FDI flows turn negative to -\$187 million as a result of equity divestments. Announced greenfield projects, however, rose by 24 per cent to \$2 billion. Flows to Senegal remained flat at \$2.6 billion. FDI flows to Ghana fell by 39 per cent to \$1.5 billion.
 - In East Africa, flows to Ethiopia decreased by 14 per cent to \$3.7 billion; the country remained the second largest FDI recipient on the continent. FDI to Uganda grew by 39 per cent to \$1.5 billion on investment in extractive industries. FDI to the United Republic of Tanzania increased by 8 per cent to \$1.1 billion.
 - In Central Africa, FDI in the Democratic Republic of the Congo remained flat at \$1.8 billion, with investment sustained by flows to offshore oil fields and mining.
 - In Southern Africa, flows returned to the five-year average of 2015–2019 after the anomalous peak in 2021 caused by a large corporate reconfiguration in South Africa. FDI in South Africa was \$9 billion – well below the 2021 level but double the average of the last decade. Cross-border M&A sales in the country reached \$4.8 billion from \$280 million in 2021. In Zambia, after two years of negative values, FDI rose to \$116 million.
- Over the past five years, FDI inflows have risen in four of the regional economic groupings on the continent. FDI in the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa grew by 14 per cent to \$22 billion. Flows rose also in the Southern African Development Community (quadrupling, to \$10 billion), the West African Economic and Monetary Union (doubling, to \$5.2 billion) and the East African Community (up 9 per cent, to \$3.8 billion).
- Intraregional investment remained relatively small, despite an increase over the past five years. In 2022, intraregional greenfield project announcements represented 15 per cent of all projects in Africa (2 per cent in terms of value), as compared with 13 per cent (2 per cent in value) in 2017. However, looking at announced projects invested in by only African MNEs, three quarters of their value remained on the continent.
- In 2022, the biggest increase in announced greenfield projects was in energy and gas supply (to \$120 billion from \$24 billion in 2021). Project values in construction and extractive industries also rose, to \$24 billion and \$21 billion, respectively. The information and communication sector registered the highest number of projects.
- International project finance deals targeting Africa showed a decline of 47 per cent in value (\$74 billion, down from \$140 billion in 2021) but a 15 per cent increase in project numbers, to 157.
- European investors remain, by far, the largest holders of FDI stock in Africa, led by the United Kingdom (\$60 billion), France (\$54 billion) and the Netherlands (\$54 billion).

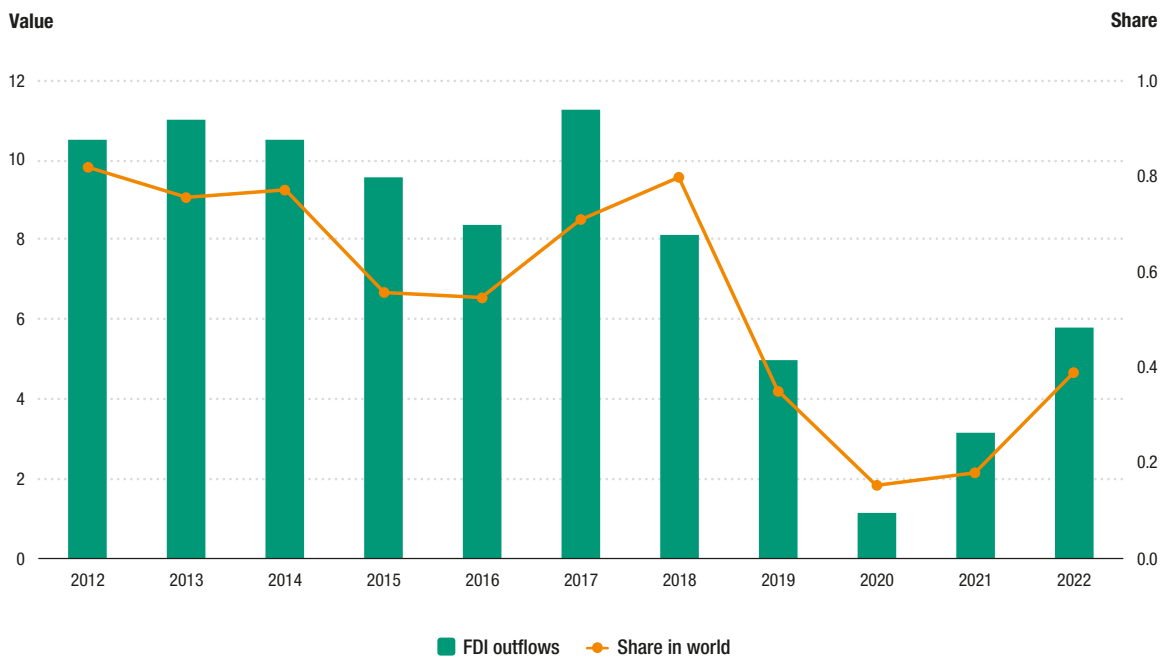
Figure 1. | Africa: FDI inflows and share in world inflows, 2012–2022 (Billions of dollars and per cent)



Source: UNCTAD, FDI/MNE database (<https://unctad.org/fdistatistics>).

Note: Data excludes financial centres in the Caribbean and special-purpose entities in reporting countries.

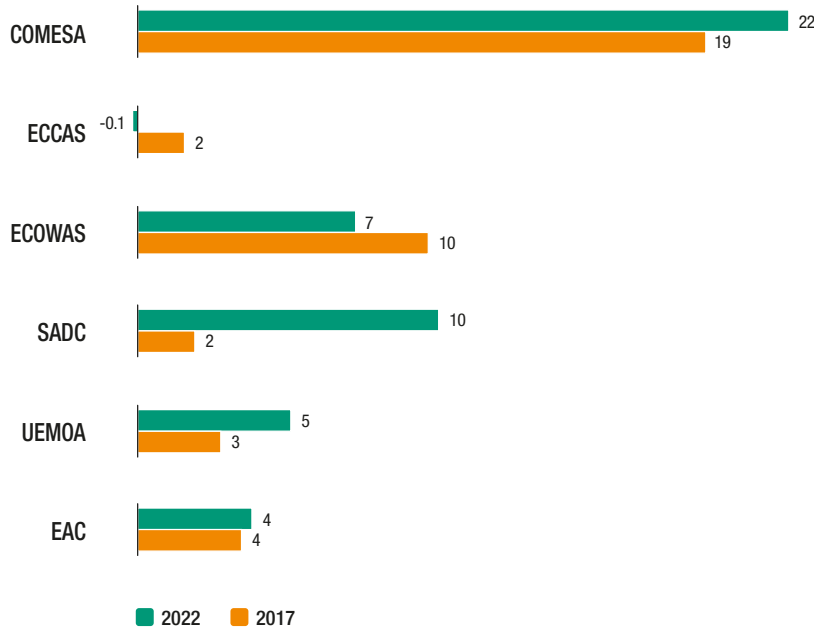
Figure 2. | Africa: FDI outflows and share in world outflows, 2012–2022 (Billions of dollars and per cent)



Source: UNCTAD, FDI/MNE database (<https://unctad.org/fdistatistics>).

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Figure 3. | Africa: FDI in regional groupings, 2017 and 2022 (Billions of dollars)



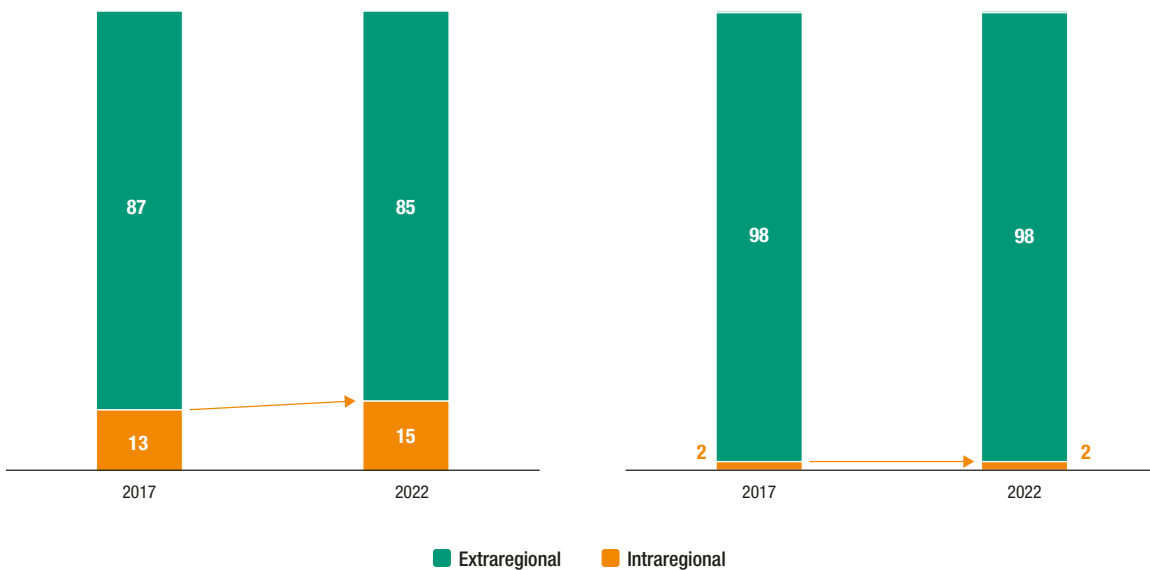
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Note: COMESA = Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, EAC = East Africa Community, ECCAS = Economic Community of Central African States, ECOWAS = Economic Community of West African States, SADC = Southern African Development Community, UEMOA = West African Economic and Monetary Union.

Figure 4. | Africa: announced intraregional greenfield investment projects, 2017 and 2022 (Per cent)

a. By number

b. By value



Source: UNCTAD, based on information from The Financial Times Ltd, fDi Markets (www.fDimarkets.com).

Table 1. Africa: FDI inflows and cross-border M&A sales, 2020–2022 (Millions of dollars, number and per cent)

Subregion/selected economy	FDI				Net cross-border M&A sales							
	Value				Value				Number			
	2020	2021	2022	Growth rate, 2021–2022 (%)	2020	2021	2022	Growth rate, 2021–2022 (%)	2020	2021	2022	Growth rate, 2021–2022 (%)
Africa	39 195	79 583	44 929	-44	3 334	-1 493	8 667	..	87	125	122	-2
North Africa	9 800	9 509	15 038	58	93	10	3 530	..	35	49	57	16
Algeria	1 143	870	89	-90	-8	-	-	..	-1	2	-	..
Egypt	5 852	5 122	11 400	123	135	29	3 392	..	20	26	42	62
Morocco	1 419	2 266	2 141	-6	28	-19	138	..	9	13	12	-8
Tunisia	652	660	713	8	-61	-	0.3	..	7	8	2	-75
Other Africa	29 395	70 074	29 891	-57	3 241	-1 503	5 137	..	52	76	65	-14
West Africa	8 857	12 947	8 454	-35	817	-348	273	..	14	14	12	-14
Ghana	1 333	2 414	1 473	-39	-	96	-	..	1	1	1	0
Nigeria	2 385	3 313	-187	..	417	-713	417	..	7	2	4	100
Senegal	1 846	2 588	2 586	0	400	188	-	..	2	1	3	200
Central Africa	9 338	6 488	6 006	-7	95	50	-	..	-1	5	3	-40
Congo	4 016	532	532	0	-	-	-	..	-	-	-	..
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	1 647	1 870	1 846	-1	-	-	-	..	-	-	-	..
Gabon	1 717	1 529	1 105	-28	-	50	-	..	-1	1	-	..
East Africa	6 329	8 433	8 726	3	56	609	34	-94	15	24	18	-25
Ethiopia	2 381	4 259	3 670	-14	-	-	-	..	3	-	-	..
Kenya	717	463	759	64	48	386	33	-91	7	15	10	-33
Uganda	874	1 100	1 526	39	-	37	-	..	2	2	1	-50
United Republic of Tanzania	944	1 033	1 111	8	-	1	-	..	-	2	2	0
Southern Africa	4 871	42 206	6 704	-84	2 273	-1 814	4 829	..	24	33	32	-3
Mozambique	3 035	5 102	1 975	-61	-	-	-	..	1	-1	-1	..
South Africa	3 062	40 948	9 051	-78	2 239	280	4 760	1599	19	30	30	0
<i>Memorandum</i>												
World	961 983	1 478 137	1 294 738	-12	474 864	737 452	706 572	-4	6 201	8 571	7 763	-9
Developed economies	315 461	597 243	378 320	-37	388 581	624 070	599 315	-4	5 333	7 610	6 710	-12
Developing economies	646 522	880 894	916 418	4	86 283	113 382	107 257	-5	868	961	1 053	10

Source: UNCTAD, FDI/MNE database (<https://unctad.org/fdistatistics>) and information from Refinitiv SA.
Note: Data excludes financial centres in the Caribbean and special-purpose entities in reporting countries.

Table 2. Africa: announced greenfield projects and international project finance deals, 2020–2022 (Millions of dollars, number and per cent)

Subregion/selected economy	Greenfield investment projects								International project finance deals							
	Value				Number				Value				Number			
	2020	2021	2022	Growth rate, 2021–2022 (%)	2020	2021	2022	Growth rate, 2021–2022 (%)	2020	2021	2022	Growth rate, 2021–2022 (%)	2020	2021	2022	Growth rate, 2021–2022 (%)
Africa	36 040	52 220	194 903	273	572	551	766	39	37 455	139 797	73 759	-47	96	136	157	15
North Africa	5 837	19 999	130 026	550	134	143	259	81	2 907	49 982	32 751	-34	13	26	32	23
Algeria	82	861	136	-84	6	10	4	-60	-	11 273	169	-98	-	3	1	-67
Egypt	2 284	14 969	107 490	618	53	65	161	148	1 713	14 305	23 705	66	4	17	17	0
Morocco	2 659	3 775	15 328	306	62	52	71	37	1 149	23 994	681	-97	8	3	6	100
Tunisia	479	276	409	48	10	8	14	75	-	-	2 201	..	-	-	3	..
Other Africa	30 203	32 221	64 877	101	438	408	507	24	34 547	89 814	41 007	-54	83	110	125	14
West Africa	10 595	7 455	6 654	-11	153	127	143	13	5 647	56 244	6 886	-88	21	38	29	-24
Ghana	1 375	1 335	1 333	0	34	29	39	34	-	1 799	358	-80	-	6	2	-67
Nigeria	6 143	1 636	2 027	24	54	44	50	14	-	7 332	2 454	-67	-	10	9	-10
Senegal	606	654	1 426	118	10	8	14	75	1 870	738	1 194	62	6	4	2	-50
Central Africa	4 409	2 822	4 779	69	36	29	26	-10	3 730	1 867	4 410	136	13	10	14	40
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	1 172	197	3 309	1 583	12	4	6	50	2 891	699	934	34	8	2	4	100
Gabon	2 479	2 120	209	-90	5	5	2	-60	-	815	1 427	75	-	4	4	0
Rwanda	242	275	368	34	5	10	10	0	-	-	-	..	-	-	-	..
East Africa	2 916	3 928	16 995	333	90	82	121	48	8 452	2 541	2 458	-3	14	11	15	36
Ethiopia	530	137	558	308	11	7	6	-14	4 267	692	213	-69	3	5	1	-80
Kenya	758	2 171	2 011	-7	44	41	69	68	164	174	466	167	3	1	3	200
Uganda	354	282	10 201	3 519	5	8	10	25	1 749	16	202	1 164	3	1	1	0
United Republic of Tanzania	234	1 009	1 353	34	12	15	24	60	2 140	1 129	944	-16	3	1	6	500
Southern Africa	12 283	18 015	36 449	102	159	170	217	28	16 718	29 162	27 253	-7	35	51	67	31
Namibia	159	4 594	540	-88	6	5	10	100	248	10 450	3 471	-67	1	4	5	25
South Africa	6 662	5 275	26 777	408	103	119	160	34	469	11 784	16 690	42	7	18	45	150
<i>Memorandum</i>																
World	603 933	738 636	1 212 651	64	13 394	15 318	17 598	15	534 407	1 383 799	1 044 046	-25	1 353	2 383	2 564	8
Developed economies	333 356	465 124	639 446	37	9 101	10 342	10 790	4	300 141	774 305	665 215	-14	797	1 413	1 549	10
Developing economies	270 577	273 512	573 205	110	4 293	4 976	6 808	37	234 267	609 494	378 831	-38	556	970	1 015	5

Source: UNCTAD based on information from The Financial Times Ltd, fDi Markets (www.fdimarkets.com) and Refinitiv SA.
Note: Data excludes financial centres in the Caribbean.

Table 3. Africa: announced greenfield projects, by sector and selected industries, 2020–2022 (Millions of dollars, number and per cent)

Sector/industry	Value			Growth rate, 2021–2022 (%)	Number			Growth rate, 2021–2022 (%)
	2020	2021	2022		2021	2021	2022	
Total	36 040	52 220	194 903	273	572	551	766	39
Primary	1 387	3 822	21 403	460	12	16	21	31
Manufacturing	8 601	10 525	10 154	-4	200	159	205	29
Services	26 052	37 873	163 347	331	360	376	540	44
<i>Top 10 industries in value terms</i>								
Energy and gas supply	10 258	24 382	119 653	391	38	40	70	75
Construction	404	2 781	24 009	763	5	6	7	17
Extractive industries	1 103	3 606	21 372	493	8	11	20	82
Transportation and storage	1 448	2 676	7 452	178	28	63	78	24
Information and communication	10 346	4 336	6 674	54	119	114	159	39
Other non-metallic mineral products	1 087	2 562	1 867	-27	18	12	13	8
Automotive	1 120	1 342	1 753	31	29	19	24	26
Professional services	844	992	1 479	49	35	42	60	43
Chemicals	1 012	547	1 353	147	15	11	20	82
Food, beverages and tobacco	1 389	679	1 186	75	39	19	30	58

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Table 4. Africa: announced international project finance deals, selected industries, 2020–2022 (Millions of dollars, number and per cent)

Sector/industry	Value			Growth rate, 2021–2022 (%)	Number			Growth rate, 2021–2022 (%)
	2020	2021	2022		2021	2021	2022	
Total	37 455	139 797	73 759	-47	96	136	157	15
<i>Top 10 industries by number</i>								
Renewable energy	12 611	32 409	22 088	-32	41	46	78	70
Mining	4 565	3 753	2 826	-25	19	17	14	-18
Power	1 734	61 299	20 772	-66	6	12	13	8
Oil and gas	829	15 298	5 713	-63	3	16	9	-44
Industrial real estate	1 168	2 426	3 968	64	6	10	8	-20
Petrochemicals	369	5 800	6 462	11	2	1	7	600
Water and sewerage	354	216	3 263	1 414	2	3	7	133
Transport infrastructure	15 069	3 828	5 279	38	10	7	6	-14
Telecommunication	-	1 977	727	-63	-	4	5	25
Education	-	172	312	82	-	3	4	33

Source: UNCTAD, based on information from Refinitiv SA.

Table 5. Africa: net cross-border M&A sales, by sector and selected industries, 2020–2022 (Millions of dollars, number and per cent)

Sector/industry	Value			Growth rate, 2021–2022 (%)	Number			Growth rate, 2021–2022 (%)
	2020	2021	2022		2021	2021	2022	
Total	3 334	-1 493	8 667	..	87	125	122	-2
Primary	498	-2 543	0.2	..	9	12	-3	..
Manufacturing	2 247	536	3 010	461	18	18	31	72
Services	590	513	5 656	1 002	60	95	94	-1
<i>Top 10 industries in value terms</i>								
Information and communication	193	166	2 323	1 296	9	18	17	-6
Finance and insurance	74	778	1 540	98	20	31	24	-23
Transportation and storage	235	50	1 375	2 650	6	6	7	17
Chemicals	38	30	1 257	4 090	6	-	9	..
Non-metallic mineral products	0.2	-	1 000	..	2	-	5	..
Food, beverages and tobacco	1 438	-23	455	..	1	6	8	33
Administrative and support services	-	298	295	-1	2	3	7	133
Rubber and plastics products	-	-	160	..	-	1	3	200
Pharmaceuticals	776	-	130	..	5	2	4	100
Professional services	-	7	103	1 404	3	11	9	-18

Source: UNCTAD, based on information from Refinitiv SA.

Table 6. Africa: investment project announcements in SDG-relevant sectors, 2020–2022 (Millions of dollars, number and per cent)

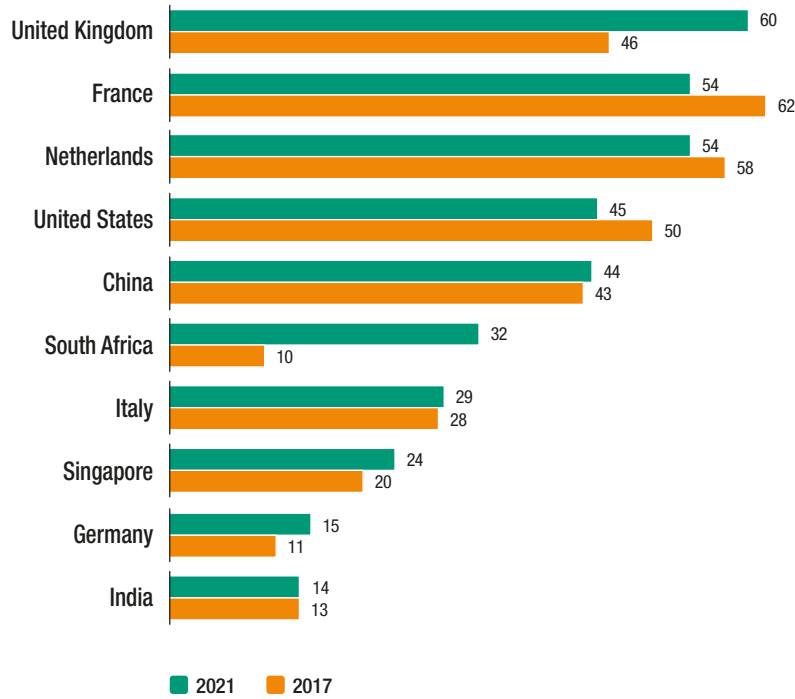
SDG-relevant sector	Greenfield projects				International project finance deals			
	2020	2021	2022	Growth rate, 2021–2022 (%)	2020	2021	2022	Growth rate, 2021–2022 (%)
Total	24 004	32 593	132 660	307	29 930	107 293	54 270	-49
Value	24 004	32 593	132 660	307	29 930	107 293	54 270	-49
Number of projects	221	211	292	38	60	79	116	47
Power^a								
Value	700	2 672	1 717	-36	1 734	61 299	20 772	-66
Number of projects	3	3	2	-33	6	12	13	8
Renewable energy								
Value	9 587	21 711	117 935	443	12 611	32 409	22 088	-32
Number of projects	37	38	68	79	41	46	78	70
Transport services^b								
Value	1 439	2 182	3 952	81	15 069	3 828	5 279	38
Number of projects	27	60	77	28	10	7	6	-14
Telecommunication								
Value	9 519	3 365	5 209	55	-	1 977	727	-63
Number of projects	67	44	59	34	-	4	5	25
Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)								
Value	339	903	214	-76	354	216	3 263	1 414
Number of projects	3	3	5	67	2	3	7	133
Agrifood systems								
Value	1 996	1 149	2 383	107	164	7 192	1 829	-75
Number of projects	55	36	47	31	1	3	3	0
Health								
Value	275	341	933	174	-	200	-	..
Number of projects	14	12	17	42	-	1	-	..
Education								
Value	149	271	317	17	-	172	312	82
Number of projects	15	15	17	13	-	3	4	33

Source: UNCTAD, based on information from The Financial Times Ltd, fDi Markets (www.fdimarkets.com) and Refinitiv SA.

^a Excluding renewable energy.

^b Transport services for greenfield projects and transport infrastructure for project finance.

Figure 5. | Africa: top 10 investor economies by FDI stock, 2017 and 2021 (Billions of dollars)



Source: UNCTAD, FDI/MNE database (<https://unctad.org/fdistatistics>).