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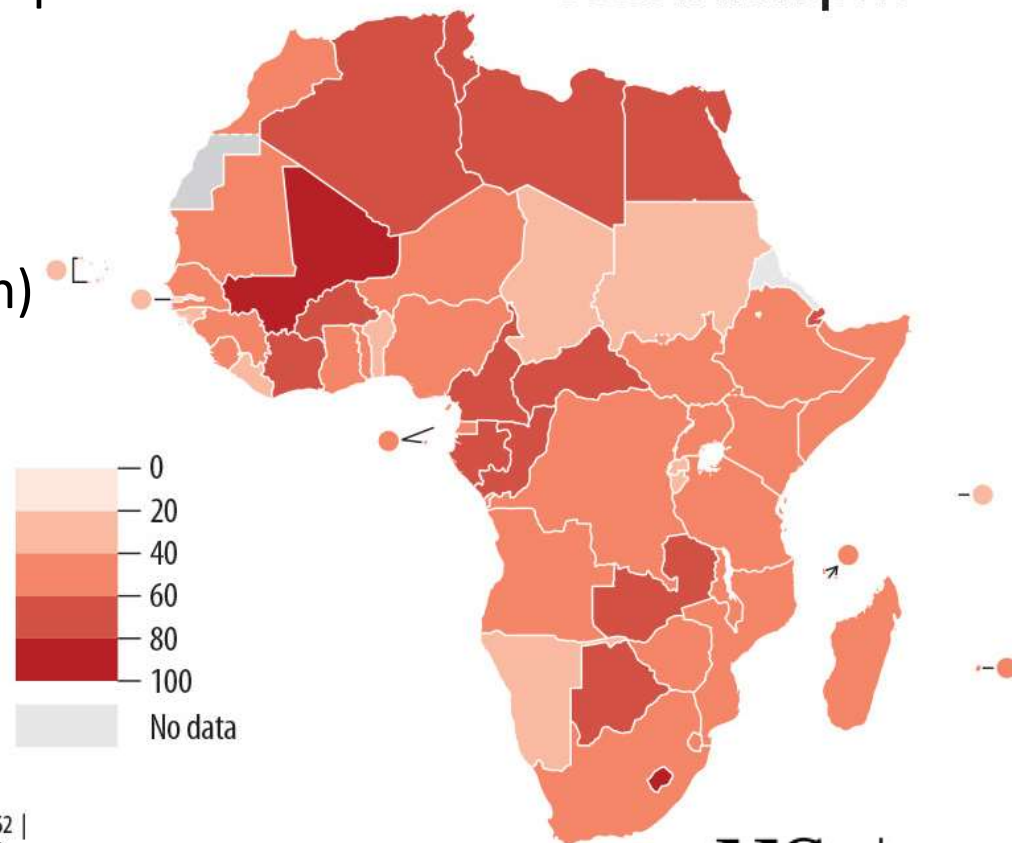
WB-WTO Services Trade Restrictions Index: Africa

Services trade **policies** \Rightarrow Services trade **flows** \Rightarrow Structural **transformation**

Explore the role of services trade policies:

- 1) for services trade costs and connectivity
- 2) for ease of trading goods (agricultural and value-chain)

Sector: Transport

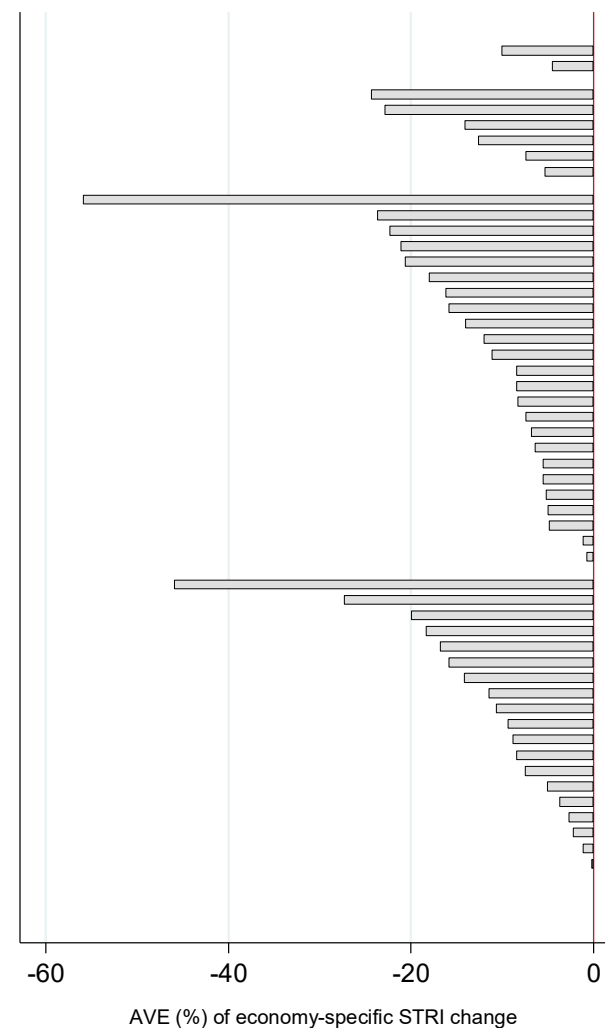


Development Outcomes

Trade cost changes for transport services (AVEs)

Significant gains in connectivity to support diversification and structural change

- ▶ Counterfactual scenario of liberalising Mode 3 policies for transport sector
- ▶ Lower costs for trading transportation services for range of 54 African economies
- ▶ But true elasticity of transport services to transport policies remains unknown



Suggestions

Suggestions on improving existing services trade flows:

- ▶ **Bilateral** services trade flows **by sector** for African economies as foundation for research into trade costs and diversification
 - ↳ Note that policy data is broken out by Mode of Supply
- ▶ Explore strategies to enhance granularity of services trade stats
 - ↳ Synchronize trade and output statistics (for 'domestic trade')
 - ↳ Reduce share of unallocated World services trade items

Suggestions on more novel services trade statistics:

- ▶ Embodied services inputs and value-added trade
- ▶ Growing salience of digitally enabled services trade