

# Potential of bio-wastes as replacement for cement in Africa

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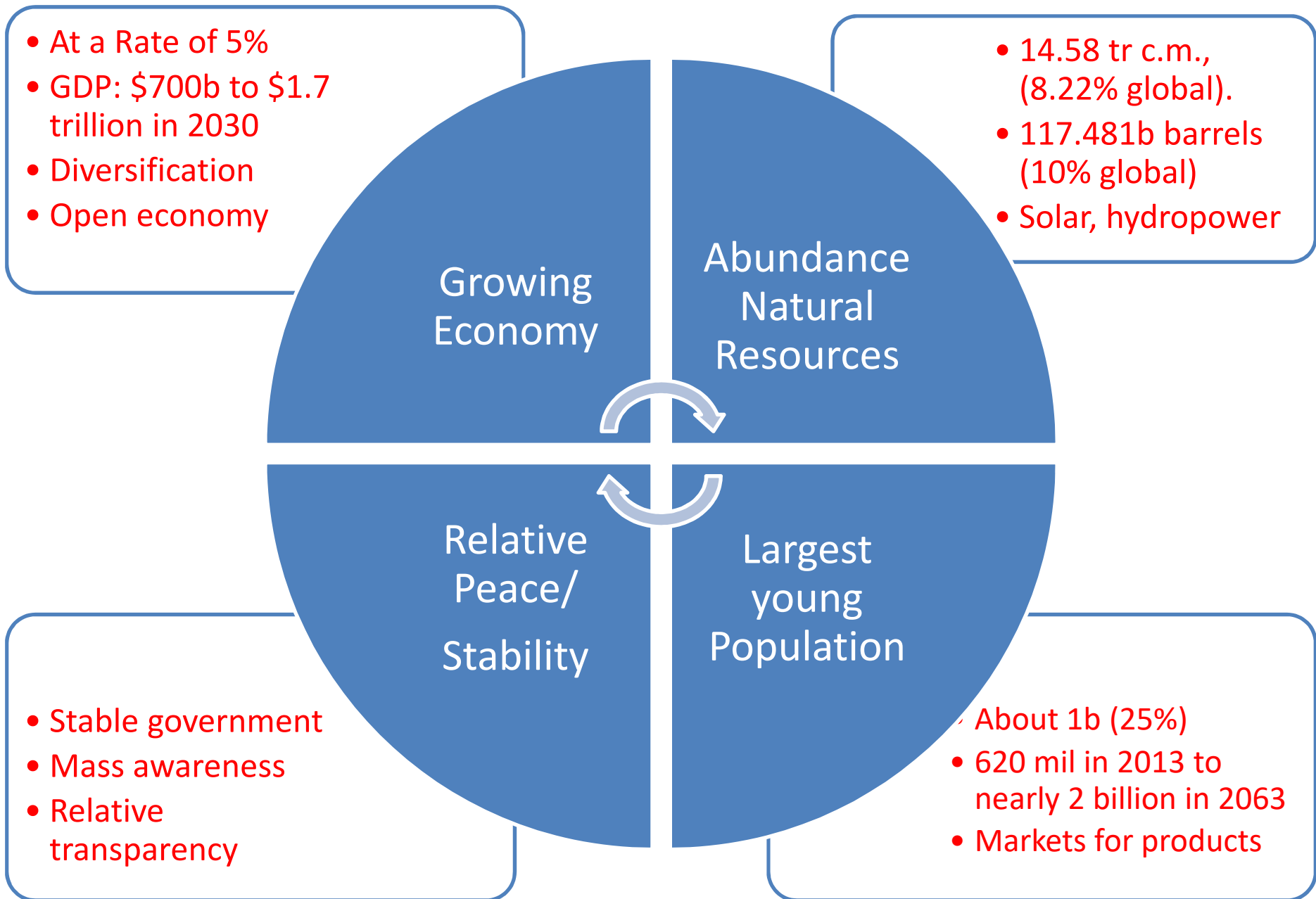
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# AFRICA IS A SUPER BIG CONTINENT

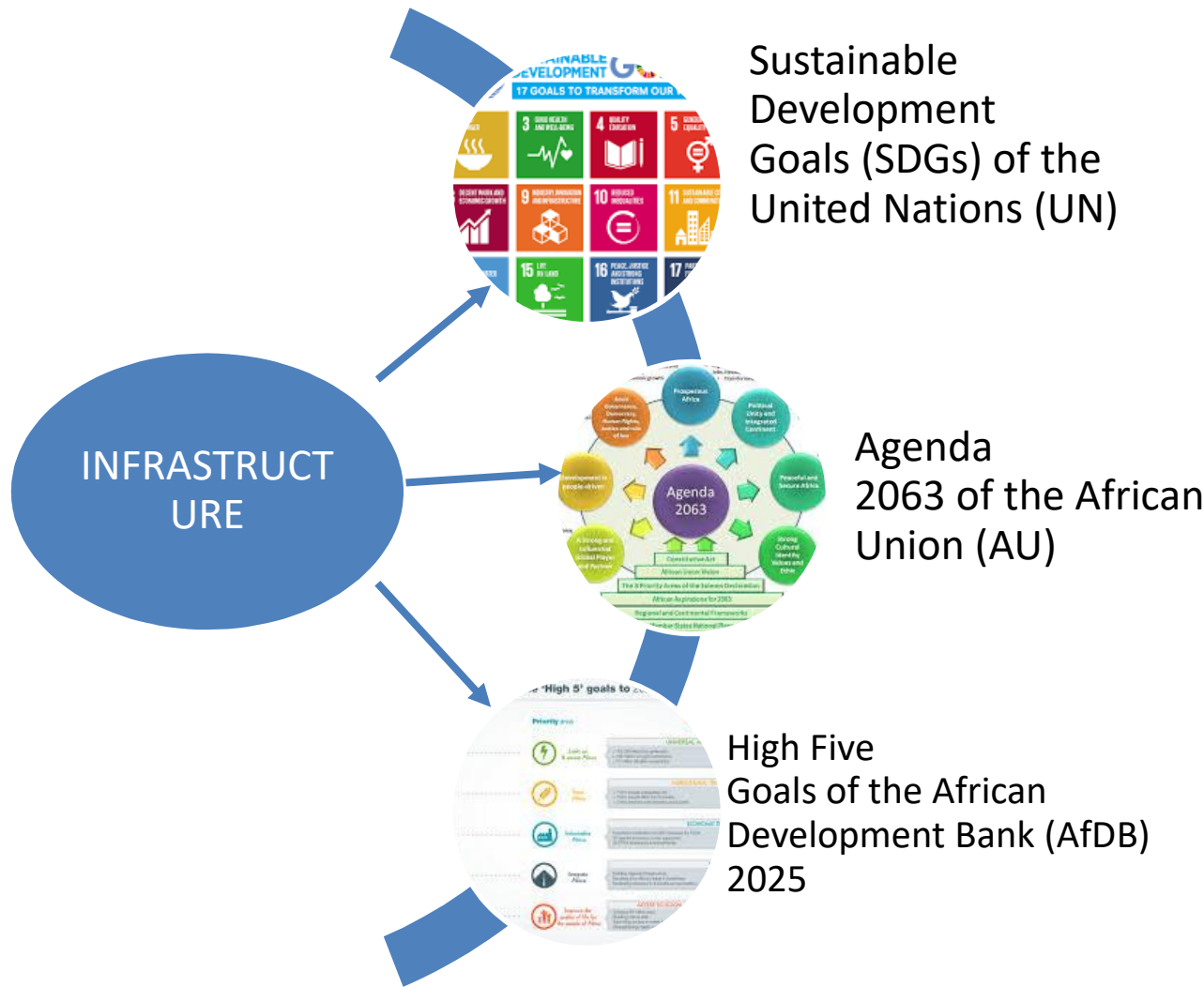
<b>Area (Mln sq km)</b>	
China	9.6
USA	9.4
India	3.3
W Europe	4.9
Argentina	2.8
New Zealand	0.3
	<b>30.2</b>
<b>Africa</b>	<b>30.3</b>



(SOPAF HR,  
2019)



# Infrastructure is key to African Growth



# Glimpse of Infrastructure Deficit in Africa

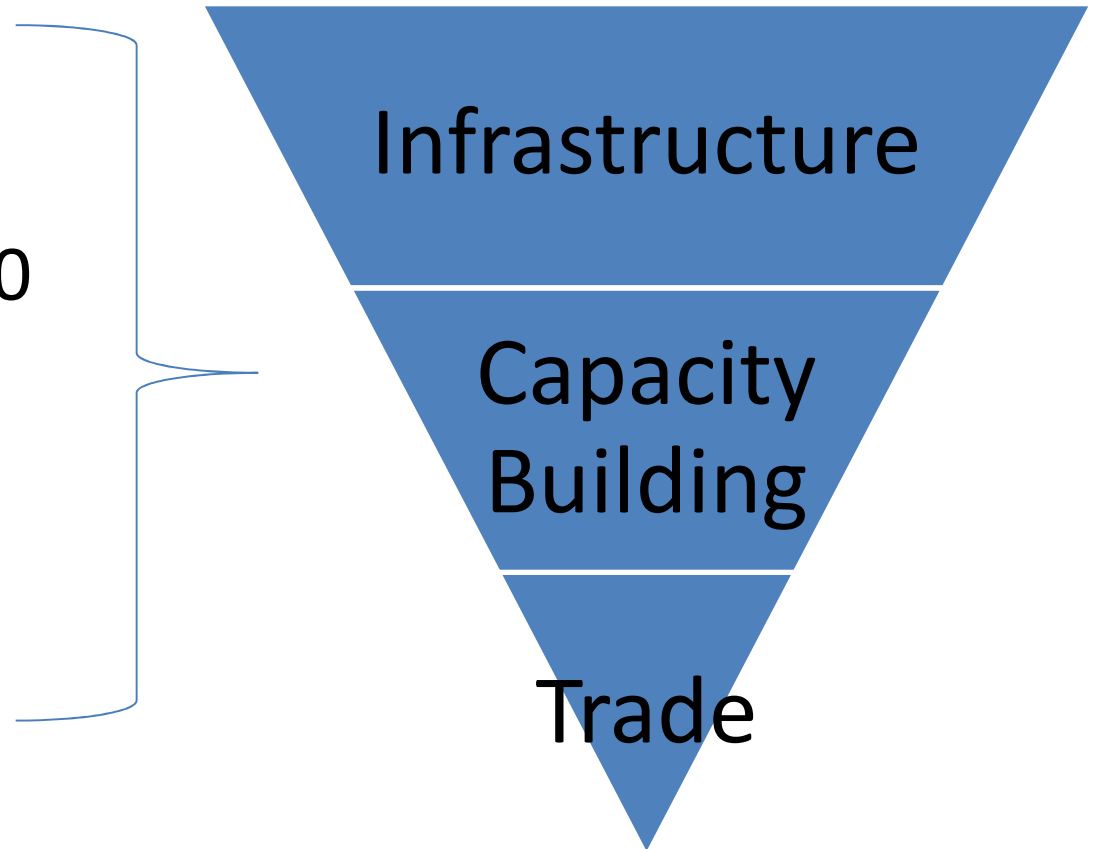
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Africa is Rebounding and Responding

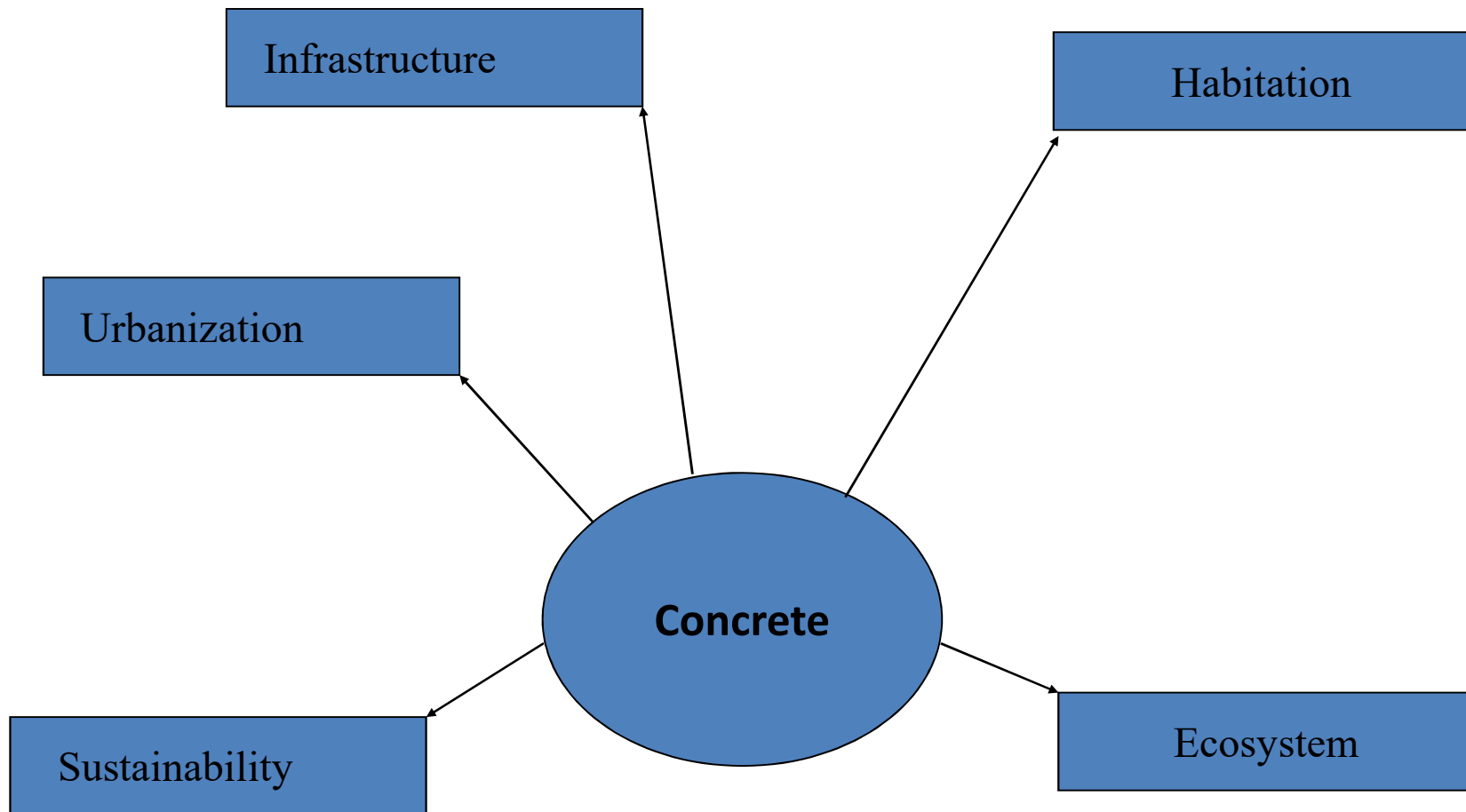
capita in the United States and 6,500 kWh in Europe.

# Development Plans in African Countries

- Rwanda – 2040
- Nigeria – 2020
- South Africa – 2030
- Kenya – 2030
- Tanzania – 2025
- Ghana - 2020
- Cameroun – 2035



# Cement is Universal



# Cement is central to Africa's Infrastructure

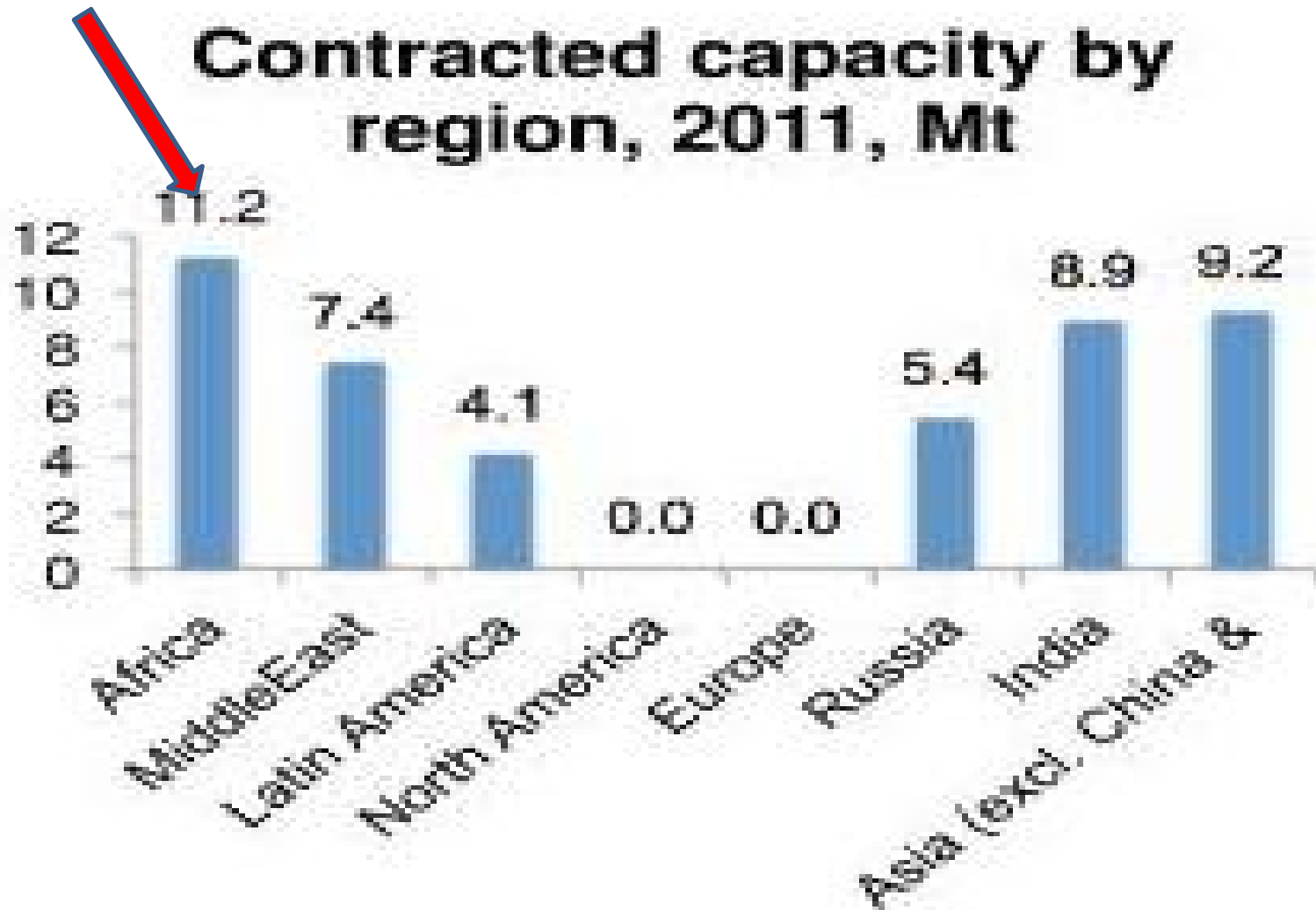


“Africa’s future  
growth is intrinsically  
linked to cement”

Dangote



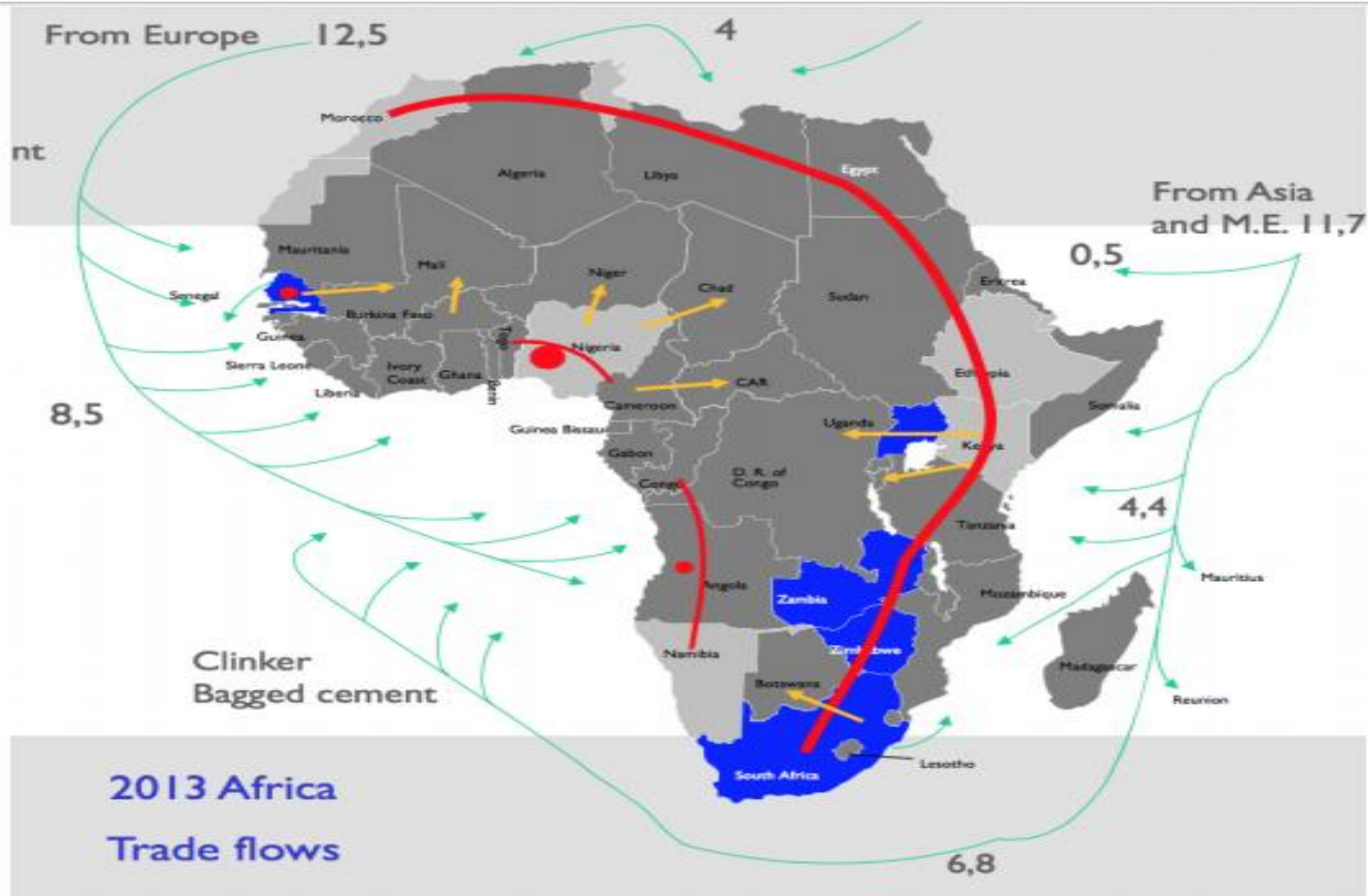
# Africa is attracting investment in cement



Company	Grinding capacity (millions MT)	Countries of operation in Sub-Saharan Africa
Dangote Cement	20.7	Nigeria, Benin, Cameroon, Zambia, Senegal, Cote d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ghana, Cameroon, Congo-Brazzaville, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, South Africa.
Lafarge	19.5	Nigeria, Cameroon, Benin, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, South Africa.
PPC	18.0	South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe.
Heidelberg	6.7	Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Gabon, Tanzania.
Afrisam	5.8	South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Tanzania.
ARM Cement	5.5	Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, South Africa.
Sococim	4.2	Senegal.
Holcim	3.0	Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Nigeria, Tanzania, South Africa.
Derba Midroc Cement	2.5	Ethiopia.
WACEM	2.0	Togo, Ghana.
<b>Total</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Ecobank Research estimates.

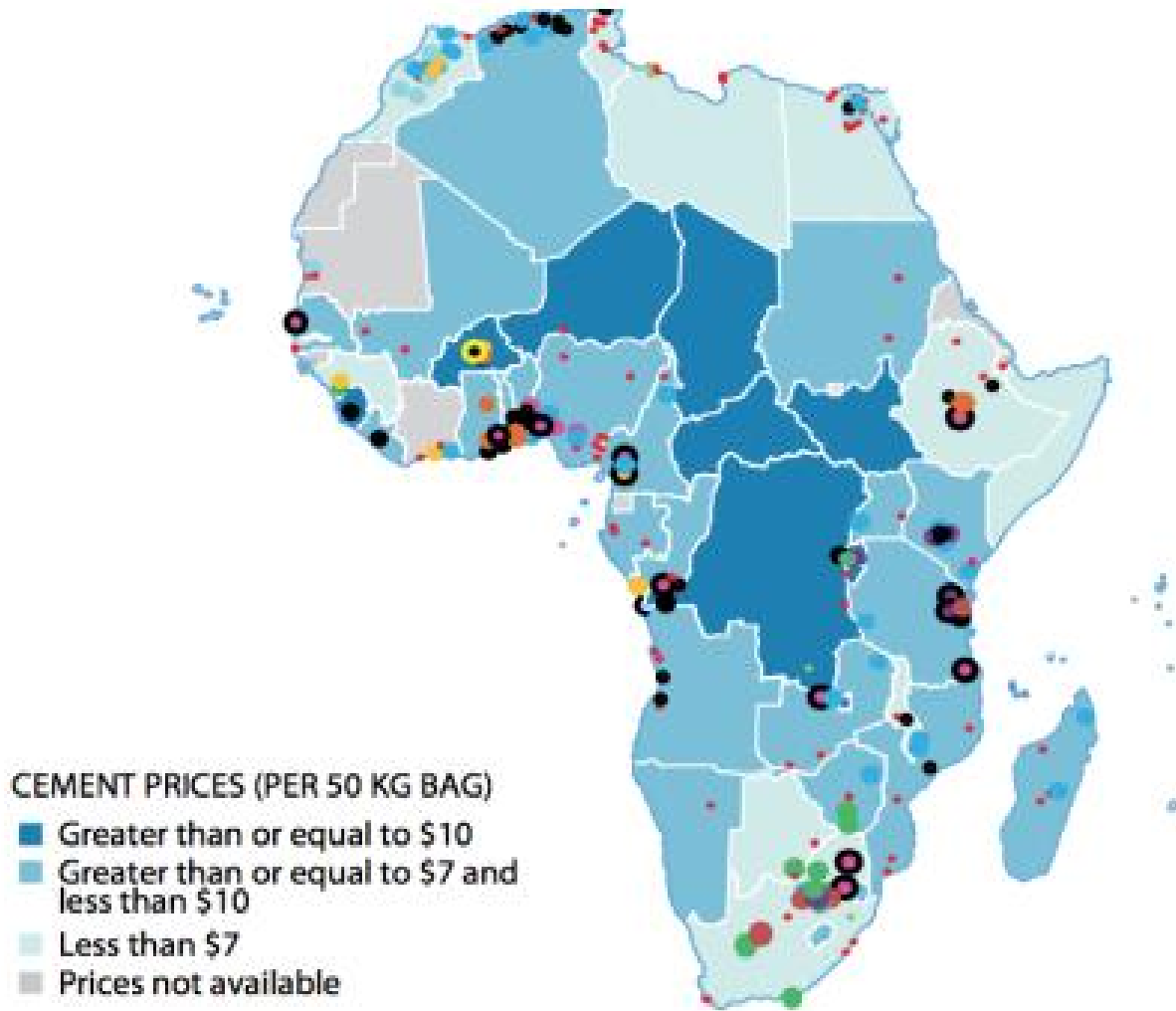
# Supply Chain of Cement in Africa



Source: Lightart, 2014

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# Price of cement is high



Compare:  
Europe: \$3.75  
Asia: \$3.52

## Causes:

- High energy consumption
- High cost of haulage
- Importation of most parts

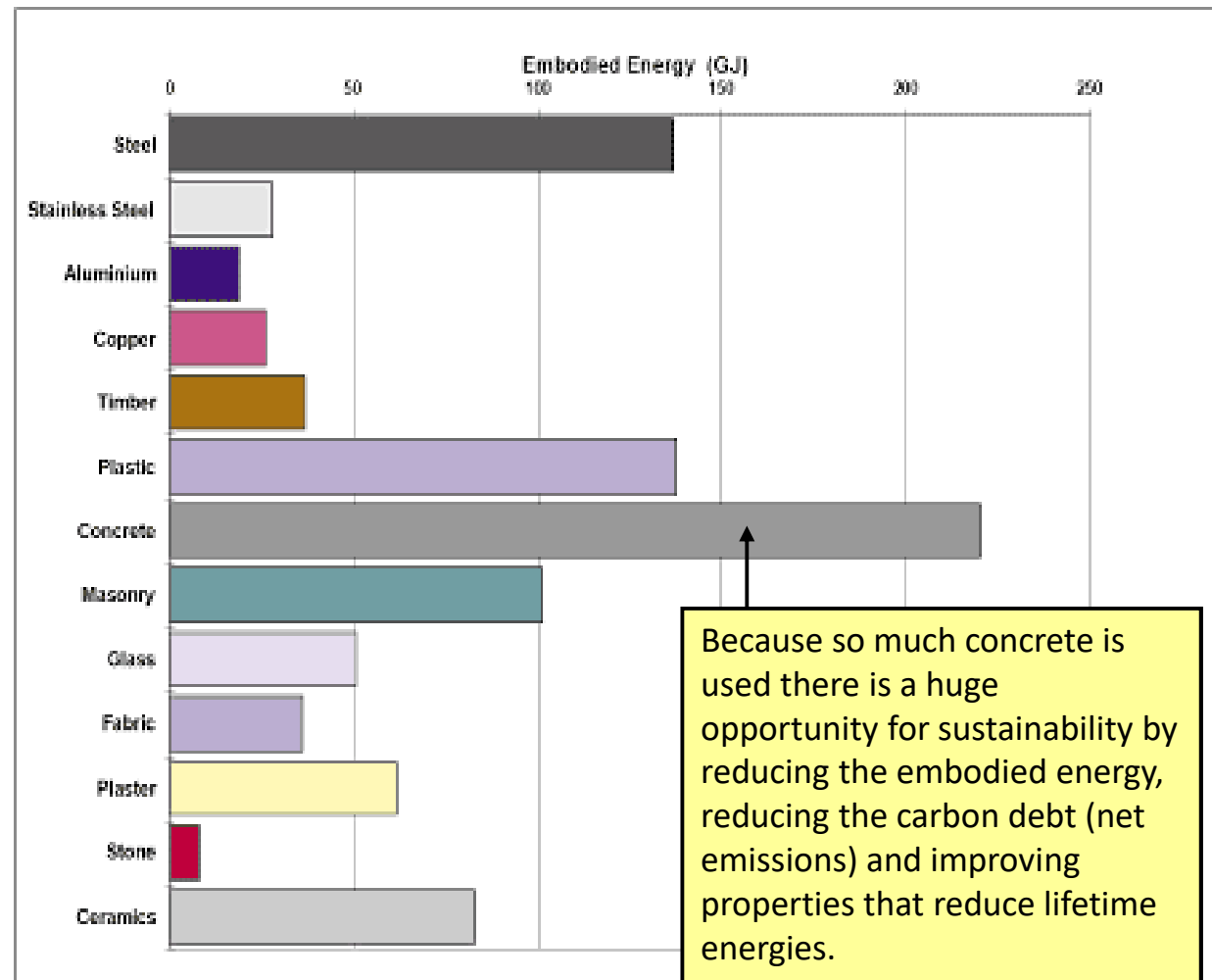
Source: World Bank 2016

# Consumption of CBP is a threat to our developmental plans, if nothing is done quickly

CBP is the most consumed artificial material in the world.

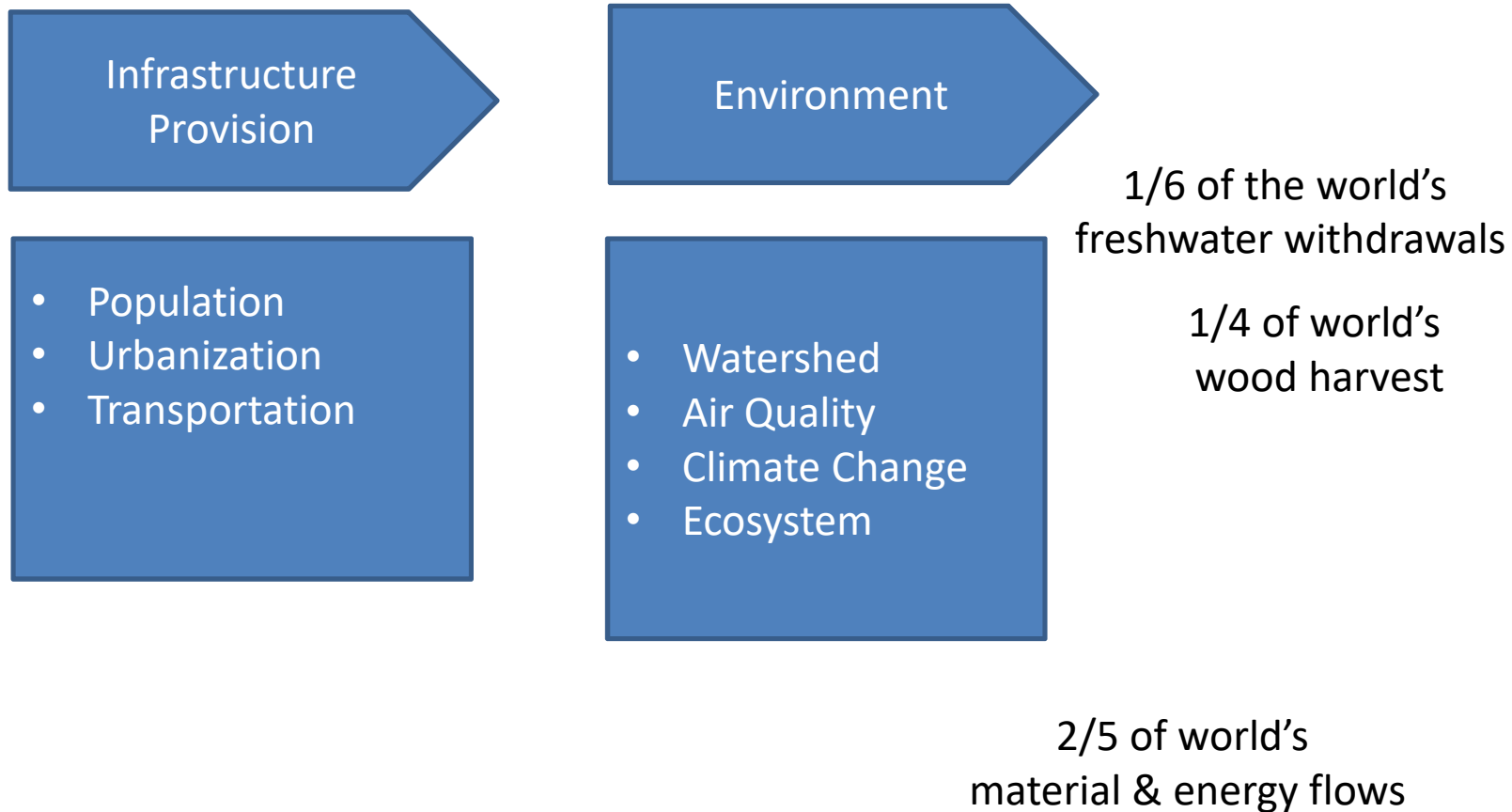
Cement:

- 2.1 billion tonnes per year
- 2 tonnes per capita



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# Infrastructure vs Environment

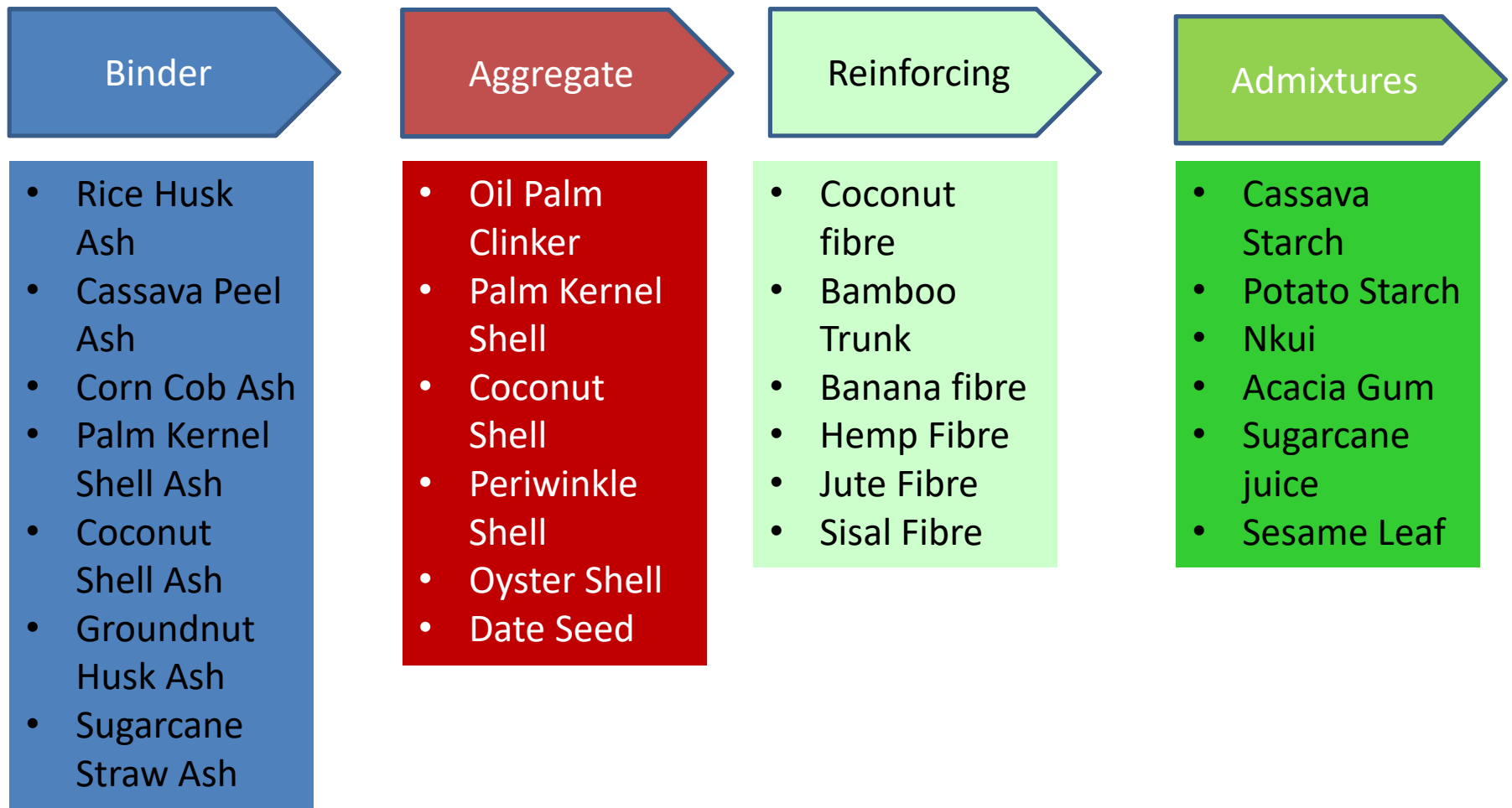


Grant Nesor, says. “We cannot afford to keep producing cements with conventional technologies that generate large quantities of carbon dioxide emissions, when we have the option of using more technologically advanced composite cements that offer additional advantages.”

The greener the concrete is, the better



# Potentials of Bio-Wastes utilization in concrete



## Bio-ashes are similar to Fly Ash, Silica fume

Table 1: The chemical composition of selected ashes of bio-based materials.

Oxides/ LOI	RHA (%) (El-Sayed <i>et al.</i> 2006; Ramezaniyanpour <i>et al.</i> , 2009; Bui <i>et al.</i> 2005; Zhang and Mohan, 1996; Tashima <i>et al.</i> , 2012)	CPA (%) (Salau <i>et al.</i> , 2013; Salau and Olonade, 2011; Olonade <i>et al.</i> , 2014; Aderemi. 2017; Olutaiwo and Adanikin, 2016)	SCSA (%) (Reddy and Prasad, 2017; Cordeiro <i>et al.</i> , 2017; Santos <i>et al.</i> , 2015; Moise's Fri'as <i>et al.</i> , 2007; Calligaris <i>et al.</i> , 2015)	CCA (%) (Kamau <i>et al.</i> , 2016; Olonade <i>et al.</i> , 2017; Bala <i>et al.</i> , 2016; Raheem <i>et al.</i> , 2011; Nimityongskul and Daladar. 1995)	CSA (%) (Arum <i>et al.</i> , 2013; Nagarajan <i>et al.</i> , 2014; Tinga <i>et al.</i> , 2016; Utsev and Taku, 2012, Bello, 2017)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	65.90 - 92.9	33.2 - 58.0	62.43 - 73.4	37.26 - 66.38	37.97 - 58.86
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.04 - 1.78	7.21 - 12.80	0.70 - 12.53	1.09 - 7.90	9.24 - 24.12
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.16 - 0.43	1.41 - 7.74	0.4 - 10.35	2.78 - 7.40	3.20 - 15.48
CaO	0.55 - 2.40	6.94 - 10.47	3.98 - 12.20	1.80 - 11.57	0.57 - 6.6
MgO	0.35 - 3.11	1.33 - 5.02	0.96 - 2.79	2.06 - 3.15	1.03 - 16.2
SO <sub>3</sub>	0.10 - 0.69	0.72 - 4.05	0.11 - 4.10	0.59 - 1.44	0.46 - 0.71
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.02 - 2.46	0.03 - 1.39	0.05 - 0.50	0.04 - 0.90	0.45 - 4.11
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.72 - 3.68	4.64 - 20.58	3.05 - 6.98	4.92 - 37.09	0.52 - 3.58
LOI	5.14 - 9.71	4.18 - 16.39	1.03 - 61.60	6.49 - 16.18	9.73 - 11.94
SiO <sub>2</sub> + Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> + Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	67.90 - 93.60	46.59 - 72.23	73.79 - 83.02	41.13 - 78.30	71.30 - 77.57
Activation (°C)	600 - 750	650 - 700	650 - 800	600 - 750	600 - 750

Olonade and Mohammed, 2019

## Cement Replacement Capacity by Bio-wastes in Africa

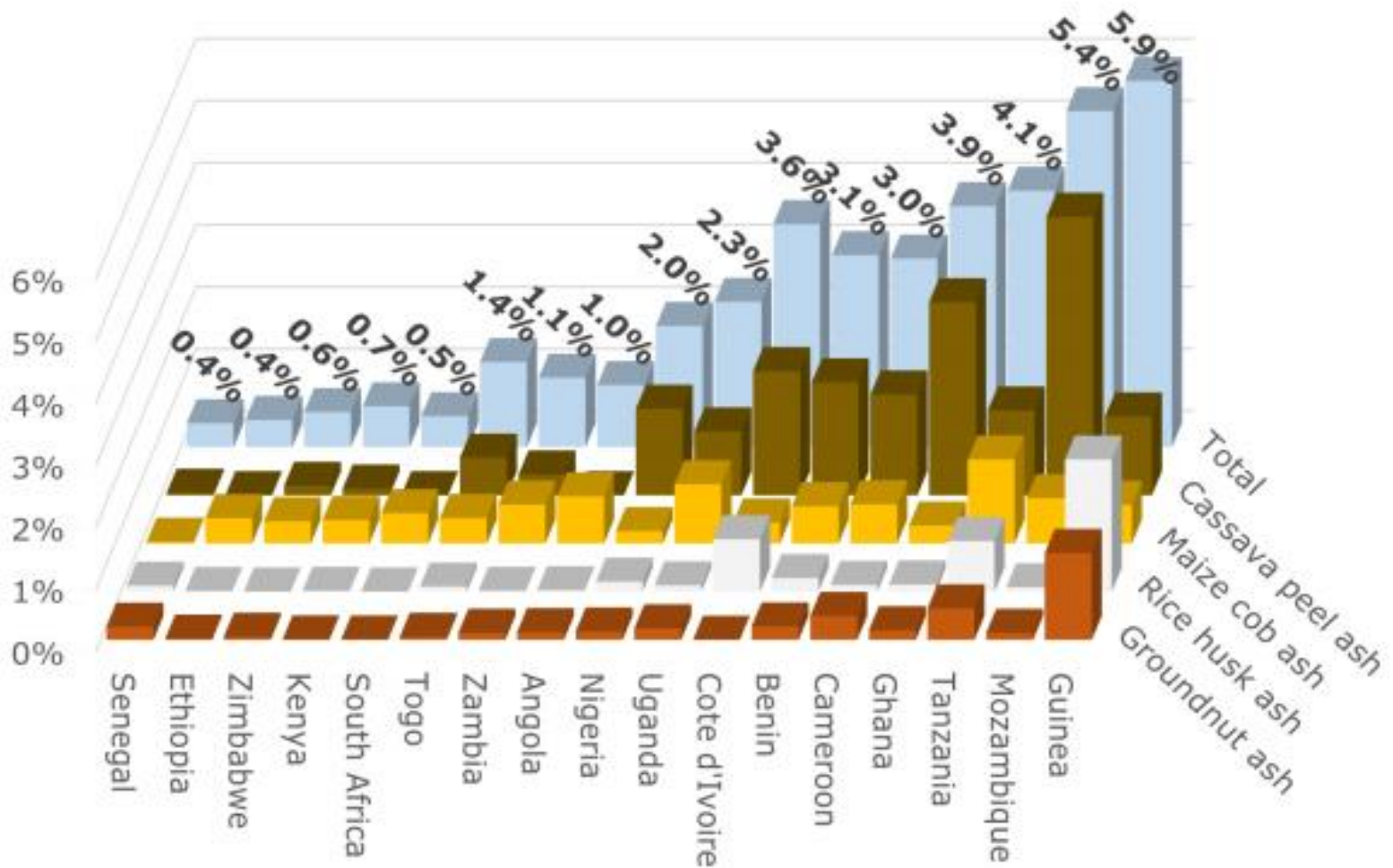


Fig. 3: Cement replacement capacity by ashes of maize cob, cassava peels, rice husks, and groundnut shells (based on total country's cement production capacity in 2015 [41]) - underlying food production data based on [42-45].

Schmidt et al

## Case Study of Cassava Peel Ash

- Food for 500 million people
- Source of food for 80% of people in SSA
- Perennial crop
- Grow almost on all sand
- Global production of (60% in Africa and 35% in Nigeria)

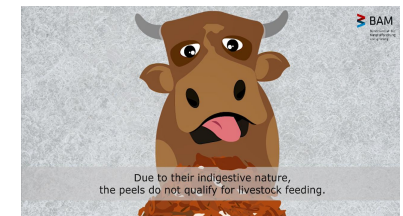
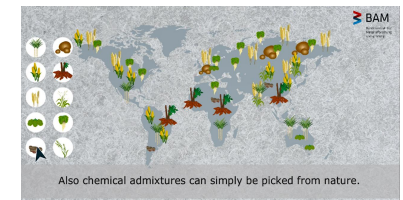
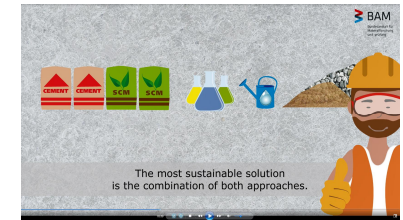




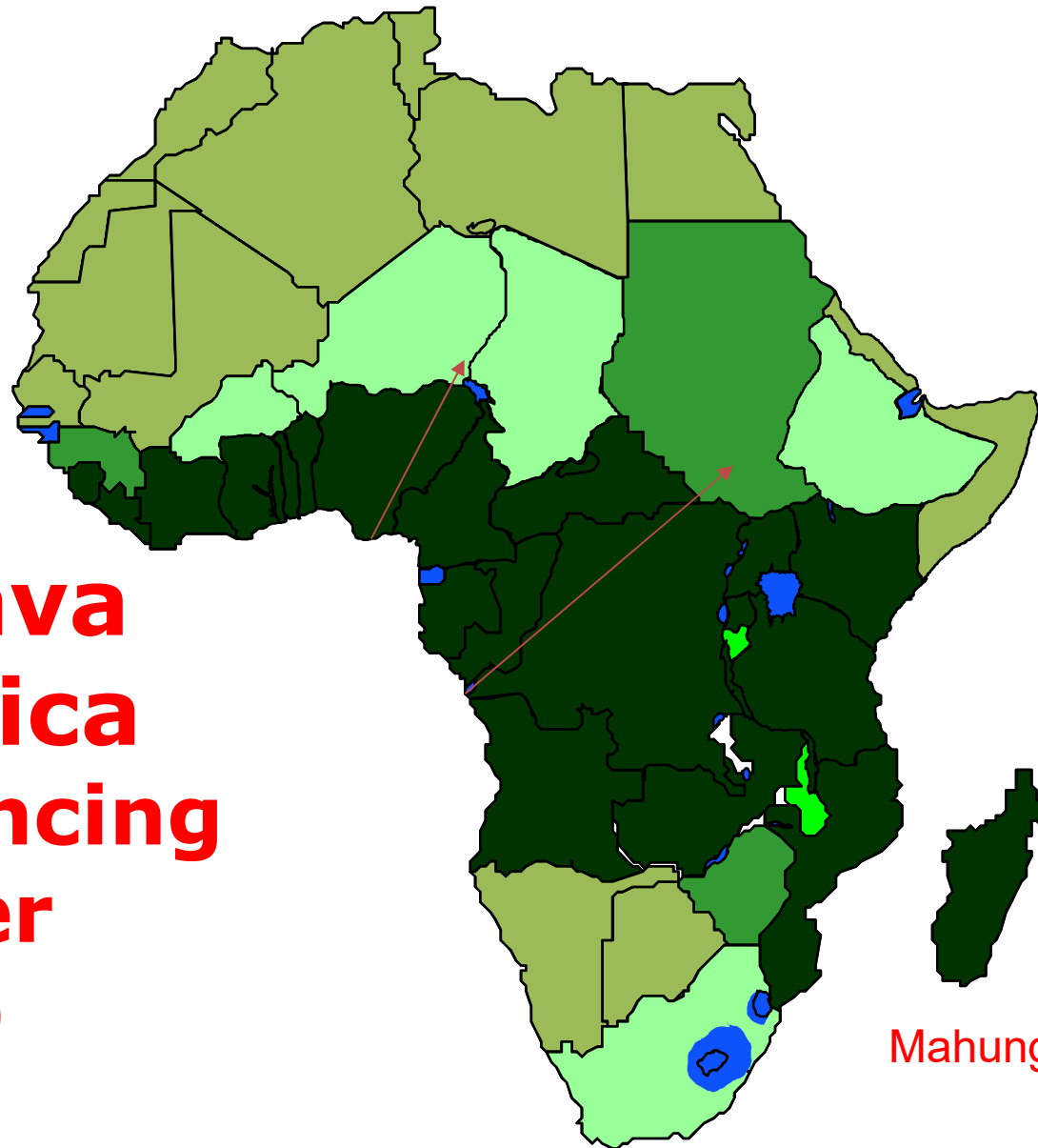
# Case study of Local-Care Project

## -Low-Carbon Livelihoods - Cassava residues for performance materials (Local-Care)

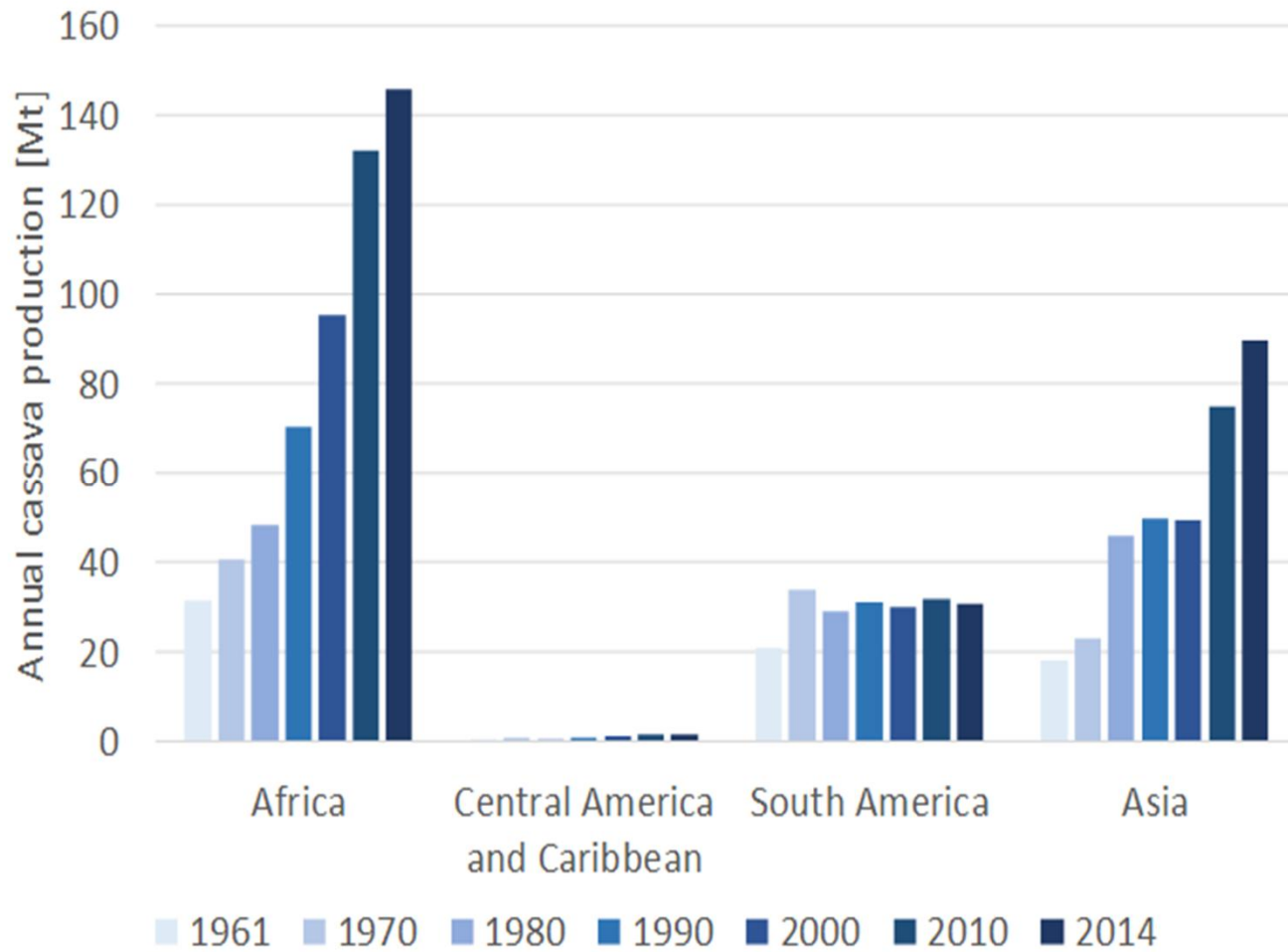
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- BMBF



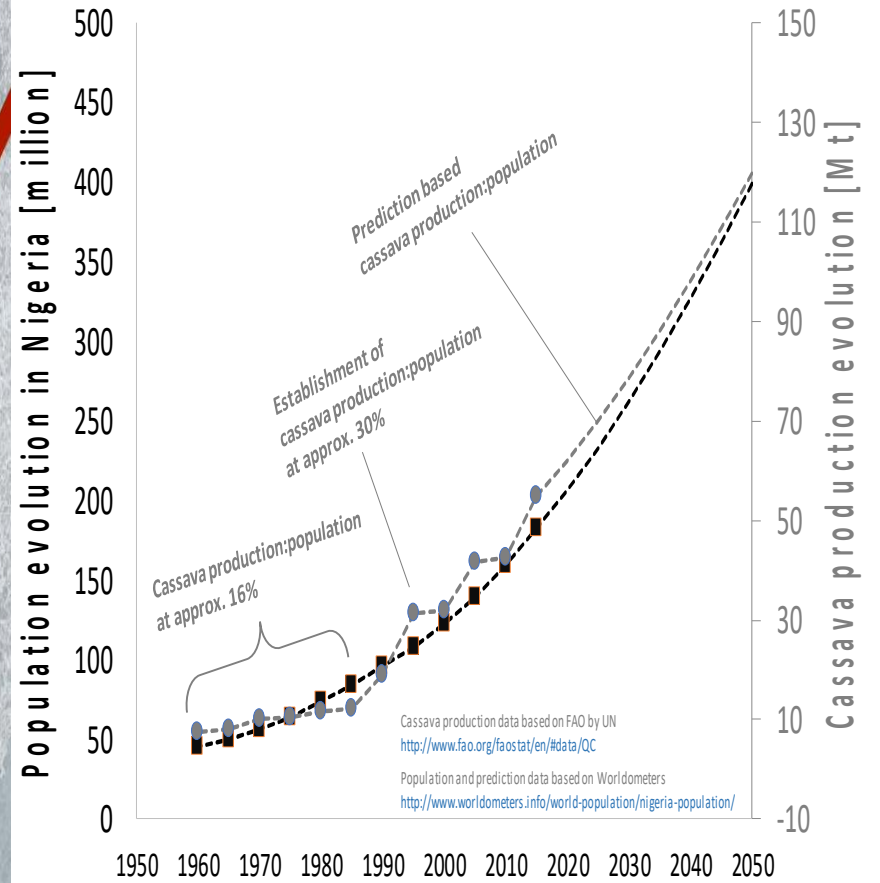
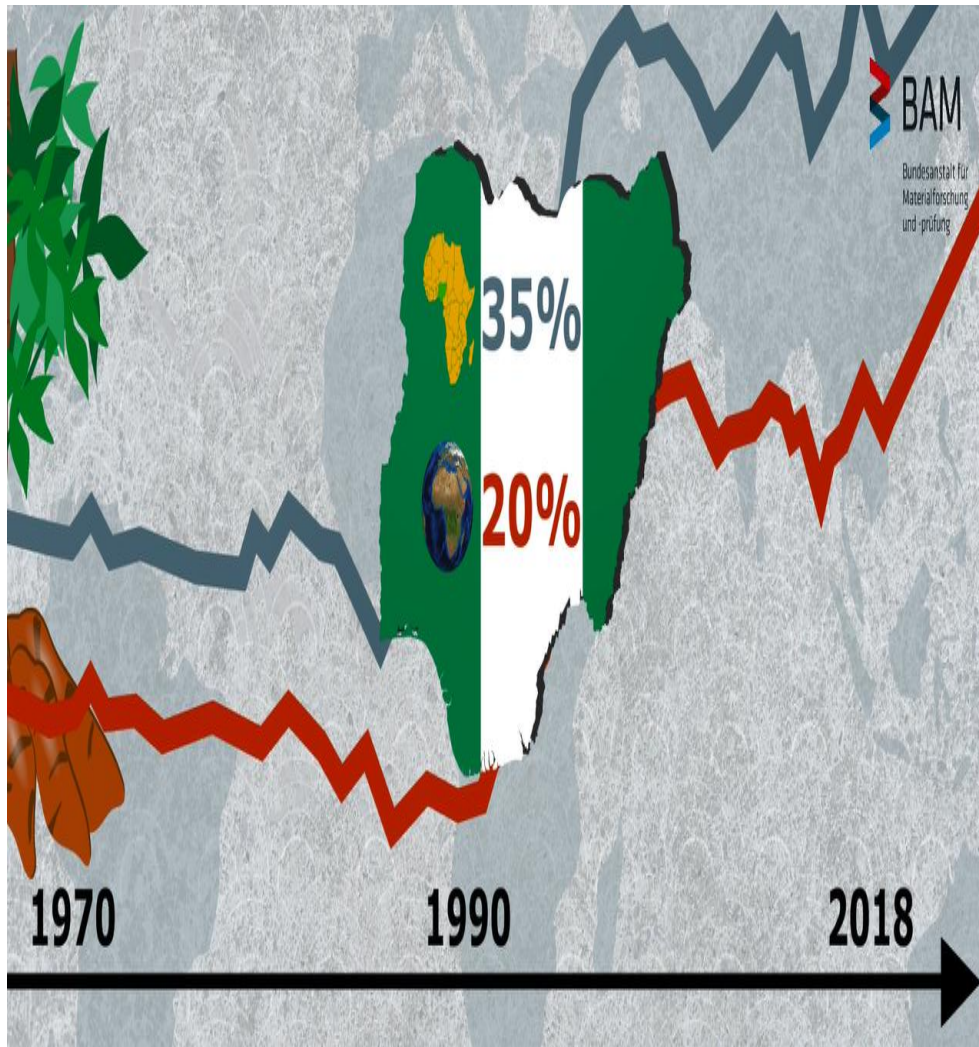
# Cassava in Africa (advancing to drier areas)



Mahungu and Anga (2007)



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Wet



Dry



Gari



Cooked Fufu



Cooked Gari (Eba)



Cassava Chinchin



Cassava Fries



Cassava crisps



Composite cassava-wheat bread



Cassava biscuit



Cassava meat pie



Cassava cake



Tapioca pearls

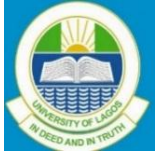


Tapioca flakes

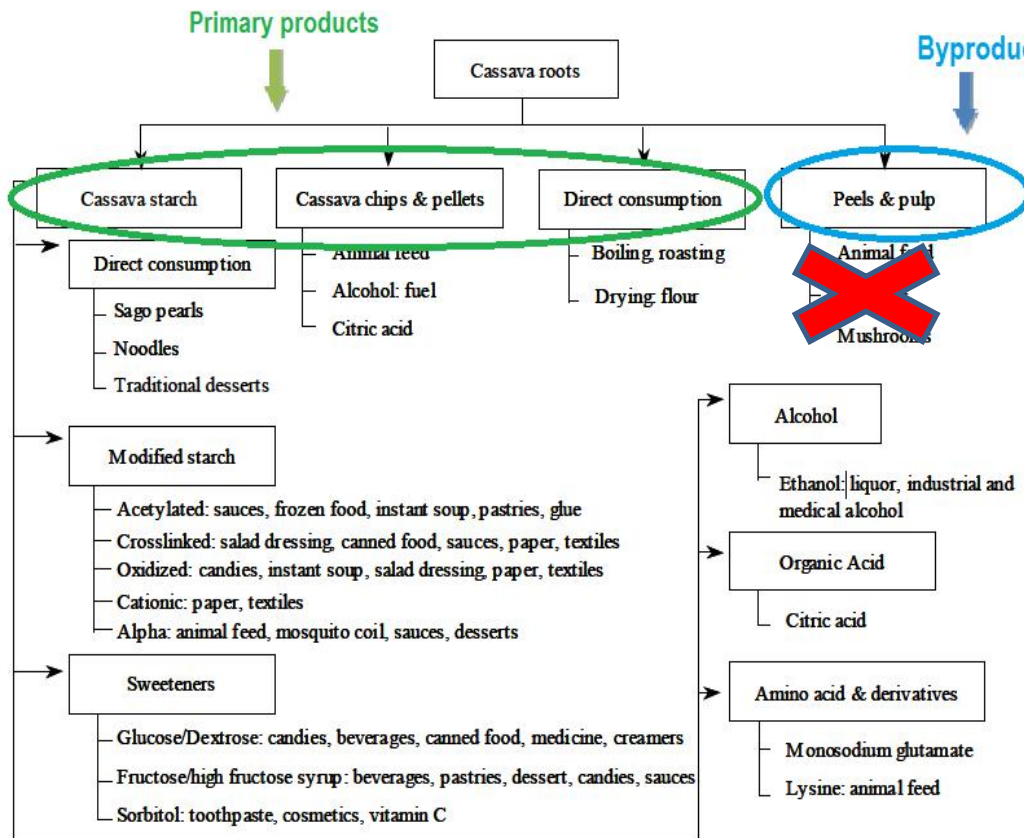
## Low tech cassava based products traded in Nigeria

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(Shittu, 2018)



# CURRENT CASSAVA VALUE CHAIN



## Local-Care

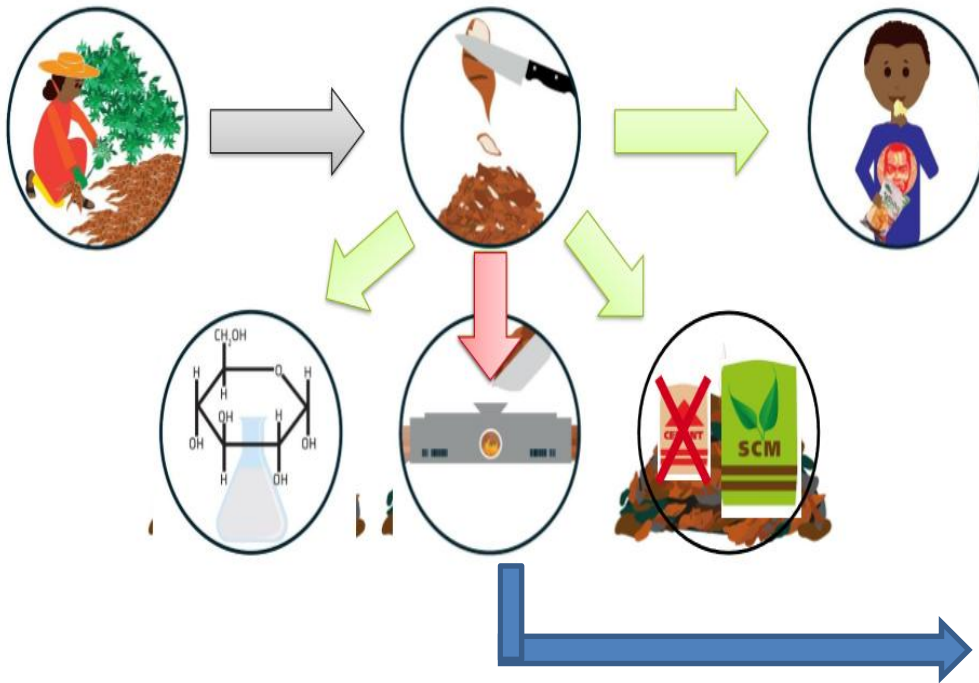
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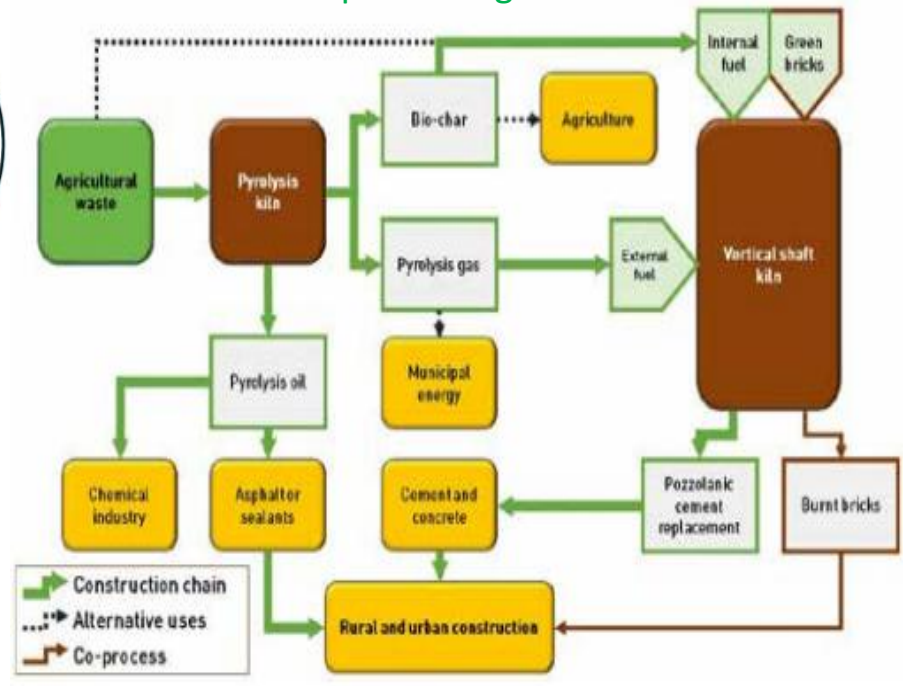




# CASSAVA PEELS –A NEW VALUE CHAIN



## Low emission processing of bio-wastes



Schmidt et al (2020)



## CASSAVA PEELS – Environment and Economy

- **Environment**

- ✓ Reduced landfill
- ✓ Reduced pollution
- ✓ Reduced disamenity effect

- **Economy**

- ✓ turning the youth bulge into a demographic dividend
- ✓ Attract more participation
- ✓ Reduce Rural-Urban migration
- ✓ Facilitate Africa's Regional & Economic Integration



TC-AMC group 2017 at Cameroun



## CASSAVA PEELS – EDUCATIONAL VALUE

- Seminar
- Undergraduate theses
- Integration in the curriculum
- Workshop on bio-concrete
- Capacity development for rural dwellers, mainly women and youth
- Concrete Structure



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**First Speaker**  
Engr. Dr. Kolawole A. Olorosade  
• Senior Lecturer, Dept of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Lagos.  
• Chairman, Nigeria Institution of Civil Engineers Ogun Chapter

**Second Speaker**  
Dr. Dip. Ing. Wolfram Schmidt  
From the Federal Institute for Materials Testing and Research (BAM), Berlin, Germany.

**Topic**  
Bio-based chemicals for high performance concrete

**Topic**  
Africa: Hub for Future Sustainable Construction Materials and Chemicals

**Synopsis**  
1. Bio-concrete and Green Construction  
2. Research opportunities and potentials for students and young researchers

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# Cassava Concrete Structure will be built Soon on UNILAG Campus



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# Other Agro-value Cost Saving in Concrete

Checkmate disamenity effect

Safe cost managing landfill

Reduce pollution

Improve local livelihood

Availability of land for developmental improvement

Check challenge of urbanization

## RILEM Technical Committees approved by TAC in August 2018.

RILEM TC - AMC: Use of Agro-Based Materials as Cementitious Additions in Concrete and Cement Based Materials

Chair: Prof. Said KENAI (Algeria)

Deputy Chair: Dr. Mike B. OTIENO (Kenyan)

- ✓ This TC will bring together, for the first time, many of African scholars to create a formidable team in the field of concrete;
- ✓ Create awareness on the use of agro-based materials in concrete and cement-based materials;



PACE-PT 2017 at Cameroun



# Publications in this regards



Contents lists available at ScienceDirect

## Developments in the Built Environment

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### Sustainable circular value chains: From rural waste to feasible urban construction materials solutions



Wolfram Schmidt<sup>a,\*</sup>, Michael Commeh<sup>b</sup>, Kolawole Olonade<sup>c</sup>, Gesine Lenore Schiewer<sup>d</sup>, David Doodoo-Arhin<sup>e</sup>, Risikat Dauda<sup>c</sup>, Shirin Fataei<sup>f</sup>, Angela Tetteh Tawiah<sup>g</sup>, Fatma Mohamed<sup>h</sup>, Mareike Thiedeitz<sup>i</sup>, Nonkululeko W. Radebe<sup>j</sup>, Andreas Rogge<sup>a</sup>

RILEM Technical Letters (2020) 5: 63-74  
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### Innovation potentials for construction materials with specific focus on the challenges in Africa

Wolfram Schmidt<sup>1</sup>, Mike Otieno<sup>2</sup>, Kolawole Adisa Olonade<sup>3</sup>, Nonkululeko W. Radebe<sup>4</sup>, Henri van Damme<sup>5</sup>, Patience Tunji-Olayeni<sup>6</sup>, Said Kenai<sup>7</sup>, Angela Tetteh Tawiah<sup>8</sup>, Kuukuwa Manful<sup>9</sup>, Akeem Akinwale<sup>3</sup>, Rose N. Mbugua<sup>10</sup>, Andreas Rogge<sup>1</sup>

### Green urban development creates rural employment perspectives

By creating novel value chains from agro-waste for construction materials, rural areas can significantly benefit from urban growth. At the same time, opportunities develop for greener and more sustainable construction in Africa's expanding cities. Female farmers could especially benefit from these new value chains.

By Wolfram Schmidt, Kolawole A. Olonade, Nonkululeko W. Radebe, Vincent Ssekamatte and Faudhia Zando



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ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

### MECHANICAL AND MICROSTRUCTURAL CHARACTERIZATION OF ALKALI-ACTIVATED COCONUT SHELL ASH MORTAR

K. A. Olonade<sup>1\*</sup> and T. Bello<sup>2</sup>

NIGERIAN JOURNAL OF TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT, VOL. 16, NO. 3, SEPTEMBER 2019

### Review of Selected Bio-Wastes as Potential Materials for Alkali-Activation for Cement-Based Products

K. A. Olonade<sup>1\*</sup>, H. Mohammed<sup>2</sup>

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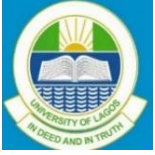
### Plant based chemical admixtures – potentials and effects on the performance of cementitious materials

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# Where do we go from here?

- Reposition institutions to serve their mandate
- Strengthening Intra Africa Research collaboration
- Global Network for Research and Education
- Domesticating African research for development
- Strengthen Linkages between other tertiary providers, industry, and other research users. Growth and Innovation Pilots
- Promote evidence-based solutions to today's most pressing developmental challenges
- Encourage participation in international organisations



## Conclusion

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- Bio-wastes are available in abundance, especially in Africa
  - Greater opportunities are abound in the bio-wastes
  - Utilizing bio-wastes guaranteed sustainable construction
  - Government policy for utilizing bio-wastes will go along way in public acceptance
  - Regional and international collaboration are required for meaningful achievement



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