



INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN COMESA





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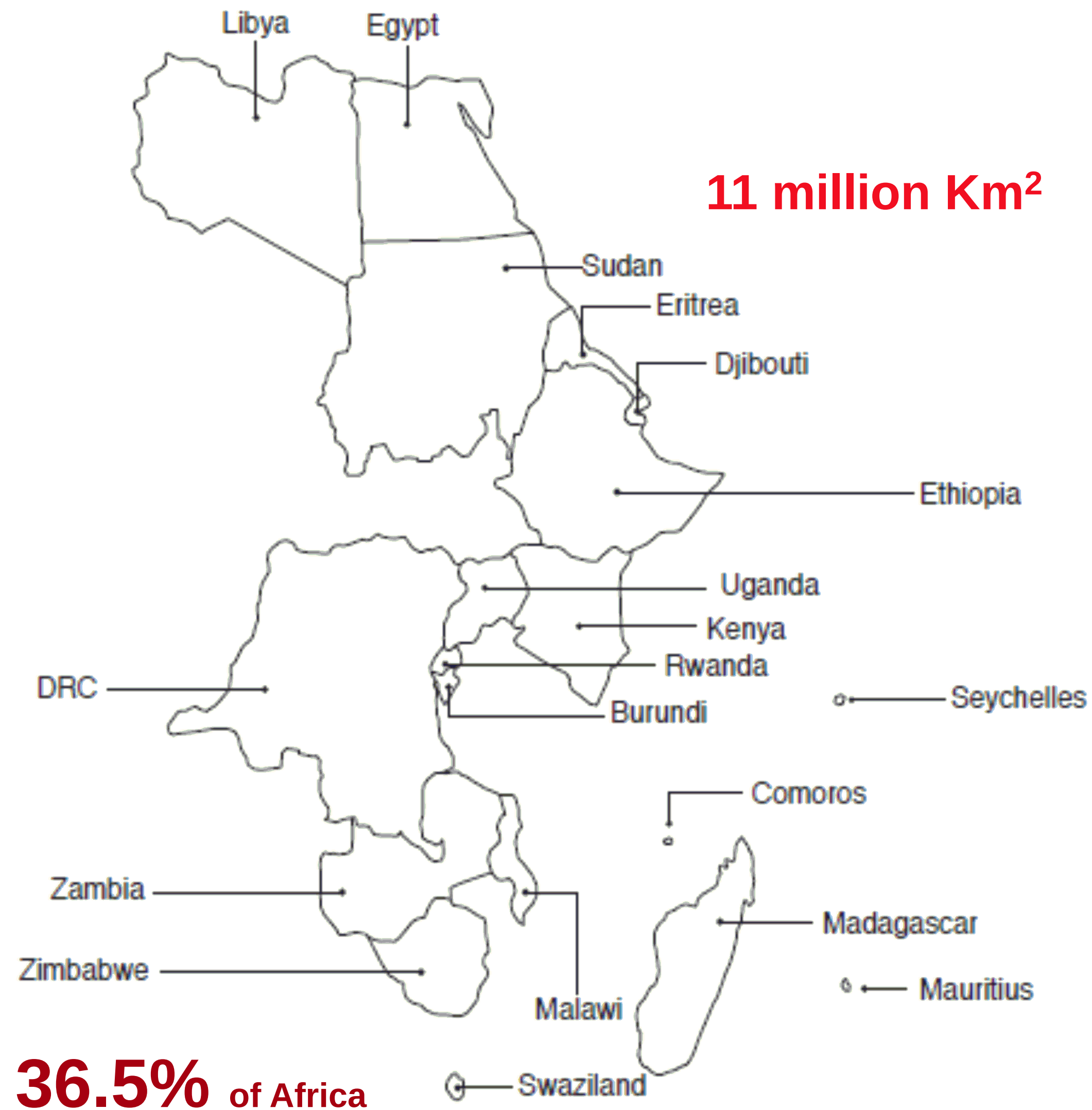


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““We need to change the narrative from ‘Africa is rising’ to ‘Africa is rising with confidence’, - H.E. Sindiso Ngwenya, COMESA Secretary General

The COMESA Region

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Europe without Greenland

10.2 million Km²



COMESA in Numbers

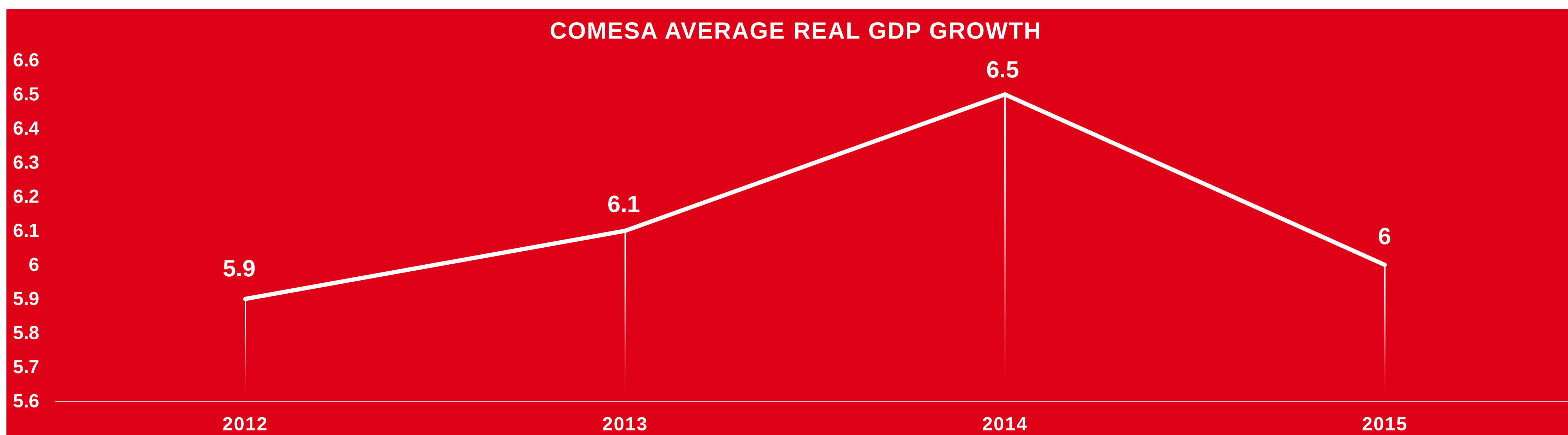


	COMESA	% Africa
Population (2015, millions) ¹	505.4	42.6%
Population Projections (2030, millions) ¹	721.7	43.0%
GDP at Market Prices (2014, current, billions of USD) ⁹	669.80	27.2%
FDI (2015, billions of USD) ¹³	19,3	35.47%

Sources:
¹United Nations Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.
⁹World Bank, World Development Indicators 2016.

The COMESA Economy

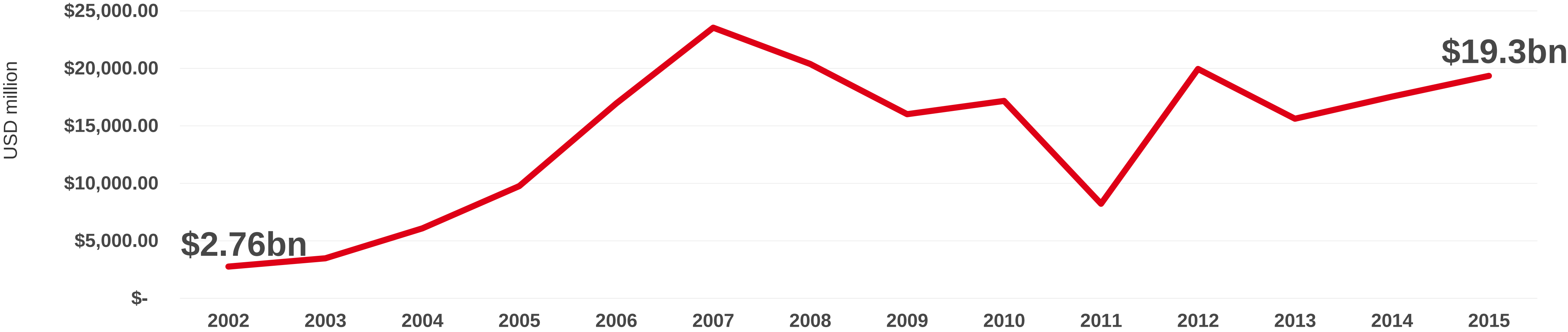
COMESA region remains the **fastest** growing economy in the world



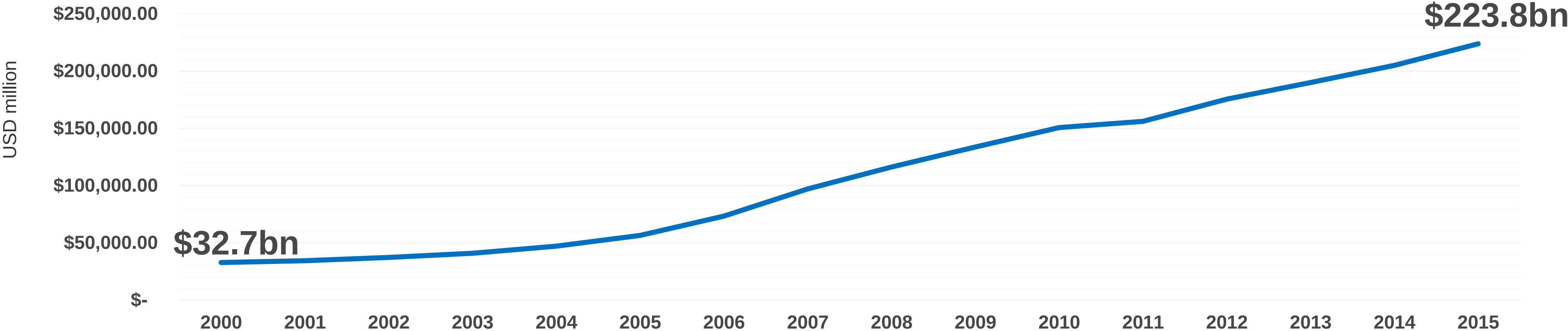
Source: IMF REO Sub Saharan Africa April 2016

FDI in COMESA

COMESA FDI Inflows (2002-2015)



COMESA FDI Stock (2000 - 2015)



Source: UNCTAD world Investment Report,, 2016



DR Congo accounted for half of cobalt world production, one quarter of industrial diamonds, 14 percent of tantalum, and 3 percent of copper and tin.



60% of the world's uncultivated arable land is in Sub-Saharan Africa

Zambia is ranked sixth in the world in the production of copper ore and fifth in the production of cobalt ore.



Africa has 10 percent of the world's reserves of oil; 40 percent of the world's gold; 80 percent to 90 percent of the world's chromium and platinum.



Megatrends drives COMESA's current and future economic realities

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Population growth, demographic shifts and growth of middle class

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Cultural revolution

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Regionalisation of markets

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Rapid urbanisation

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Deregulation and liberalisation

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The growth of credit

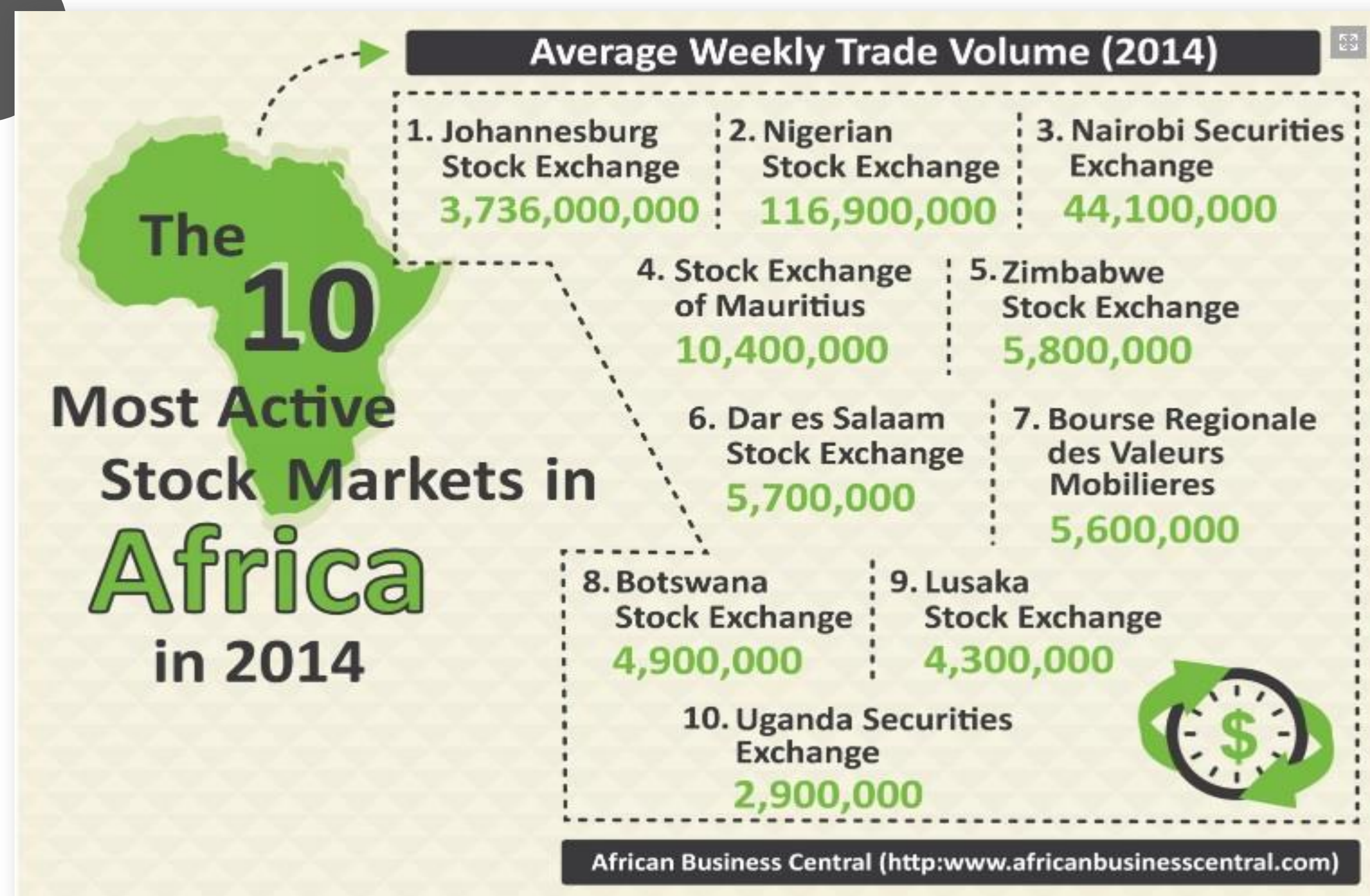
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Capital market development

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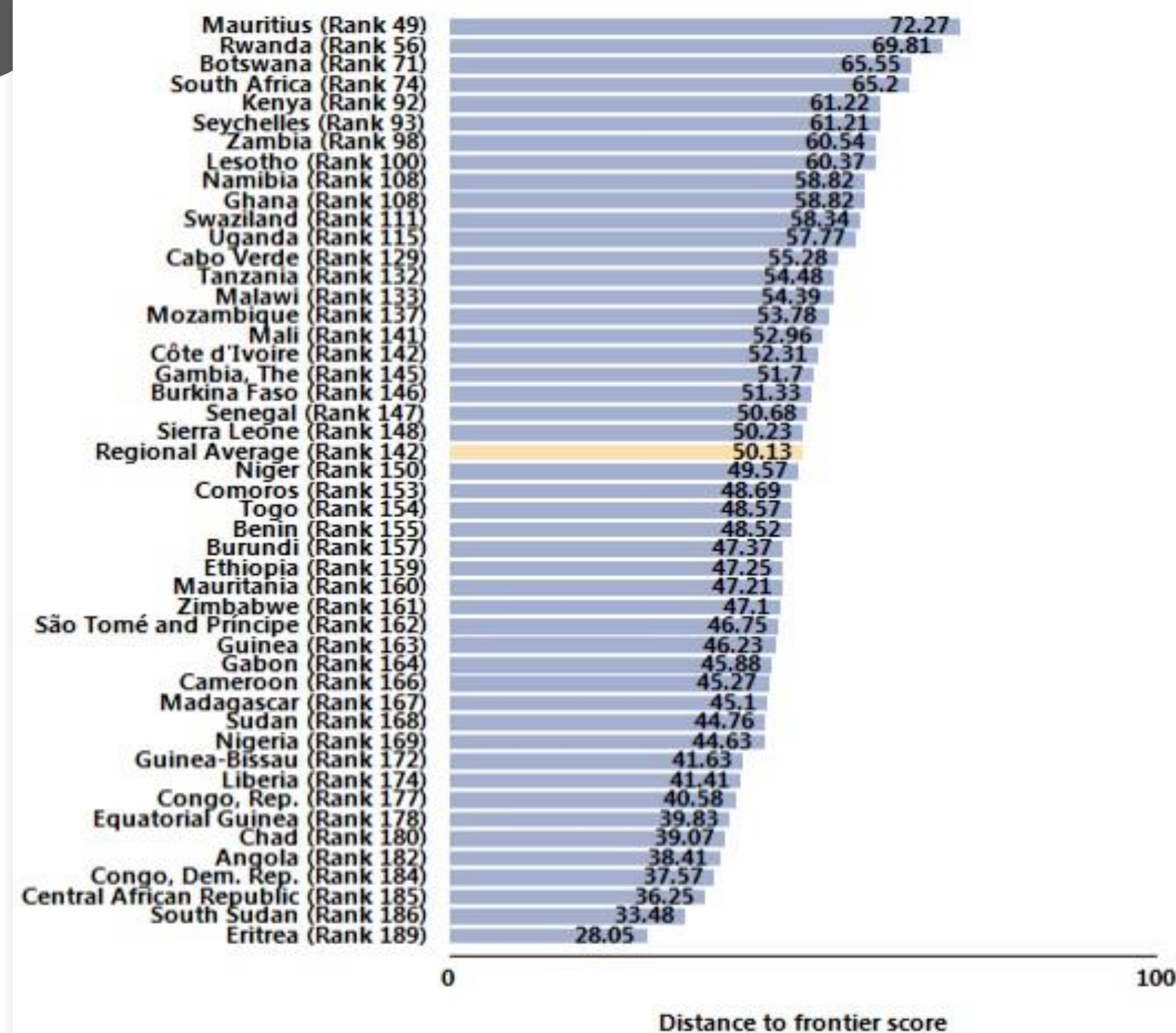
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Continuously among the top 10 most improved in World Bank Doing Business report since 2008 including Egypt (2008, 2009, 2010), Kenya (2008, 2016, 2017), Rwanda (2010, 2011, 2014), Burundi (2012, 2013), in addition to DR Congo, Djibouti, Uganda and Zambia

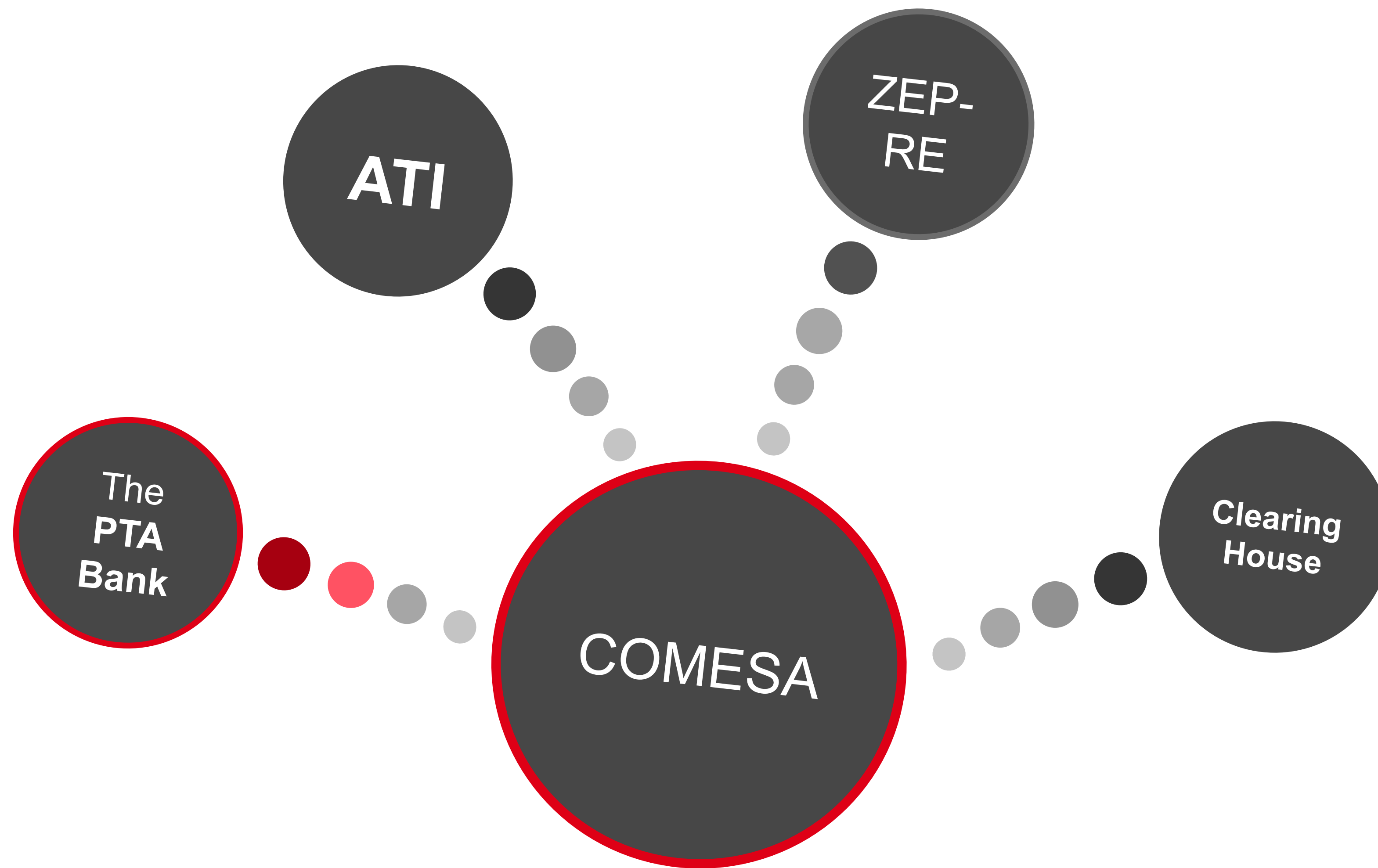
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SSA, ease of Doing Business Rank, 2017



COMESA's institutions facilitating investment

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Investment Promotion

COMESA RIA promotes the COMESA Region as an attractive investment destination through:

- COMESA Investment Forums,
- COMESA Ministerial Road Show, etc.

Improvement of Business and Investment Climate of Member States

Capacity-building interventions targeting COMESA Member States Investment Promotion Agencies

Information Hub for Investors and other Stakeholders

Regional studies, publications, dissemination of news, investment opportunities and projects, and other through RIA portal, social media, etc.



32 Regional Workshops & Trainings (640 participants)	7 Investment Forums (4000 participants)	More than 20 Publications, resources, & studies
Collaboration & Promotion of 30+ International Conferences	10 Websites for COMESA IPAs	12 Practical Guides for Doing Business in COMESA MSs
10 Investors' Tracking Systems (ITS)	5 Investment Teaser (Approx. 500 projects per edition)	Various Roadshows organized

International Organizations

- Important source of information
- Transfer of best practices in FDI promotion
- Platform to exchange ideas and latest developments in the field
- In some cases, an important source of financing for institutional strengthening project.

Diplomats

- Provide updates on economic and political situation
- Compliment national efforts to deliver positive image
- Promote investment climate and opportunities
- Support efforts to identify targeted sectors and companies
- Support the organization of proactive promotion missions

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