SDG PROGRESS IN AFRICA

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UN SDSN

- Operating under the auspices of the UN Secretary General since 2012

- Led by Prof. Jeffrey Sachs

- Mobilizes scientific and technical expertise from academia, civil society, and the private sector for solutions-oriented problem solving

PRIORITIES

Global network of knowledge institutions

SDG Academy

Policy analysis (SDG data, pathways, mapping etc.)

POLICY ANALYSIS

SDSN has led thinking on SDG implementation, financing, and monitoring, with:

- "Getting Started" guides
- Indicators for the SDGs
- SDG Index reports
- Data revolution
- Financing for Development
- Long-term pathways

https://www.sdgindex.org

Global editions

Continental editions

Subnational editions
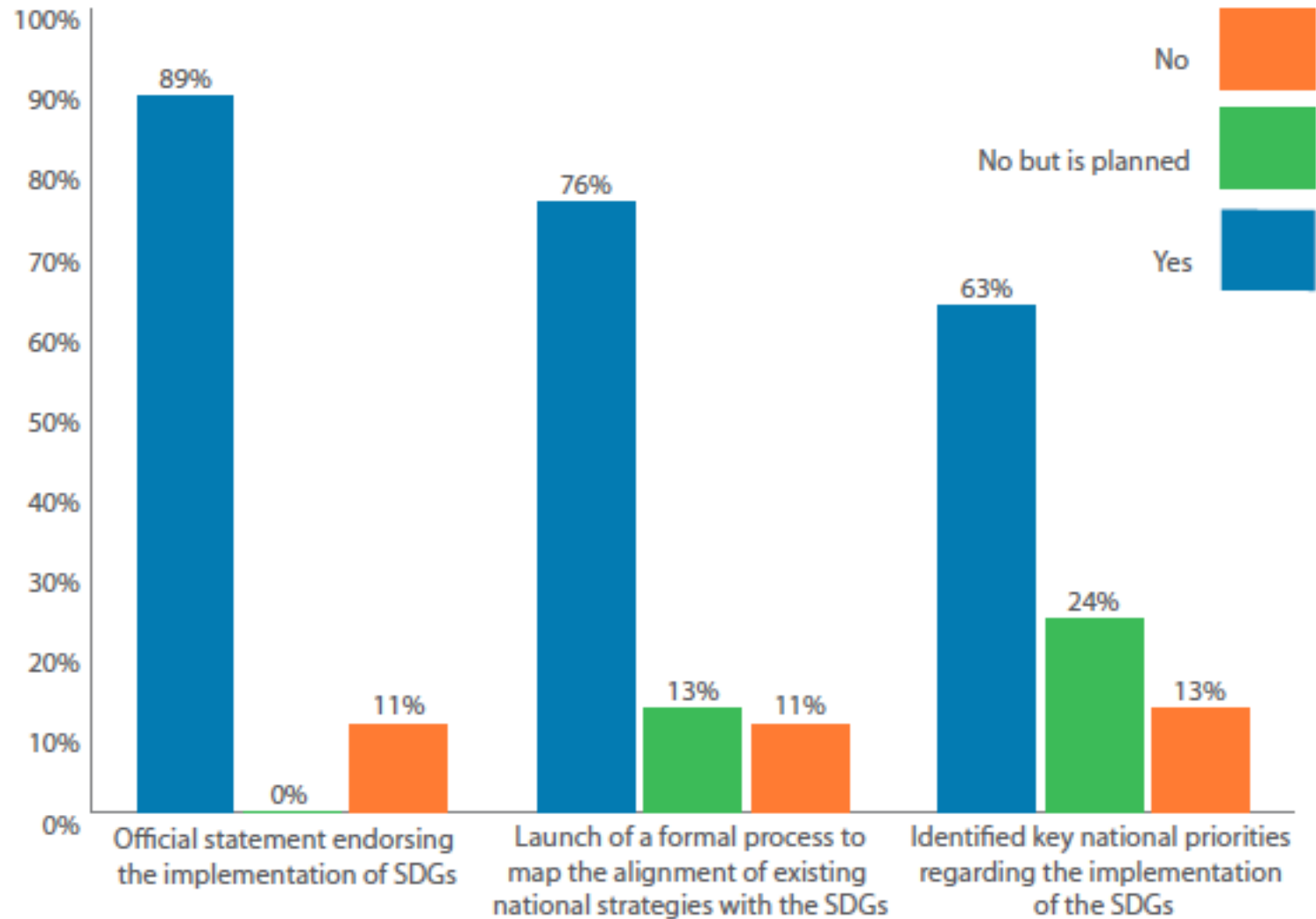(regions and cities)

REPORT BACKGROUND

- Global SDG Index and Dashboards Report published since 2016

- First Africa SDG Index & Dashboards report published July 2018 in partnership with the SDG Center for Africa

- 2019 Africa Report focuses on:

  - SDG implementation efforts in all 54 countries

  - 5 case studies on best practices on SDG implementation

- 2020 report on "leave no one behind" and the COVID-19 pandemic will be published in July
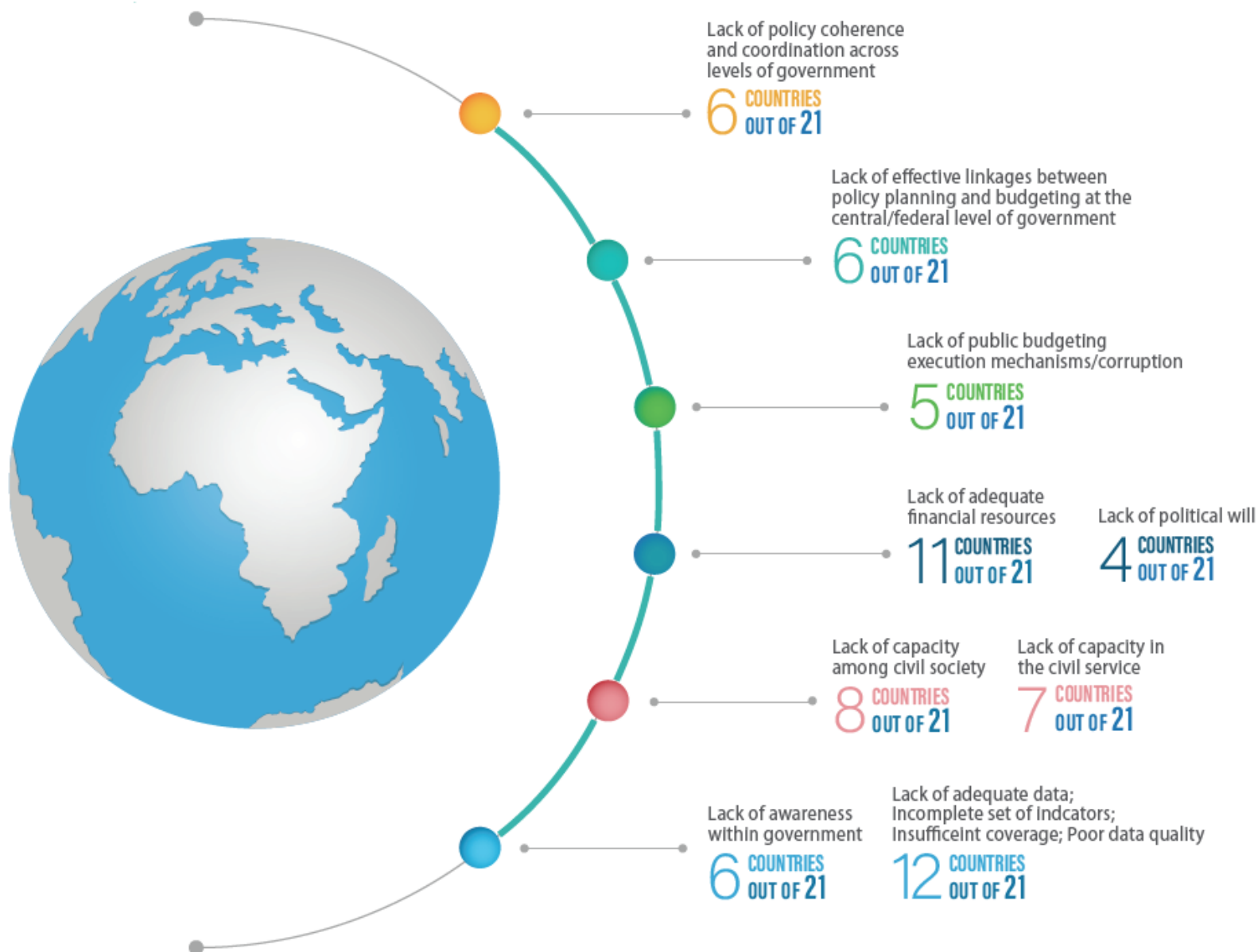
Government implementation efforts

✓ SDGs have widely received official endorsements and have been incorporated into national strategies

✗ Lack of understanding on gaps and what it will take to reach the SDGs

✗ Very little consideration for the financial needs and funding

⊙ Stakeholder engagement can be significantly improved

☐ Lack of funding and resources is the single most significant challenge both in terms of SDG implementation and monitoring

Most committed areas

Main implementation challenges

Lack of policy coherence and coordination across levels of government

6 COUNTRIES OUT OF 21

Lack of effective linkages between policy planning and budgeting at the central/federal level of government

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Lack of public budgeting execution mechanisms/corruption

5 COUNTRIES OUT OF 21

Lack of adequate financial resources

11 COUNTRIES OUT OF 21

Lack of political will

4 COUNTRIES OUT OF 21

Lack of capacity among civil society

8 COUNTRIES OUT OF 21

Lack of capacity in the civil service

7 COUNTRIES OUT OF 21

Lack of awareness within government

6 COUNTRIES OUT OF 21

Lack of adequate data; Incomplete set of indcators; Insufficeint coverage; Poor data quality

12 COUNTRIES OUT OF 21
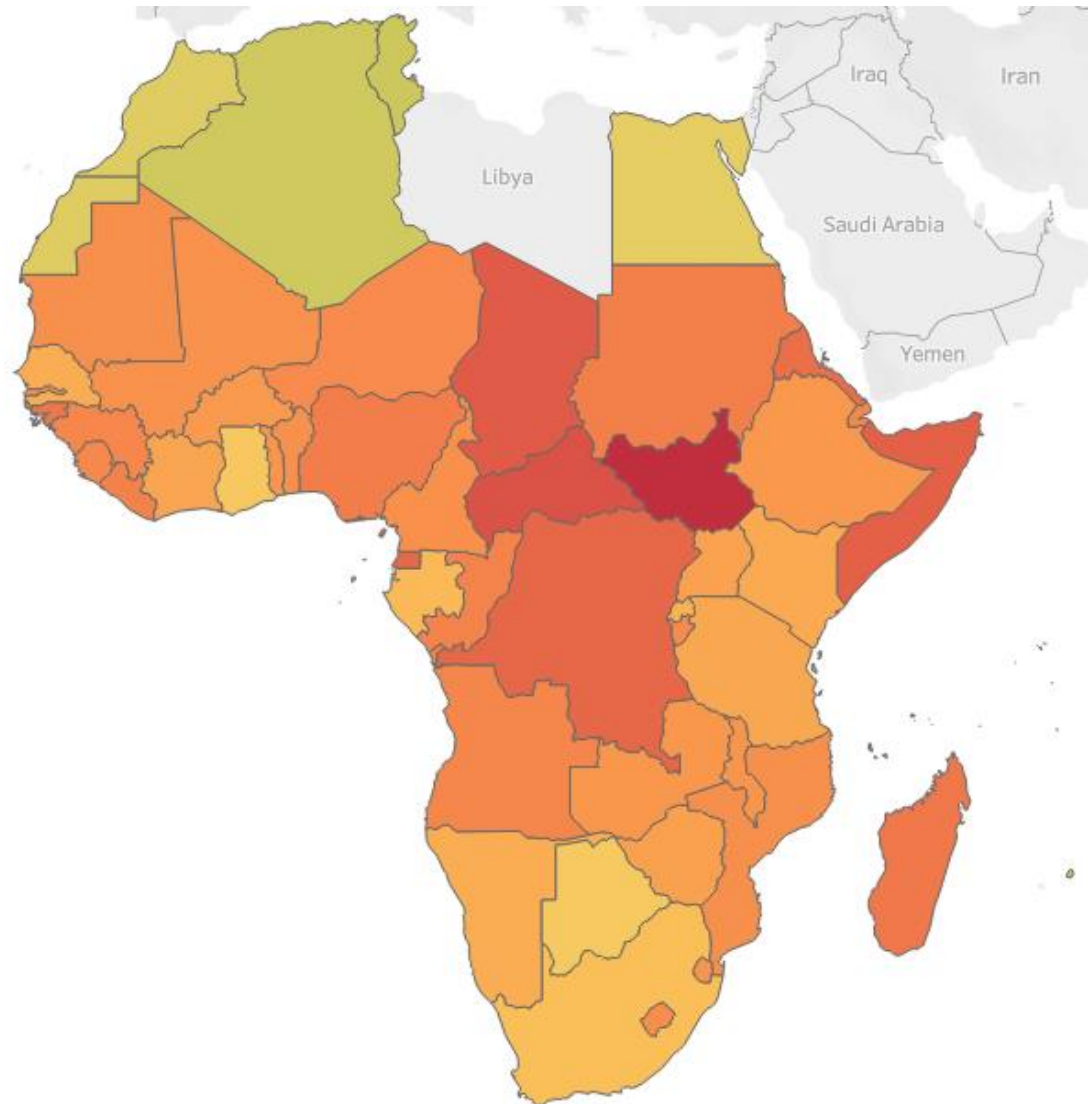
DATA SELECTION

- 67 indicators retained from Global SDG Index Report, with adjusted thresholds

- 30 Africa-specific indicators

- Coverage criteria for new indicators

    - Data must be available for 80% of countries

- Sources

    - Official and non-official internationally harmonized data

    - International organizations, academia, research papers

LIMITATIONS

- Insufficient data availability/coverage:

    - Libya and Seychelles excluded

    - Only 4 countries have complete data coverage

- Statistical capacity: much of the data are collected by international organizations

- Time lag: some data points are old (for example from a single HH survey) and won't be updated
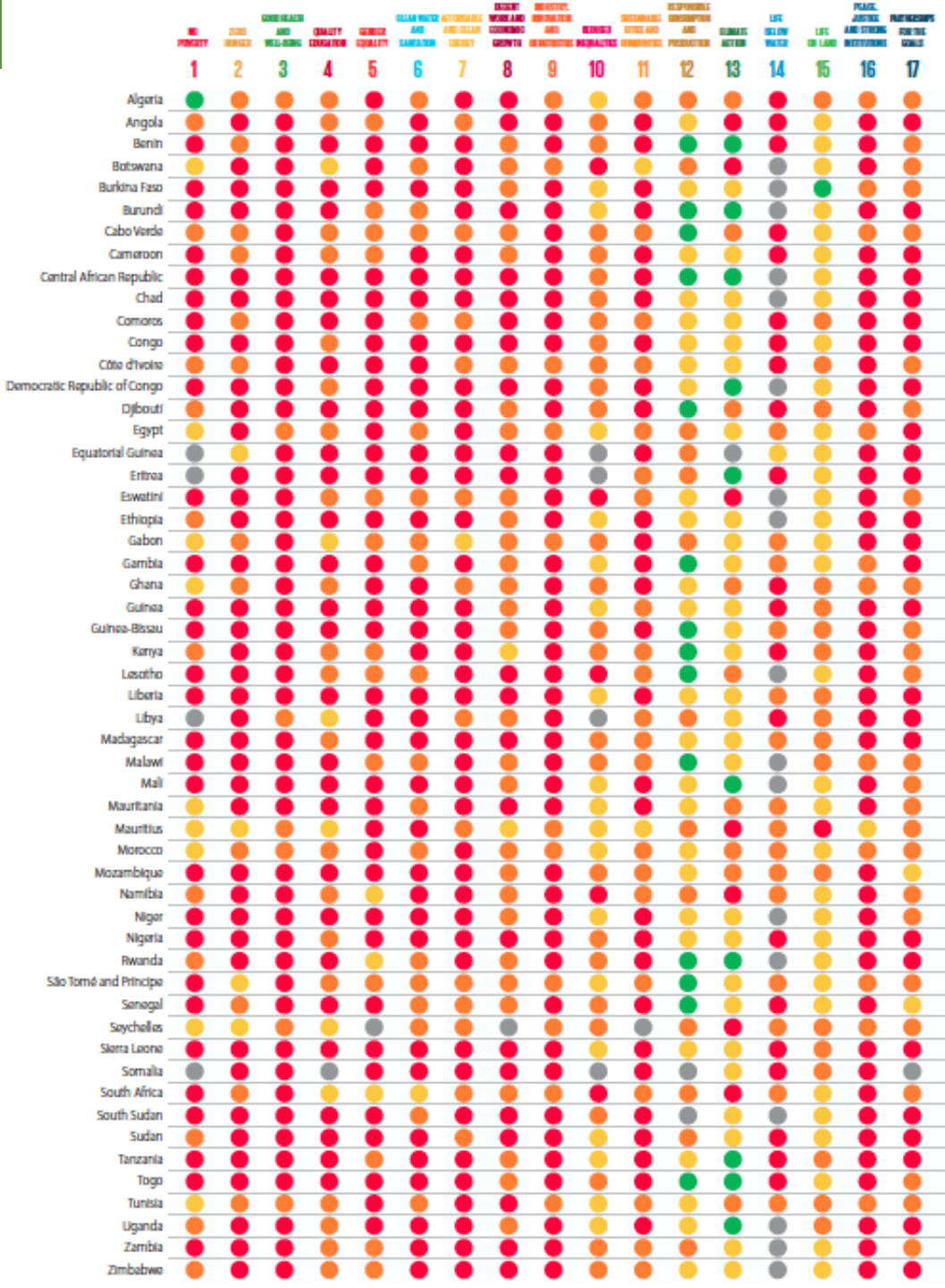
AFRICA INDEX RANKING

Rank	Country	Score
1	Mauritius	66.19
2	Tunisia	66.12
3	Algeria	65.77
4	Morocco	64.37
5	Cabo Verde	64.08
6	Egypt, Arab Rep.	63.78
7	São Tomé and Príncipe	61.84
8	Botswana	61.64
9	Ghana	61.19
10	South Africa	60.43

AFRICA DASHBOARD

For 13 of the 17 goals, not a single African country has achieved "green," according to the Dashboard's system of color-coding

TRENDS ANALYSIS

- 59 out of 97 indicators for which time series data are available

  - No time series for Goals 10 and 12

- Across all goals, the most frequently-observed trend is stagnation

Decreasing

Decreasing score, i.e. country is moving in the wrong direction

Stagnating

Score remains stagnant or is increasing at a rate below 50% of the growth rate needed to achieve the SDG by 2030

Moderately Increasing

Score is increasing at a rate above 50% of the required growth rate but below the rate needed to achieve the SDG by 2030

On track or Maintaining SDG achievement

Score is increasing at the rate needed to achieve the SDG by 2030 or performance has already exceeded SDG achievement threshold

Nigeria Dashboards

www.africasdgindex.org

New interactive dashboard: https://countries.africasdgindex.org/#/

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