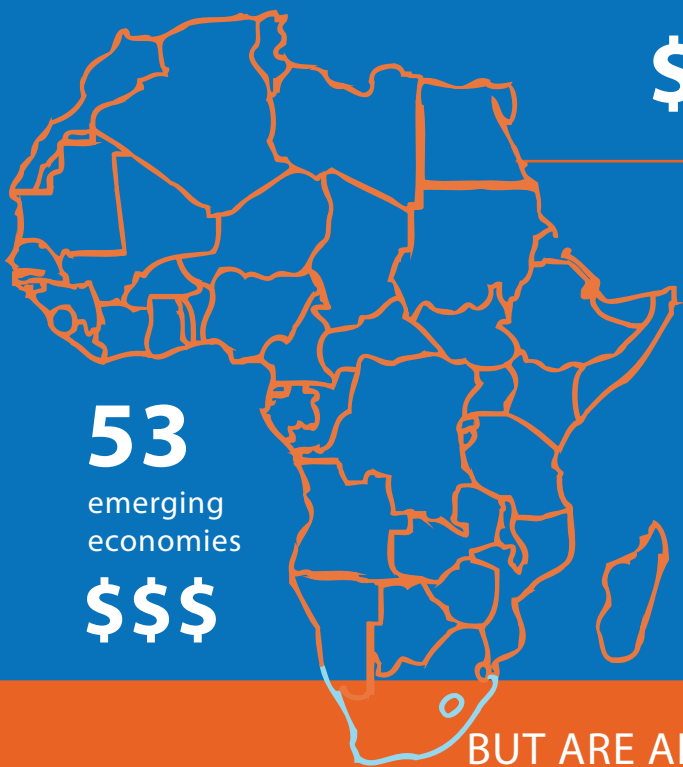


# WHY SHOULD AFRICA CARE ABOUT DOING RESEARCH?

## AFRICA IS DEVELOPING FAST



Africa's GDP is over  
**\$1.7** trillion



**300** with over  
**million**  
people

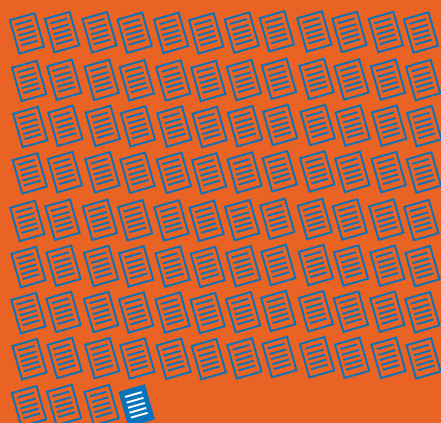
Between  
**2010 - 2014**



social science publications  
from sub-Saharan Africa  
referenced in SCOPUS grew by

**78%**

## BUT ARE AFRICANS GUIDING THIS DEVELOPMENT?



In 2012, the  
share of the  
world's research  
articles with at  
least one  
African author  
was only

**1.3%**

In 2015, only



of the world's  
think tanks were in  
Africa

GDN-supported studies  
from Cameroon and Cote  
d'Ivoire call for a  
complete revitalization of  
their research systems



## REVITALIZING RESEARCH SYSTEMS HAS MANY BENEFITS

Development  
problems can  
be identified  
and solutions  
found



More people can become involved  
in their own development



Governments can use  
the Doing Research  
method to map their  
own research system,  
benchmark themselves  
against relevant  
countries, catalyze  
development action,  
and implement better  
policies



Sources: SCOPUS; Go To Think Tank Index; Fomba and Ahouré 2016, GDN-supported study.