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The average African farm performs at only about 40% of its potential.		Open letter to African Heads of State , Kanayo Nwanze	
And on present trends the continent will only produce 13% of its food needs by 2050.		Global Harvest Initiative. 2012. GAP report.	
80% of all Africa’s farms are small plots yet contribute as much as 80% of food production.		Open letter to African Heads of State , Kanayo Nwanze	
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75% of Africa’s soil is degraded, costing African countries up to 10% of their GDP.	Building an Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa , UN Economics of Land Degradation , IFPRI	Yet Africa has almost 50% of the world’s uncultivated land.	Growing Africa: Unlocking the Potential of Agribusiness – World Bank
African farmers apply only 10-13 kg of fertilizer per hectare compared to more than 100 kg in South Asia.	Why Has Africa Become a Net Importer of Food? FAO Africa Progress Report 2014 – Africa Progress Panel	1 kg of fertilizer can triple yields and no-till practices could increase maize yields as much as 100% in Sub-Saharan Africa.	Roots for Growth Food Security in a world of growing natural resource scarcity - IFPRI
Only around 5% of cultivated land in Africa is irrigated, compared with 41% in Asia.	Africa Progress Report 2014 – Africa Progress Panel Irrigated land as a percentage of cultivated land - UNESCO	Irrigation alone could increase output by up to 50% in Africa..	Open letter to African Heads of State , Kanayo Nwanze

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<p>Only 16% of sub-Saharan Africa’s roads are paved.</p>	<p>Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme – NEPAD/African Union</p>	<p>Upgrading sub-Saharan Africa’s roads could boost yearly trade by US\$250 billion, yet cost only US\$38 billion a year.</p>	<p>Road Network Upgrading and Overland Trade Expansion in Sub-Saharan Africa - World Bank</p> <p>Keynote address to opening of African Green Revolution Forum – Kanayo Nwanze</p>
<p>Only 25% of rural people have access to market within two hours.</p>	<p>World Hunger Series: World Hunger and Markets – World Food Program</p>	<p>African consumer spending could reach US\$1.4 trillion by 2020, and to double in a decade.</p>	<p>Keynote address to opening of African Green Revolution Forum – Kanayo Nwanze</p>
<p>There are up to 3,000 farmers per extension agent in many parts of Africa today, and only 15% of extension workers are women.</p>	<p>Agricultural extension – a time for change - CTA</p>	<p>Investment in extension yields 80% annual rates of return - almost double the norm.</p>	<p>Farming First</p>
<p>Sub-Saharan Africa accounted for only 3-6% of global public spending on agricultural R&D in 2008.</p>	<p>ASTI Global Assessment of Agriculture R&D Spending</p>	<p>Public investments in research and extension have a rate of return of 35-70%.</p>	<p>Promoting Fertilizer Use in Africa - IFPRI</p>
<p>90% of Africa’s rural land is undocumented, and women own just 1% of land in sub-Saharan Africa.</p>	<p>Land and Food Security Brief - World Bank</p> <p>The State of Food and Agriculture 2010-11 – FAO</p>	<p>Land registration in Ghana increased land-related revenue 11 times over from 2003 to 2010. Land reform in Malawi has raised agricultural incomes by 40% each year.</p>	<p>Securing Africa’s Land for Shared Prosperity - World Bank</p>

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<p>About 380 million women, children and men in sub-Saharan Africa live on less than US\$1.25 a day.</p>	<p>Change Africa from Within - IFAD</p>	<p>GDP growth due to agriculture has been estimated to be 11 times more effective in reducing poverty than growth in any other African sector.</p>	<p>Open letter to African Heads of State, Kanayo Nwanze</p>
<p>230 million Africans are chronically malnourished, and 40% of children under age five will experience stunted mental and physical development.</p>	<p>The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2014 – FAO</p>	<p>Improved nutrition could boost African GDP by 11%.</p>	<p>July 2014 Brief - Scaling Up Nutrition</p>
<p>As much as 35% of Africa’s 200 million strong youth population are out of work.</p>	<p>Sub-Saharan Africa’s Youth Bulge – The Brookings Institution</p>	<p>Each year at least 10 million young people in Africa enter the labour force, more than ever before.</p>	<p>Statement on the US-Africa Summit – Kanayo Nwanze</p>
<p>Cereal crop yields in Africa are only one-tenth as high as the United States.</p>	<p>Africa’s Organic Farms – Robert L. Paarlberg</p>	<p>Intensification is expected to produce 80% of the required increase in African food production.</p>	<p>Insights: Africa’s future...Can biosciences contribute? - Little, J. 2013</p>
<p>Most Africans have no access to banking services, with only 20% of families having bank accounts.</p>	<p>Mobile Banking in Africa – Taking the Bank to the People - AFDB</p>	<p>Mobile banking in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia and Zambia sees 1.2 million transactions per month, worth approximately US\$11 million.</p>	<p>Africa sprints ahead with mobile banking – Africa’s First National Bank (FNB)</p>

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<p>In 2012, sub-Saharan African countries spent US\$37.7 billion on food imports, with trade mispricing and other illicit outflows costing some US\$63 billion.</p>	<p>Equity in Extractives – Africa Progress Panel</p>	<p>With the right investments, Africa’s food and beverage markets could be worth US\$1 trillion by 2030.</p>	<p>Growing Africa: Unlocking the Potential of Agribusiness – World Bank</p>
<p>Only seven of 49 countries in sub-Saharan Africa have consistently met their pledge to spend 10% of national budgets on agriculture.</p>	<p>Walking the Talk - ActionAid</p>	<p>Ghana, which currently spends around 10% of its national budget on agriculture, has succeeded in halving hunger.</p>	<p>Walking the Talk - ActionAid</p>
<p>Women farmers typically achieve yields 20-30% lower than men due to unequal access to productive resources and services.</p>	<p>The State of Food and Agriculture 2010-11 - FAO</p>	<p>Closing this gender gap could reduce the number of malnourished people by 12-17%</p>	<p>The State of Food and Agriculture 2010-11 - FAO</p>