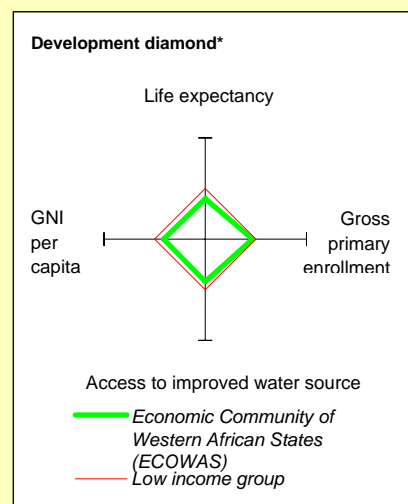


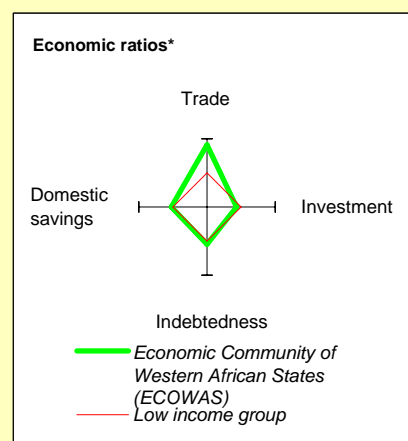
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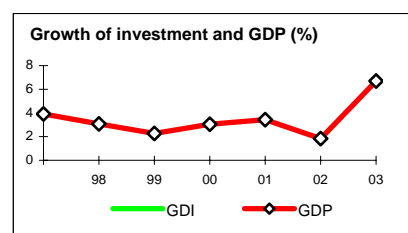
POVERTY and SOCIAL	Economic Community of Western African States	Sub-Saharan Africa	Low income
2003			
Population, mid-year (millions)	250.0	702.6	2,310.3
GNI per capita (Atlas method, US\$)	370	490	450
GNI (Atlas method, US\$ billions)	91.9	346.8	1,038.2
Average annual growth, 1997-03			
Population (%)	2.4	2.3	1.9
Labor force (%)	2.5	2.4	2.3
Most recent estimate (latest year available, 1997-03)			
Poverty (% of population below national poverty line)	..	..	..
Urban population (% of total population)	42	36	30
Life expectancy at birth (years)	46	46	58
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	105	103	82
Child malnutrition (% of children under 5)	29	..	44
Access to an improved water source (% of population)	63	58	75
Illiteracy (% of population age 15+)	38	35	39
Gross primary enrollment (% of school-age population)	86	87	92
Male	95	94	99
Female	76	80	85



KEY ECONOMIC RATIOS and LONG-TERM TRENDS	1983	1993	2002	2003
GDP (US\$ billions)	59.7	58.9	88.2	109.0
Gross domestic investment/GDP	14.2	18.6	19.6	18.8
Exports of goods and services/GDP	19.8	32.3	36.4	39.3
Gross domestic savings/GDP	8.4	13.1	17.4	19.7
Gross national savings/GDP	..	8.5	14.0	16.5
Current account balance/GDP	-13.1	-8.3	-6.9	-2.9
Interest payments/GDP	3.1	2.6	1.0	0.7
Total debt/GDP	63.1	126.4	81.9	73.1
Total debt service/exports	25.9	19.0	9.3	7.3
Present value of debt/GDP	..	..	64.7	54.9
Present value of debt/exports	..	..	170.1	129.7
(average annual growth)				
GDP	3.3	3.3	1.8	6.7
GDP per capita	0.4	0.7	-0.5	4.4
Exports of goods and services	3.8	2.9	-5.8	20.2



STRUCTURE of the ECONOMY	1983	1993	2002	2003
<i>(% of GDP)</i>				
Agriculture	33.9	28.6	30.3	28.7
Industry	22.4	36.8	31.1	33.1
Manufacturing	9.8	7.9	7.5	6.8
Services	43.7	34.5	38.6	38.1
Private consumption	75.9	71.7	66.1	64.5
General government consumption	15.8	15.2	16.5	15.9
Imports of goods and services	25.2	37.8	38.6	38.5



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