

# AFRICA'S FOOD EXCHANGE

Before 2000 Sub-Saharan Africa was a net exporter of food.  
Now, the region has a food import bill of over

# US\$35 BILLION

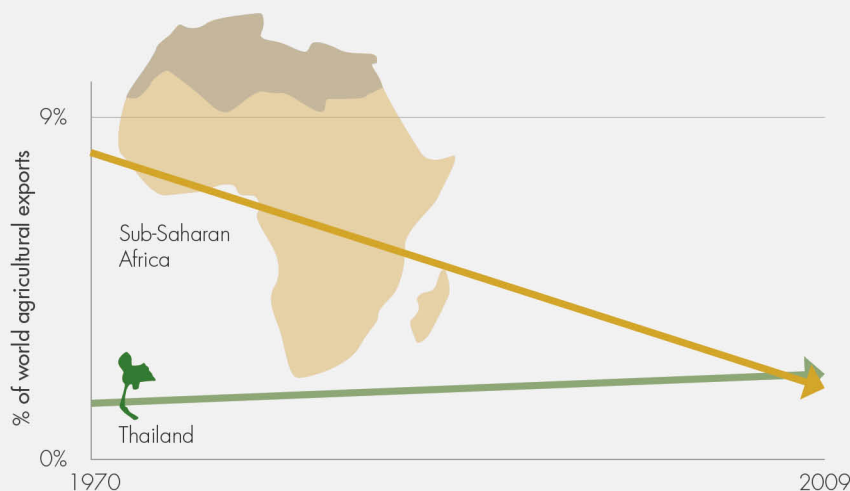
PER YEAR

AND IMPORTS EXCEED EXPORTS BY

# 30%

Volatile global food markets make Africa even more vulnerable.

WITH 13% OF WORLD POPULATION, SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA ACCOUNTS FOR LESS THAN 2% OF GLOBAL AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS. IT EXPORTS LESS THAN THAILAND



In 2012, support provided to OECD agriculture stood at **US\$258 billion** – contributing further to Africa's diminishing presence in global markets.

## REVERSING THE TREND

Africa's productivity levels could easily double within

# 5 years

ONLY 3.5 MILLION HECTARES OF THE

# 240 million

hectares suitable for wetland rice cultivation have been exploited

Nigeria spends **US\$11 billion** on importing wheat, rice, sugar and fish

**BUT** > THE COUNTRY RECENTLY CUT ITS IMPORT BILL BY OVER

# US\$5 billion

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Note: Sub-Saharan Africa's import bill excludes fish.