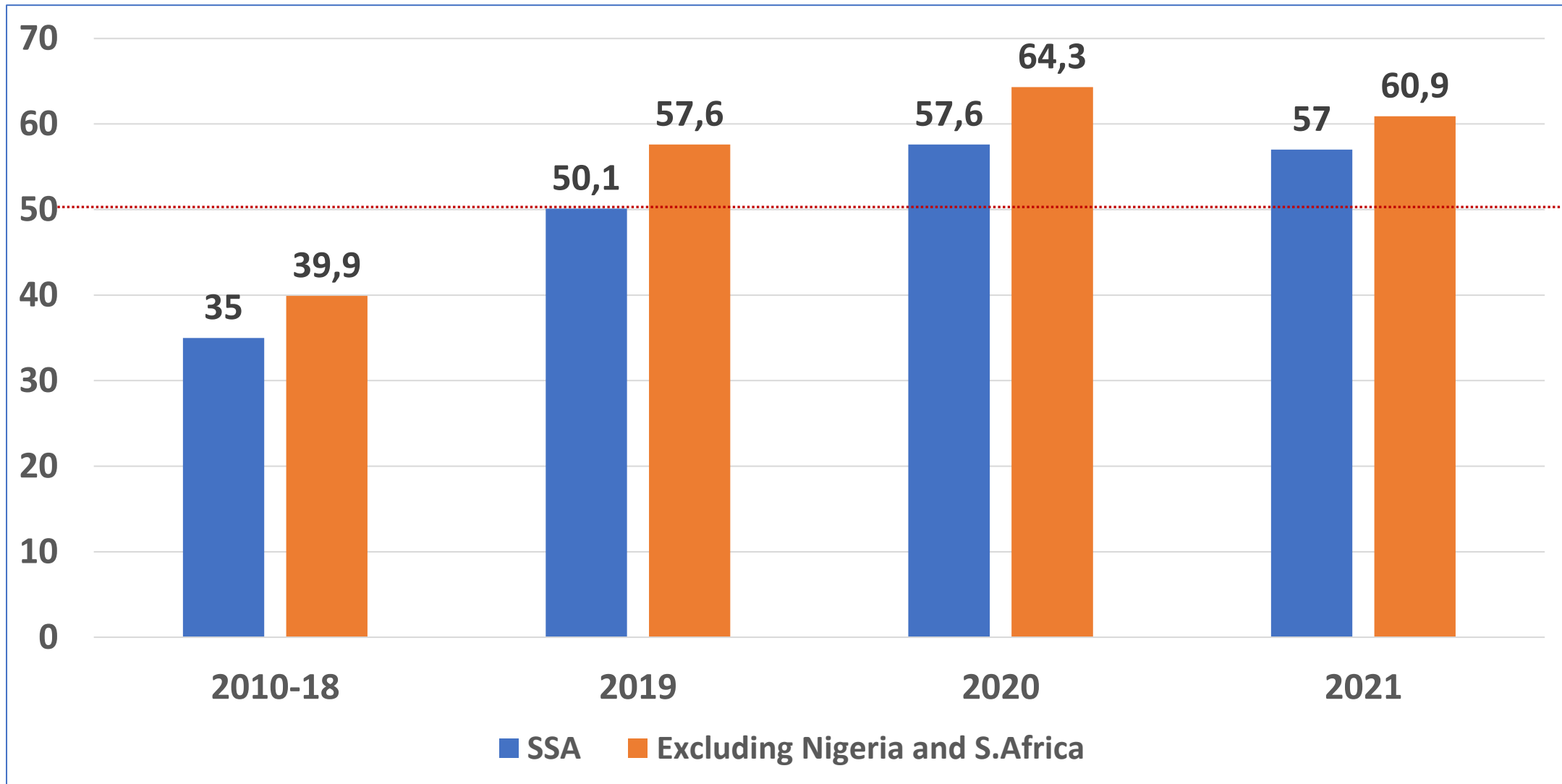


Sovereign Debt Session: SSA's Public Debt

Maureen Were

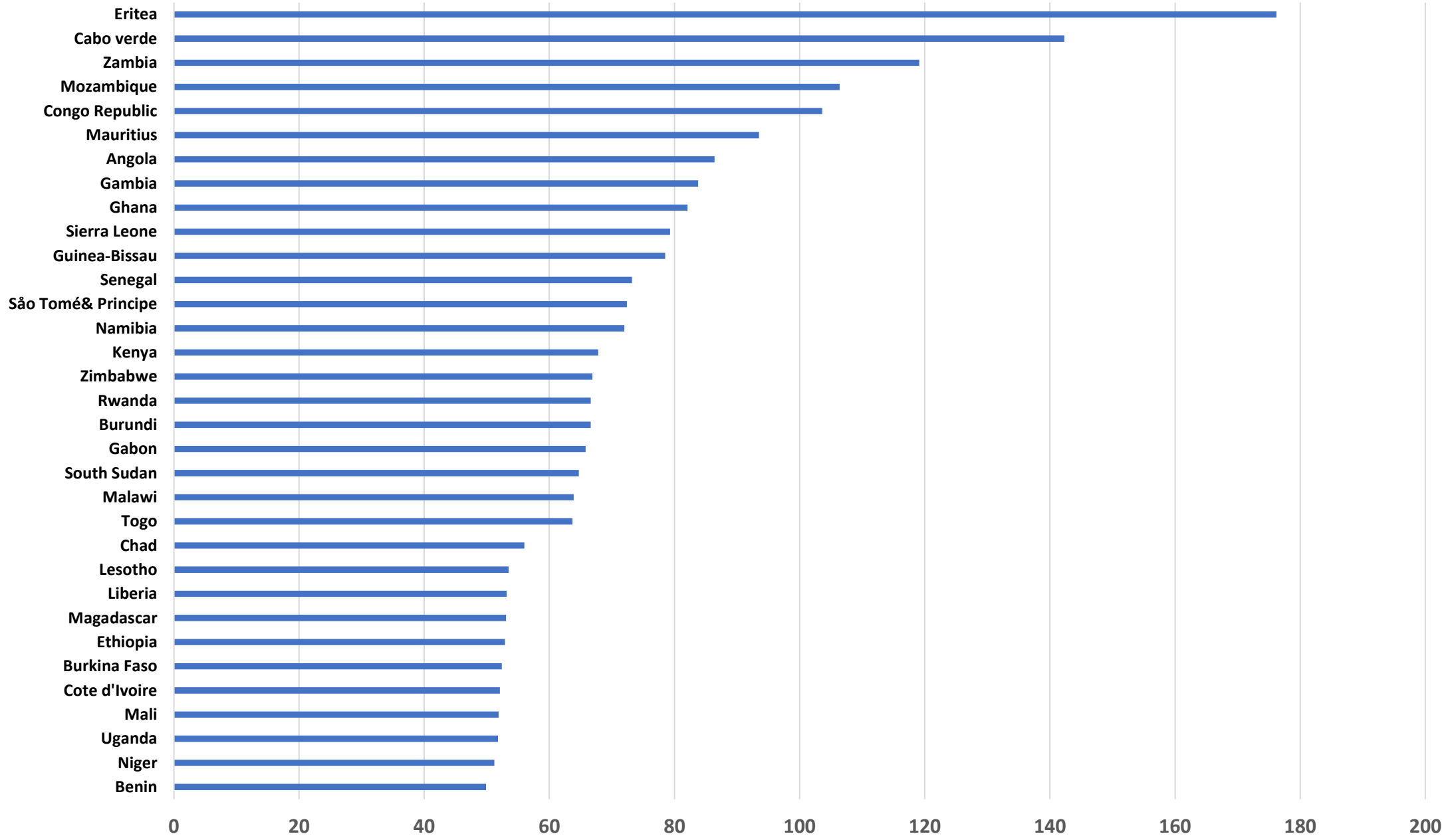
Debt and Innovative Financing in Developing
Countries Wokrshop October 27-28, 2022

Overview: SSA Government Debt % of GDP



Debt to GDP ratio edged up from 50.1% to 57.6 % in 2020 and 57% in 2021 (60.9% excluding Nigeria and South Africa)

Government debt % of GDP (50% and above) in 2021



Increased debt vulnerabilities as more countries face risk of debt distress

DSAs: SSA Countries as of November 30, 2019

DSAs: SSA Countries as of September 30, 2022

In Debt Stress

**Congo Republic, Mozambique,
Zimbabwe, Gambia, South Sudan,
São Tomé and Príncipe (6/9)**

High Risk

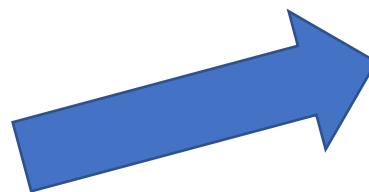
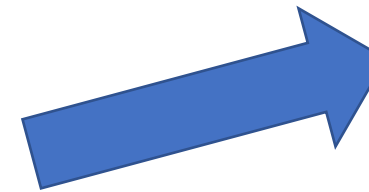
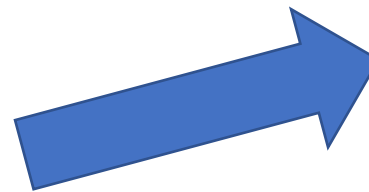
**Burundi, Carbo Verde, Cameroon,
CAR, Comoros, Ethiopia, Ghana,
Sierra Leone, Zambia, Chad(10/25)**

Moderate Risk

**Benin, Burkina Faso, Congo DR, Côte
d'Ivoire, Guinea, Lesotho, Mali,
Niger, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya,
Malawi, Togo, Liberia(13/23)**

Low Risk

**Madagascar, Rwanda, Senegal,
Tanzania, Uganda(5/16)**



In Debt Stress

**Congo Republic, Mozambique,
Zimbabwe, São Tomé and Príncipe
Chad, Zambia, (6/9)**

High Risk

**Burundi, Cameroon, CAR, Comoros,
Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Sierra
Leone, South Sudan, Guinea-Bissau,
Kenya, Malawi(12/28)**

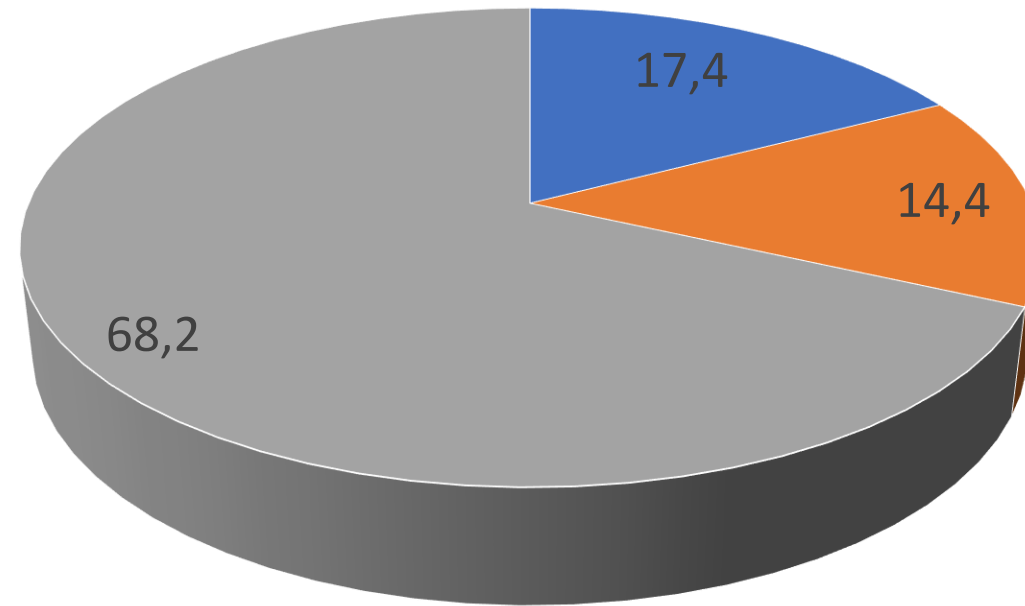
Moderate Risk

**Benin, Burkina Faso, Congo DR, Côte
d'Ivoire, Guinea, Lesotho, Mali,
Niger, Togo, Liberia, Carbo Verde,
Madagascar, Rwanda, Senegal,
Tanzania, Uganda(16/25)**

Low Risk (0/7)

Increased cost of debt servicing associated with increase in private and commercial debt

Example: Kenya's External debt Interest payment by Lender Category, 2020/2021



■ Bilateral ■ Multilateral ■ Commercial

Drivers of Public Debt

- Increased investment demand for infrastructure development
- Increased ability to borrow following improved macroeconomic management, strong economic performance(2000-2014) and debt relief
- Favourable global financing conditions
- Adverse impact of COVID-19 pandemic
- Deteriorating financial conditions
- High vulnerability to global shocks
 - Dependency on commodity exports with volatile prices
 - Exchange rate risks
- Maturity mismatches
- Civil strife and fragility of some of the economies