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Africa's Youth

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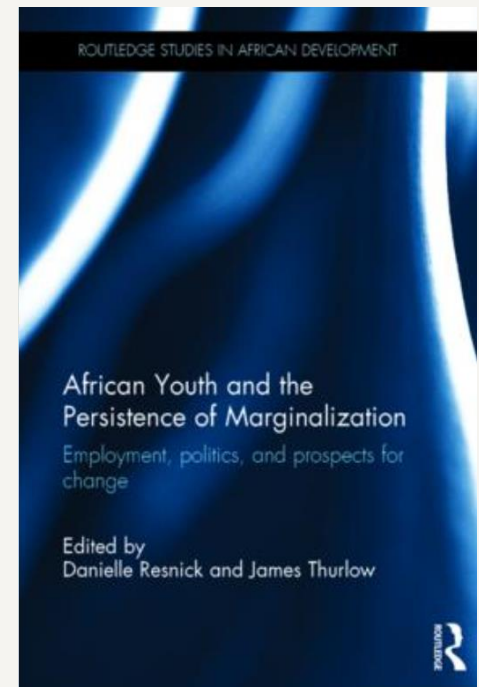
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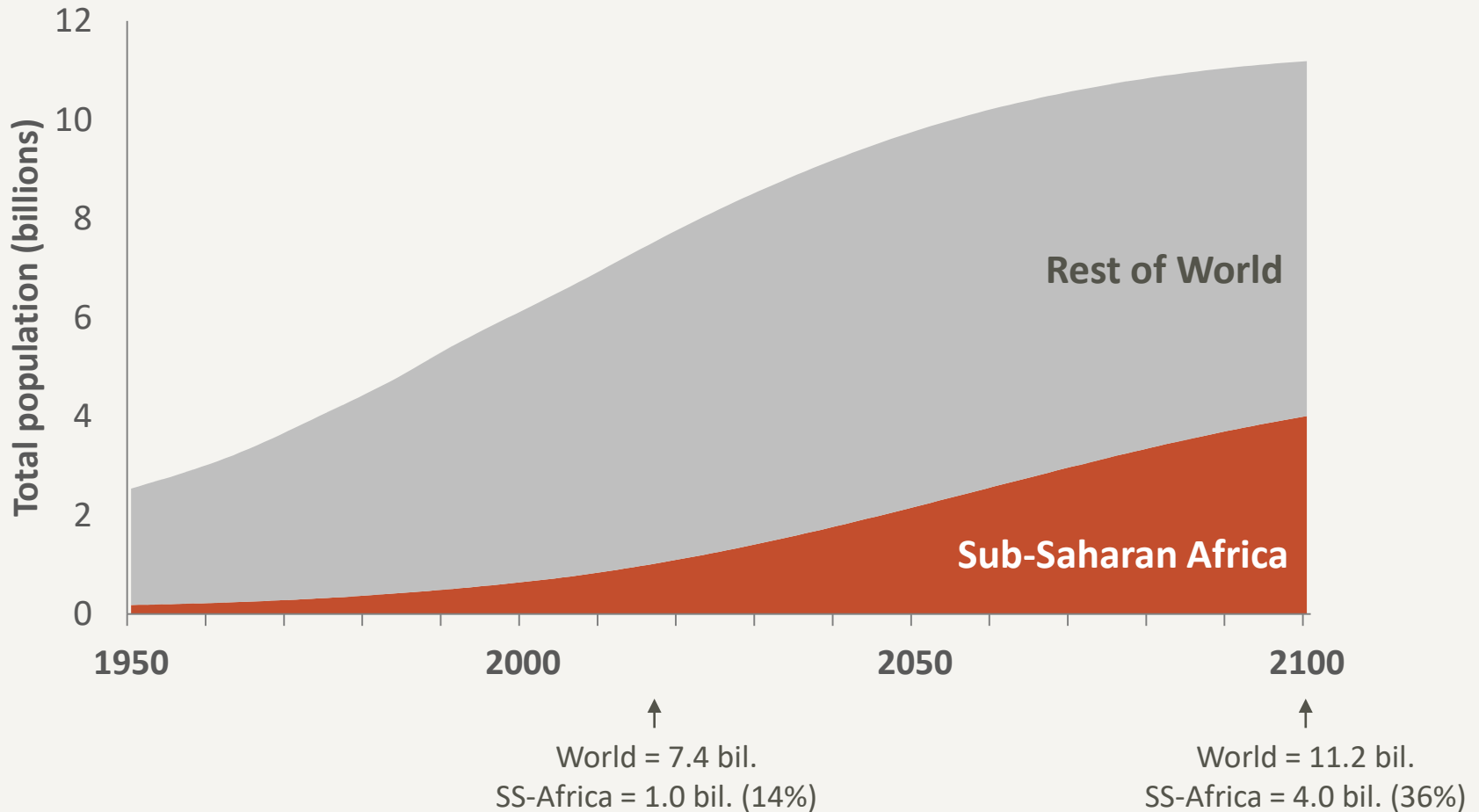
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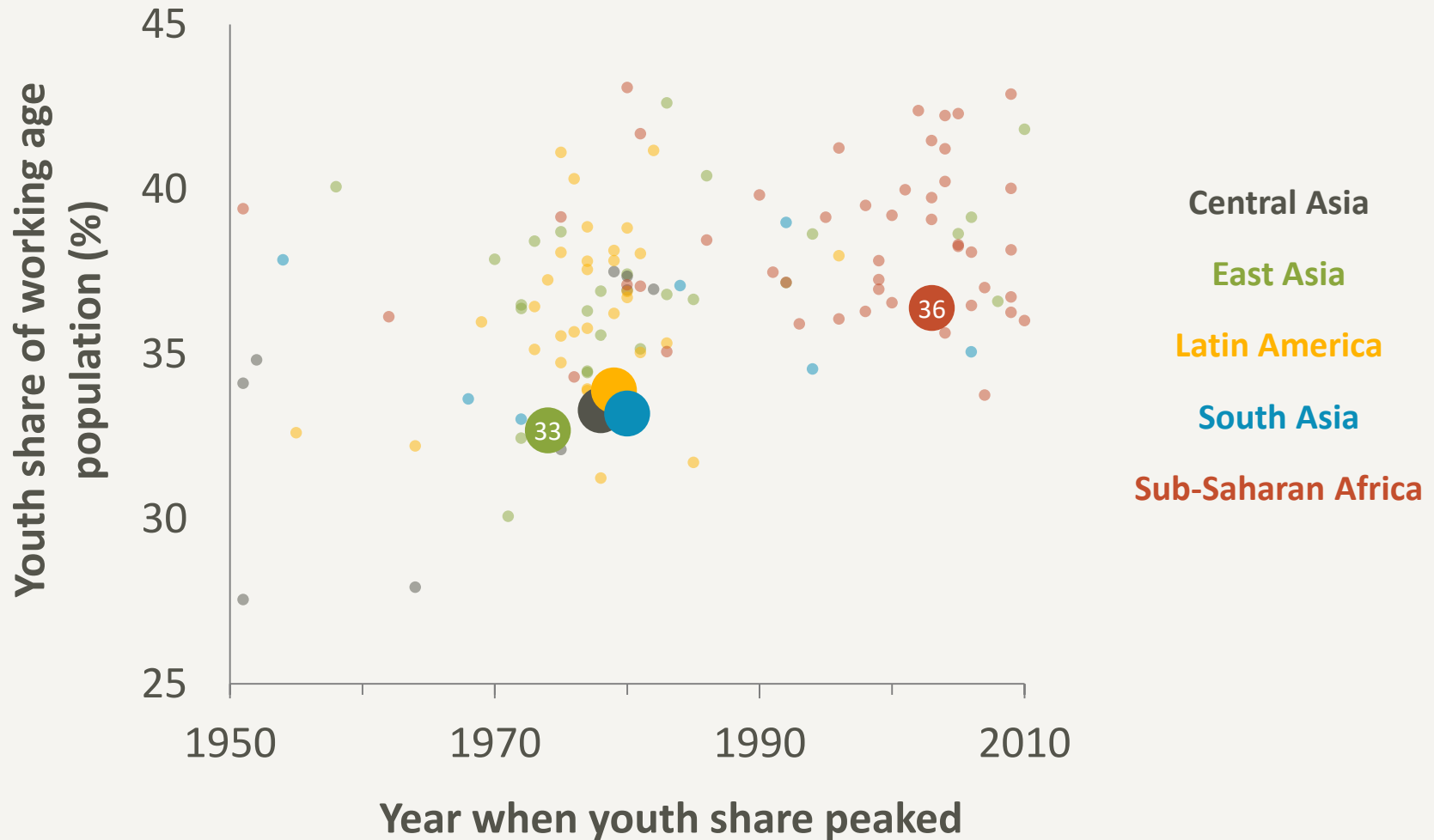


Africa's Population is Booming



Source: Historical and projected population data from UNDESA (2017)

Africa's Youth Bulge is Late (But Not Huge)



Africans Are (Slowly) Leaving Agriculture

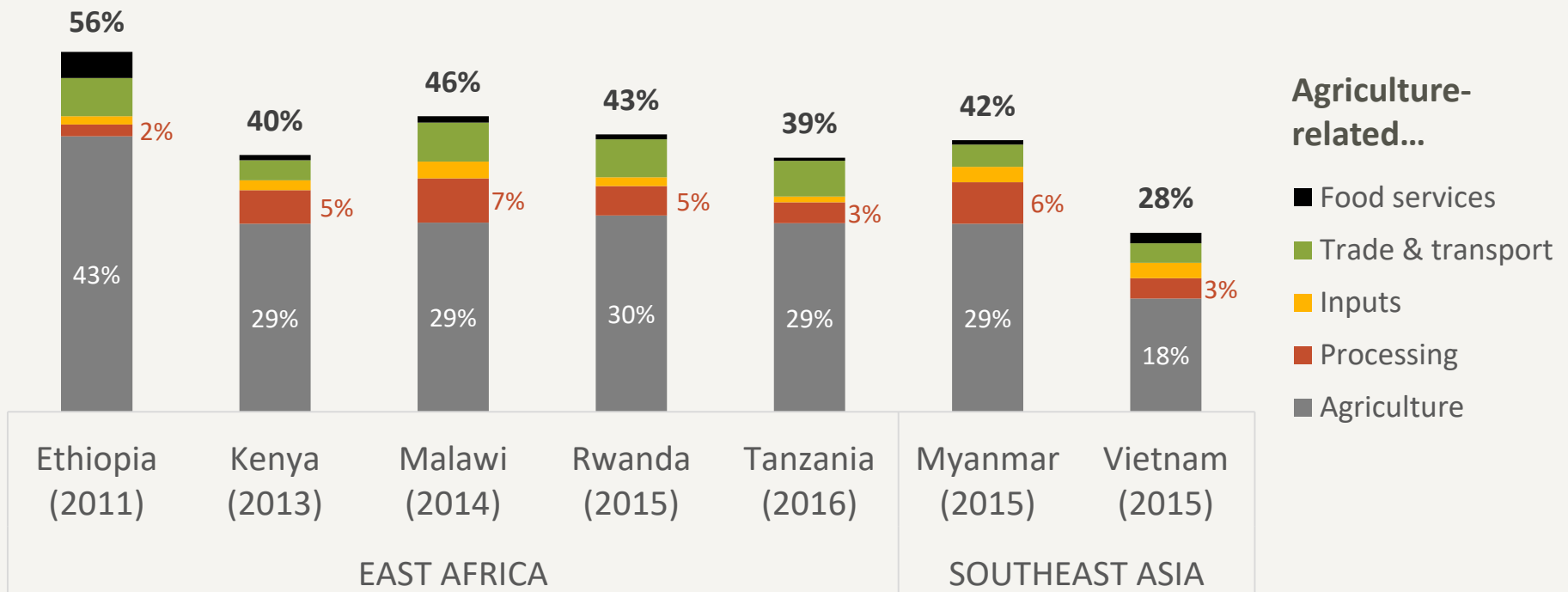


Source: Dorosh & Thurlow (2018) using historical GDP (WDI) and employment data (WDI, ILO)

Food Systems Create Opportunities



Share of National GDP (%)



Source: IFPRI is tracking AgGDP+ and AgEMP+ using social accounting matrices (SAMs) as a country-level performance indicator for USAID's Global Food Security Strategy

Guiding Questions



- Does Africa have a youth or a structural change problem?
- What are the prospects for agriculture-related jobs?
- Should governments/donors do something special for youth?