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Africa's development perspectives are therefore analysed and commented from the global to the local space, by presenting analytical surveys, comparative analyses, and policy statements, declarations and programmes of international, regional, national, and voluntary organisations and associations. It is also the purpose of the *African Development Perspectives Yearbook* to establish a news-and-information network, and a forum for international communication on Africa's development perspectives.

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This volume analyses the new growth and poverty alleviation strategies for Africa. Country cases in Africa for the integration of new growth and poverty alleviation policies are presented. New international strategies in the context of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the EU Strategy for Africa are discussed that aim at promoting pro-poor policies. Regional aspects of new growth and poverty alleviation strategies are analysed with regard of the case of South Africa. The South Africa of 2007 is a much different country from the South Africa of 1994, the year in which the country held its first democratic election. The country returned to positive per capita growth in the period since 1994. However, large challenges remain - the most glaring being the high levels of

poverty and unemployment. Innovative strategies to address these challenges are discussed - incentives for sub-regional economic growth; improving the relationship between growth and employment; enhancing the role of education in the labour market; promoting Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment; and moving step by step towards a South African welfare state. New researches, initiatives and publications related to the theme are reviewed carefully in this volume.

This volume builds the foundation for a comprehensive strategy of policy reforms in Africa so as to integrate new growth and poverty alleviation strategies. Complementary to volume XIII is volume XIV on “*New Growth and Poverty Alleviation Strategies for Africa – Institutional and Local Perspectives*”. Both volumes are of importance for all those who work in African countries as officials, executives, managers, researchers, and policy-makers, but also for all those who actively support Africa’s development concerns at the international, regional, country, local and project levels. They will experience this volume XIII and also the complementary volume XIV as indispensable sources of insight, reference and inspiration.