Definitions:

• CPIA: Country Policy and Institutional Assessment.
• IDA: International Development Association, the arm of the World Bank that provides credits to the poorest countries.
• SSA: Sub-Saharan Africa.
• Poverty is based on the PovcalNet poverty data as of May 2014. These data are being revised and will be available shortly.
• The cut-off date for data is June 2014.

Average scores for comparisons refer to country groupings as follows:

• IDA Borrowing Countries: 91 countries eligible for IDA credits and with CPIA scores in 2013.
• SSA IDA Countries: 39 SSA IDA Countries which had CPIA scores in 2013.
• Fragile Countries in SSA: 16 countries with CPIA scores included in the World Bank’s Harmonized Fragile List for Fiscal Year 2015.
• Non-Fragile Countries in SSA: 23 IDA-eligible countries excluding fragile countries.

NOTES: The CPIA consists of 16 criteria grouped in four equally weighted clusters: Economic Management, Structural Policies, Policies for Social Inclusion and Equity, and Public Sector Management and Institutions. For each of the 16 criteria, countries are rated on a scale of 1 (low) to 6 (high). The scores depend on the level of performance in a given year assessed against the criteria, rather than on changes in performance compared to the previous year. The ratings depend on actual policies and performance, rather than on promises or intentions. The ratings reflect a variety of indicators, observations, and judgments originated in the World Bank or elsewhere. For details see: www.worldbank.org/africa/CPIA