Contribution of Chinese FDI to Subsaharan Africa's Economic Growth: Perpetual Inventory Method Approach and Two Steps Panel Quantile Regression

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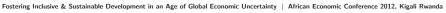
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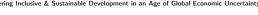




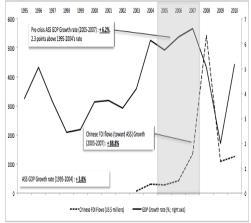


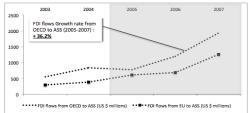


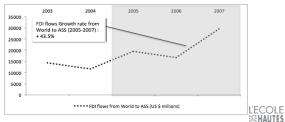












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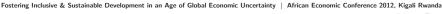
THE ISSUE

SSA Growth Performance in a context of Chinese FDI flows

- On pre-crisis (2005-2007), chinese FDI (CFDI) toward Subsaharan Africa's countries grows up remarkably : + 88%.
 - FDI flows growth from OECD's countries : + 36.2%.
 - FDI flows growth from the World : + 43.5%.
- On the period, the SSA growth rates was among the worldwide highest rate : + 6.2% (against + 2.3 point of percent over 1995-2004).
 - North America : +2.5%; European Union : +2.8%; Latin America & Caribbean : 5.3%; Middle East & North Africa : 5.4%.
- A simple question : Did *CFDI* contribute to SSA's growth performance? Can we figure out its specific contribution?



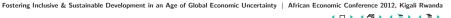




In SSA, CFDI target economic growth driving factors

- China relationship with SSA impacts overall demand and fosters economic growth (Besada, Wang & Whalley, 2008).
 - Consumption The Balance of Trade Investment.
- *CFDI* in infrastructure help SSA to fill the gap. Infrastructure is well know as one of the main support of growth.
 - According to The World Bank & French Development Agency, quantity & quality of infrastructures matter for growth loss around 50%.
 - China involvement in African infrastructure reached \$9 billions (ICA, annual report 2011).
 - SSA's countries draw substantial benefit from CFDI, and in each of these countries, its foster economic growth. (Mlachila & Takebe, 2011).





The Bandwagoon Effect in Investment, thanks to CFDI

- CFDI serve as an engine for the efforts of the others investors : Here we have a good news for SSA.
 - CFDI seems managed by less-risk-averse actors (Sanfilippo, 2010).
 - The continent moves to meet again the confidence of investors.
- Main sectoral orientation of the *CFDI* is not a surprise : oil, natural gas, mining.
 - China is a natural resources seeker for strategic objectives (Asche & Schuller, 2008).
 - But the most important for SSA are the gains of these investments: royalties, taxes, etc.
 - SSA's countries need, by themselves, to promote a better governance in managing these resources. That is the key point.





Figure out CFDI impact on SSA economic growth in 3 Steps

- Compilation of Total Capital Stock $(K_{i,t})$ with *PIM* approach.
 - PIM help in case of the lack of reliable data following Berthelemy & Soderling (2001), Bosworth & Collins (2003).
 - $K_{i,t} = I_{b,i,t} + (1 \delta)K_{i,t-1}$; $I_{b,i,t}$ as Gross Fixed Capital Formation.
 - A Geometric Depreciation rate $\delta = 0.5$ for developing countries following Nehru & Ashok (1993).
- Recalculate $(K_{i,t})$ without *CFDI* flows contribution : $\overline{K}_{i,t}$
 - $K_{i,t} = \sum_{i,t} FDI \text{ flows}_{i,i,t} + (1-\delta)K_{i,t-1} \rightarrow \bar{K}_{i,t} = K_{i,t} FDI \text{ flows}_{China,i,t}$
- Estimation of competitive models : with/without *CFDI* flows.
 - Economic Growth $_{SSA} = \beta_1 K_{i,t} + Z'\alpha + \epsilon$
 - Economic Growth $_{SSA} = \beta_2 K_{i,t} + Z'\alpha + \epsilon$ [2]
 - Then compare coefficients spread if they are significative.





Quantile estimators for estimations: the pros and the cons

Panel Estimation •• with •• :
$$q_{\tau}(Y_{i,t}) = \beta(\tau)K_{i,t} + \gamma Z + \epsilon_{i,t}$$
 [1]

Panel Estimation 66 without *CFDI* flows 99:
$$q_{\tau}(Y_{i,t}) = \beta(\tau)\bar{K}_{i,t} + \gamma Z + \epsilon_{i,t}$$
 [2]

■ The Pros.

- Robust even in presence of Outliers, more than an estimator based on mean effects.
- Efficient as OLS estimator when errors follow Gaussian distribution.
- More efficient than OLS estimator when errors do not match Gauss distribution (Koenker & Bassett, 1978).

■ The Incidental Parameters Problem in Panel data model.

- The structural parameters (related to predictor variables number) are in fixed number, against fixed effects which number rises with panel size.
- That is jeopardizing the quantile estimators significance (Lancaster, 2000).





An approach to quantile regression for panel (Canay, 2011)

① Solving the Incidental Parameters Problem...

Given a Quantile Panel data model :

$$Y_{i,t} = X_{i,t} eta(au) + lpha_i + v_{i,t}(au)$$
 ; $E(v_{i,t}|X_i,lpha_i) = 0$

- According to C_{anay} (2011) theoretical model, α_i is a pure location shift effect.
- This means that α_i captures all unobserved covariates $U'_i\beta(\tau)$ that enter the model and are constant over time.
- Such variables must have coefficients that are constant across τ , that is, $\beta = \beta(\tau)$ for all τ .
- Then, α_i can be a part of $Y_{i,t}$'s conditional mean, shifting its location.







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2 The Two Estimation Steps...

• Run a *OLS* within estimation and extract the fixed effects.

•
$$\hat{\alpha}_i \equiv T^{-1} \sum_{t=1}^T \left[Y_{i,t} - X'_{i,t} \hat{\beta} \right]$$

- Compute a new dependent variable which is been drained out of fixed effects. Then estimate the new model.
 - $\hat{Y}_{i,t} \equiv Y_{i,t} \hat{\alpha}_i$

The new estimator of Quantile with Panel data is...

$$\hat{eta}(au) \equiv arg\left(\underbrace{\mathit{Min}}_{eta}(nT^{-1})\sum_{t=1}^{T}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left[f_{ au}(\hat{Y}_{i,t}-X_{i,t}'eta)
ight]
ight)$$





Add some controls and run estimations over 2003-2010

- Dependent variable is GDP growth per capita.
- Competitive/Alternative variables of interest.
 - K_{i,t} (with)
 - K_{i,t} (without CFDI flows)
- A set of Controls variables.
 - Openness
 - Terms of trade
 - Financial development
 - Financial instability
 - Political instability
 - HIV mortality
 - Carbon emissions
 - Agricultural productivity
 - Government balance
 - Education expenditure









The summary table of results of estimations

CFDI contributes to Subsaharan african's countries economic growth, but the impact seems quite low.

Table. 2-STEPs PANEL QUANTILE ESTIMATIONS.

Dependent: GDP growth per capita (in percent).

| | Significative coefficient | Significative coefficient | Spread |
|----------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| | β_1 ••with•• [1] | β_2 ••without •• [2] | |
| Quantile | Interest variable : | Interest variable : | |
| | Total Capital stock | Capital stock | |
| | - | (CFDI flows excluded) | |
| q = 0.25 | 1.832 *** | 1.820 ** | 0.012 |
| q = 0.50 | 1.960 *** | 1.954 *** | 0.006 |
| q = 0.75 | 1.487 * | 1.475 * | 0.012 |

Capital stocks $(K_{i,t} \& \bar{K}_{i,t})$ are in logarithm.

Bootstrapped Standars errors

$$p < 0.01$$
, ** $p < 0.05$, * $p < 0.1$











Improve on measurement of CFDI flows

- Improve on measurement of *CFDI* flows toward SSA can help to capture a greater impact on economic growth.
 - China's statistical system (MOFCOM, NDRC, SAFE) do not take into account all flows: for instance, exit Small size entrepreneur.
 - The failure in registration of flows matters: exit Reinvested earnings (only first Equity investment is taken into account); enterprises struggle with administrative procedures and choose bypassing strategy.
 - The aim of the system: keep control on China's economic residents rather than improve statistical registration or openness (Pairault, 2011): chinese enterprises which invest abroad must provide, at first, fiscal informations.

MOFCOM: Ministry of Commerce (Ministère du commerce)

SAFE: State Administration of Foreign Exchange (Bureau national des devises)

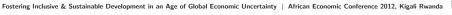
NDRC: National Development and Reform Commission (Commission national au développement et à la réforme)





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- As CFDI's impact on SSA's growth seems small, it must be allocated in the sector where it can contribute more.
 - Government have to better plan for the development strategy/plan : what sector must primarily benefit from investment efforts? Can specific sectoral reforms be implemented?
- Fostering coordination among investors/financiers (Schiere, 2010) can paved the way for a more robust growth.
 - Channeling CFDI into infrastructures and job creation.
 - Funds from others financiers to undertake the reforms (framework of rules for investment) necessary to enable economic progress.





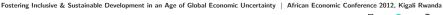


A Proposal to foster Chinese investment trend/level and avoid some risks

- Make ongoing efforts for liberalization/openness.
 - Trade preferences/facilities granted to developing countries by developed (reciprocal or in exchange of improvement of economic/political governance) can attract CFDI;
 - The goal is to use SSA as platform of (re) exportations.
- Avoid fiscal competition between SSA's countries, when attracting *CFDI*.
 - Ongoing efforts in Fiscal harmonization is a solution.
- Avoid one-sided investment contract for not jeopardize potential gain of this investment.







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