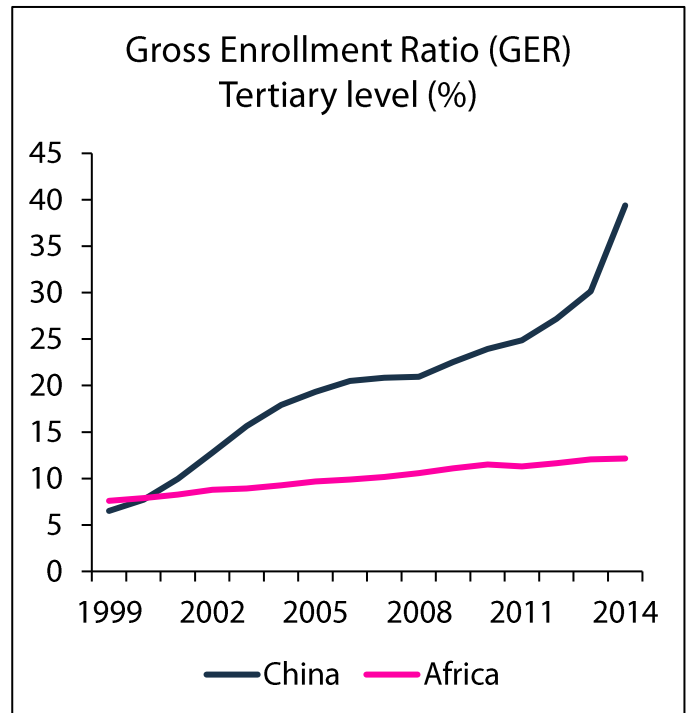


# Africa needs 3,000 new higher education institutions today to reach China's tertiary enrollment

In 2014, the tertiary gross enrollment ratios (GERs) in Africa and China were 12% and 39% respectively. With about 108M 20-24 year olds in Africa, this translates to a current tertiary enrollment of about 13M. To reach China's GER, Africa needs to raise its enrolment to about 42M students, implying a current enrolment gap of 29M students. As of 2015, there were 2,845 Chinese higher education institutions (HEIs) and about 41M tertiary students translating to slightly over 14,000 students per HEI.



At 14,000 students per institution, Africa needs to build about 3,000 higher education institutions today in order to reach China's tertiary enrolment rates. Huge variations exist in the tertiary enrolment per capita between Africa, China, Germany and the United States of America. Africa has just slightly over 1,000 in tertiary enrolment per 100,000 inhabitants while the United States has approximately six times this figure.

