South Africans have long been present in the United Kingdom. However, since 1994, their numbers in the British Isles and, in particular London, have grown exponentially. Some have even predicted that over a million South Africans now called the UK home. While this number is an exaggeration, it is clear that this group comprises the largest portion of the South African diaspora. Various labels as chicken runners, exiles, and emigrants, these South Africans have regularly attracted attention in the South African media, yet there has been no serious study of these South Africans and their story. This book addresses that gap. It asks who these South Africans are, why they are in the UK, and what they were doing there. The answers to these questions not only provide a unique insight into the short history of South Africa's unofficial tenth province, but also what it reveals about the 'Rainbow Nation.' These insights further help to answer the question of whether or not these South Africans will return to South Africa.
accounted for 40% of the total GDP of the 48 countries south of the Sahara, whereas Nigeria, three times more populous, lurched along in second place with around 14%. Despite South Africa's loathsome apartheid heritage, solid institutions underpinned its transition to democracy in 1994: a proper Parliament and electoral system, a good new constitution, independent courts, a vibrant press and a first-world stockmarket. Nelson Mandela, whose extraordinary magnanimity helped avert a racial bloodbath, heralded a rainbow nation that would be a beacon for the rest of Africa. SOUTH AFRICA has had three finance ministers in less than a week. The first, Nhlanhla Nene, a respected technocrat, was "redeployed" after he objected to wild spending plans. One clash involved the chairman of South African Airways, Dudu Myeni, who wanted the state carrier to buy aeroplanes via an unnamed middleman. South AfricaTry again, the beloved country. A nation on the brink deserves better than Jacob Zuma. Print edition | Leaders. Dec 16th 2015. SOUTH AFRICA has had three finance ministers in less than a week. Since Mr Zuma came to power in 2009, South Africa's finances have grown ever more precarious. The budget deficit is 3.8% of GDP. Public debt has ballooned from 26% to almost 50%. Somewhere an eagle flies soaring o'er the dappled skies of Africa. Somewhere a tortoise cries ploughing through the vast disguise of Africa. A springbok dies and a day is born. The sun comes up to greet the dawn; A child is sighing like a bird. And a nation is sounding a very new word. Somewhere an apple train waddles through the winding plains of Africa. Somewhere a sparrow feigns acting out the birthing pains of Africa. A lizard leaps to his mother's scorn: 'Farwell,' she says to her first born. A breeze is lifting a newly-fledged bird. And a nation is sounding a very new wor