

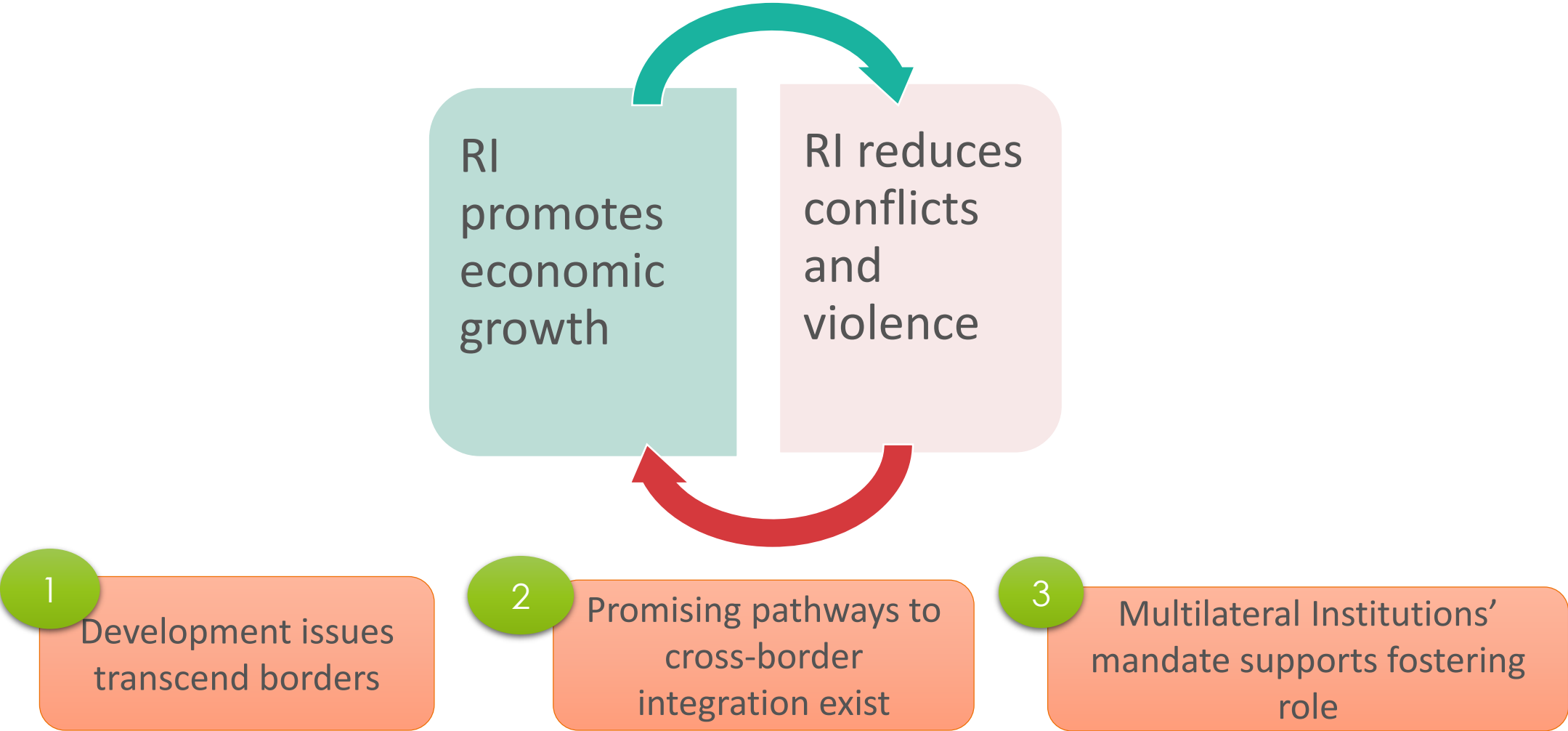


AFRICA REGIONAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

World Bank Group Support to Fostering Regional Integration



PROMOTING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REDUCING CONFLICTS ARE PRIMARY MOTIVATIONS TO FOSTER REGIONAL INTEGRATION



Source: IEG, WBG, literature review

THREE PATHWAYS TO FOSTERING REGIONAL INTEGRATION REINFORCE EACH OTHER



CONNECTIVITY

- Transport infrastructure
- Telecom and ICT
- Financial Systems



INSTITUTIONS

- Regional Economic Communities (RECs)
- National Agencies



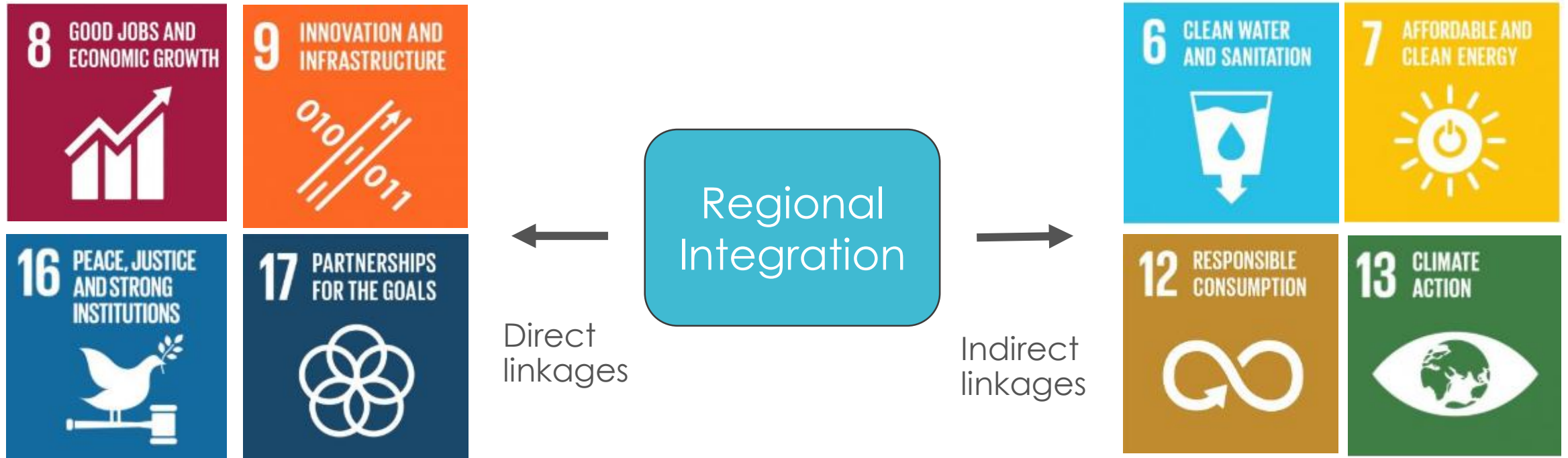
PUBLIC GOODS

- Transboundary water resources
- Pandemic Crisis Facilities

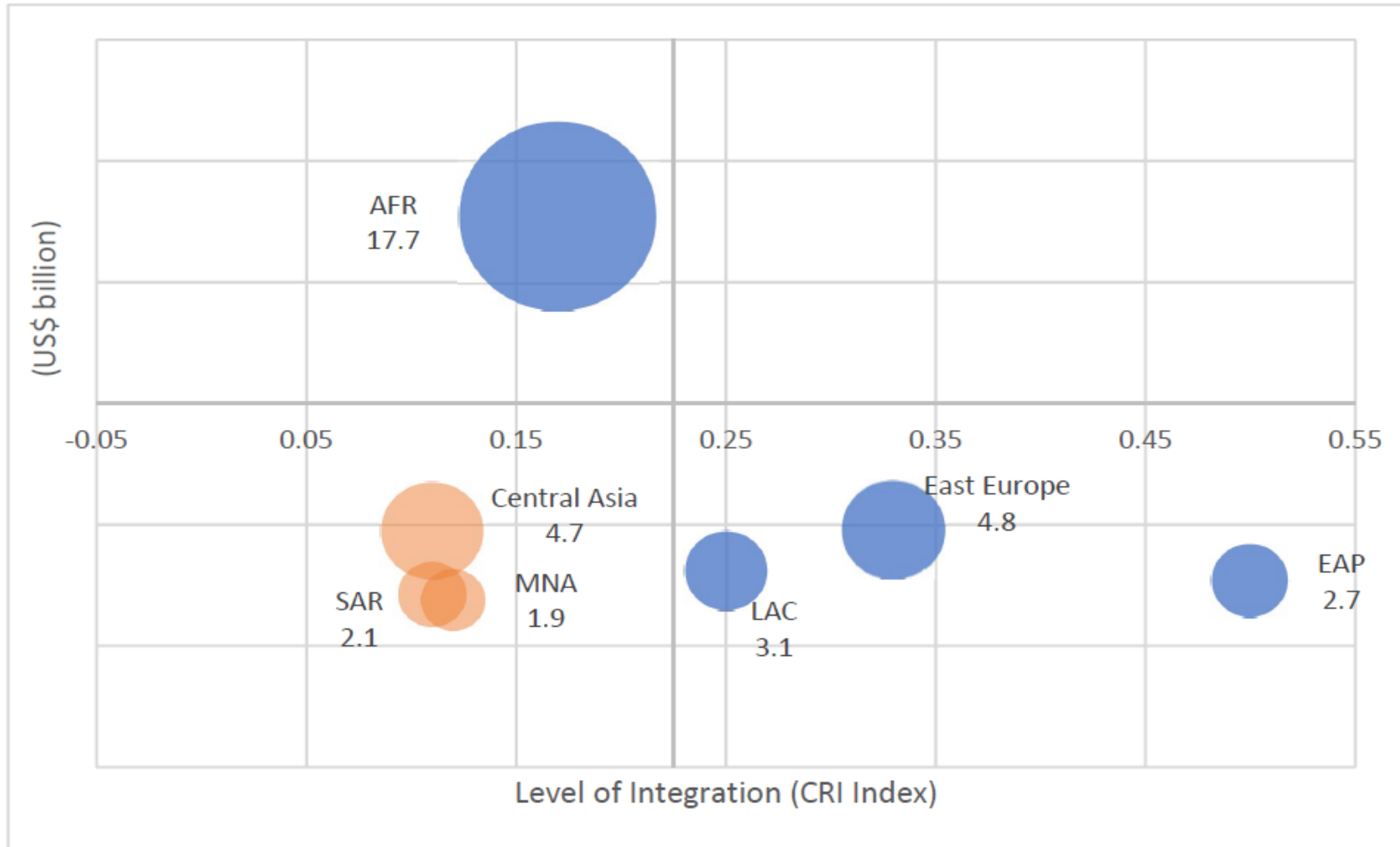
RI IS NOT WITHOUT COSTS, E.G. BORDER ISSUES, MIGRATION, CEDING INTERESTS.

YET NET BENEFITS ARE POSITIVE, E.G. ASEAN

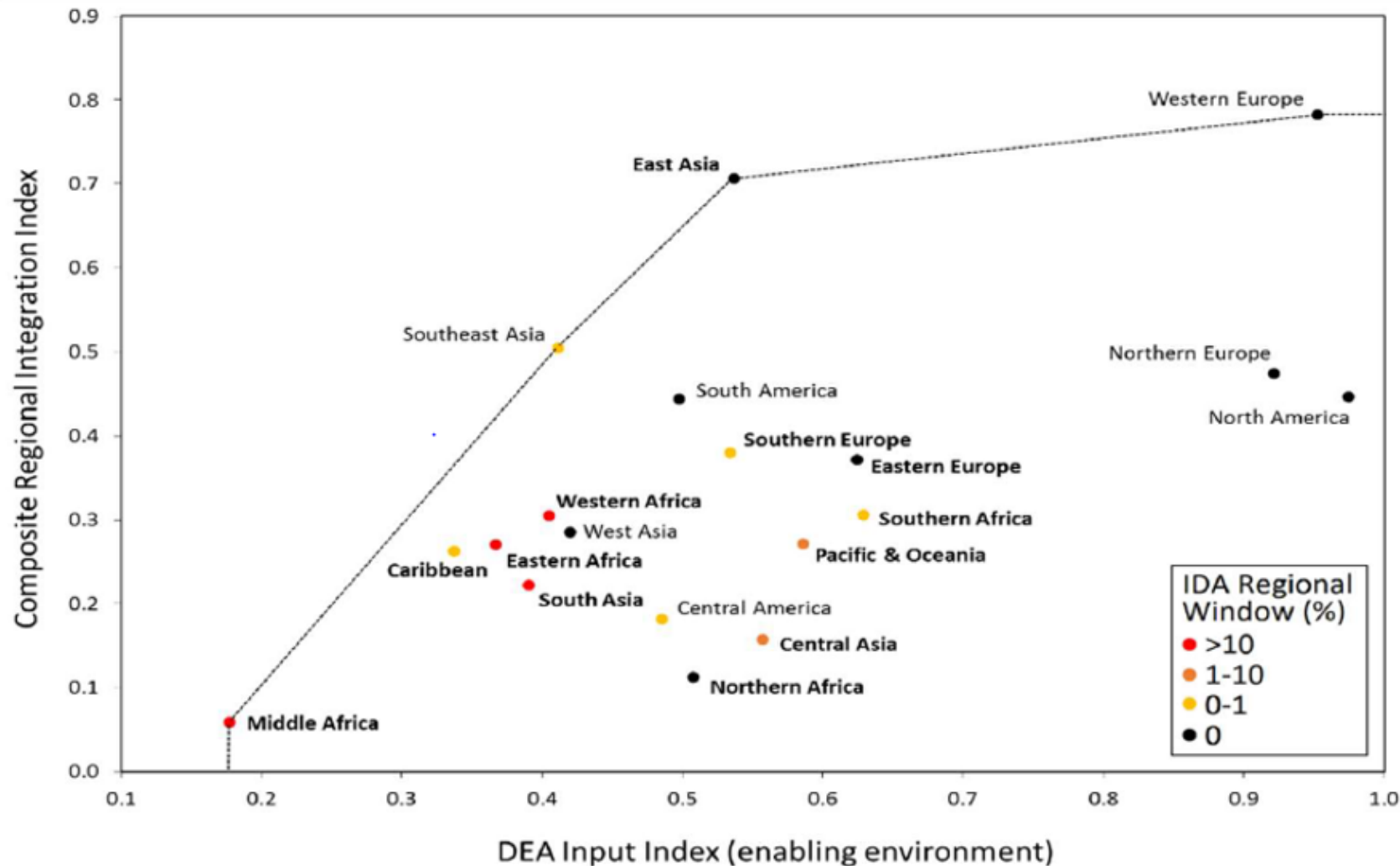
FOSTERING RI CAN HAVE BOTH DIRECT AND INDIRECT LINKAGES TO SDG 2030 AGENDA



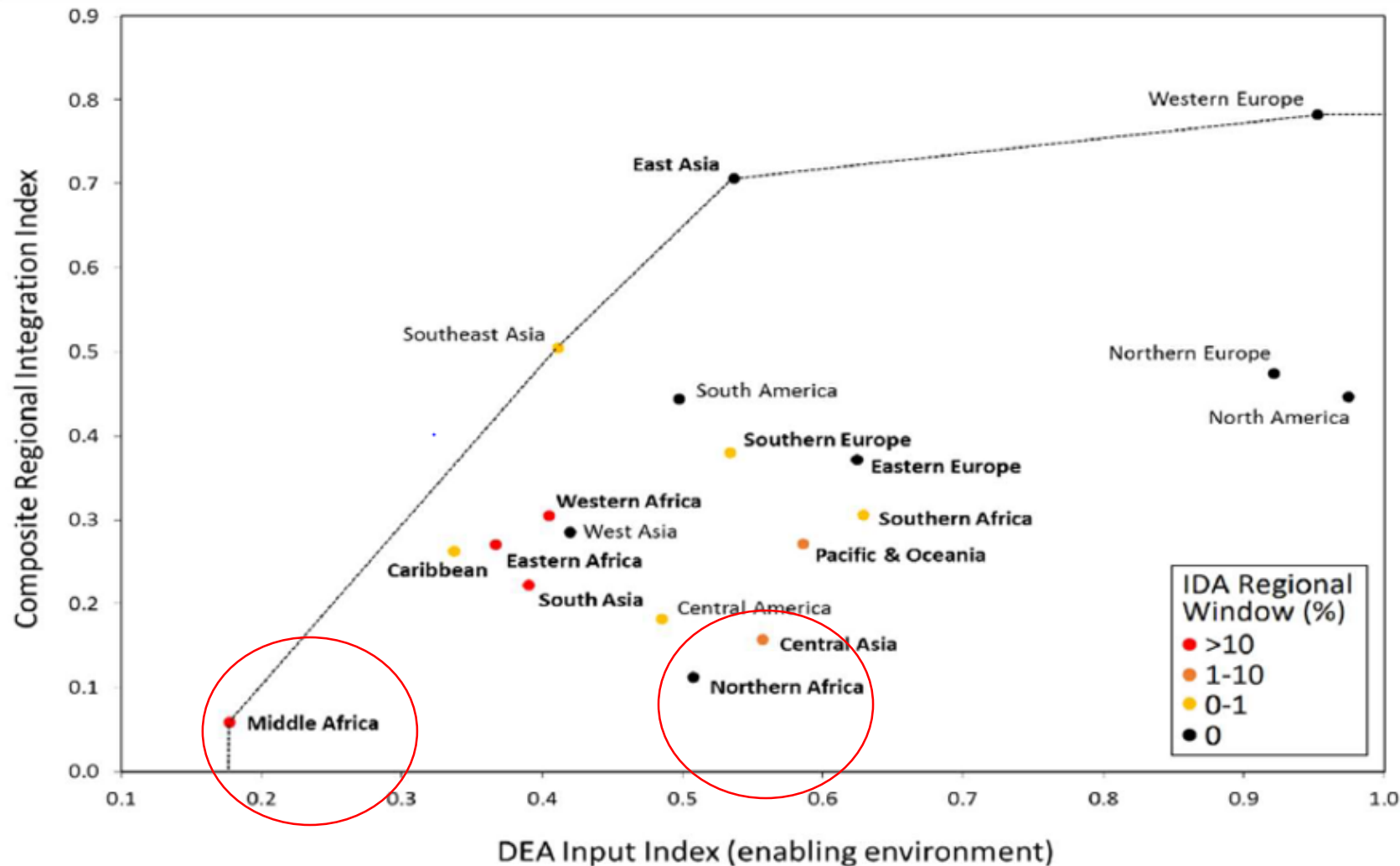
THE WORLD BANK GROUP COMMITMENTS TO FOSTER REGIONAL INTEGRATION ARE FOCUSED ON THE AFRICA REGION



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SDG17 IS THE FINAL FRONTIER AND REQUIRES CONVENING POWER + PATIENCE CAPITAL

IEG Report recommends that if the World Bank Group wants to foster RI, then

- Intensify Traditional and Non-Traditional Partnerships and
- Emphasize regional public goods

**“AT THE BOTTOM OF PATIENCE,
ONE FINDS HEAVEN”**

- AFRICAN PROVERB

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