



# Feasibility Study on the Production of Biofuels in the UEMOA

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# Bain & Company, MMSO and ESALQ formed the consortium responsible for conducting the study

## BASIS FOR THE STUDY

- In 2007 Brazil and UEMOA signed a **Memorandum of Understanding**:
  - Cooperation between Brazil & UEMOA in field of bioenergy
- **Technical cooperation** agreement **BNDES-Min. Foreign Affairs**
- **Consortium selected** based on experience

## MAIN OBJECTIVES

- **Feasibility analysis** and recommendation of the **most suitable business model** for the production of biofuels in the UEMOA region
- Proposal of **public policies** to develop the market

## CONSORTIUM



**Management consulting firm**

- General & Business coordination



**Law firm**

- Legal technical coordination



**Institute of Agronomic research** of University of São Paulo

- Agricultural technical coordination



# Study evaluated agronomic, economic, social and legal aspects related to the biofuels industry

May 2013

April 2014

## I. Kick-off

1 month

## II. Data collection and understanding of current situation

5 months \*

## III. Selection of Business model

2 months \*

## IV. Quantification of impacts and proposition

2 months

## V. Detailing of the action plan

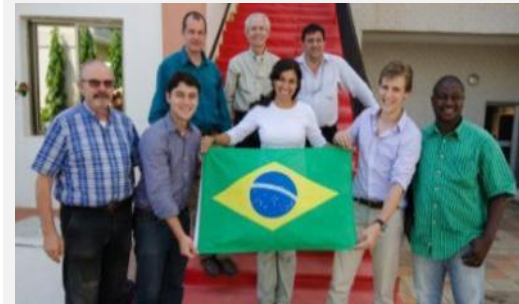
1 month

### 1<sup>st</sup> Visit



- **Objective:**
  - Data collection and validation of assumptions
- **Results:**
  - 70 Meetings
  - 5.000KM travelled
- **Visited countries:**
  - Benin, Togo, B. Faso, C. d'Ivoire and Senegal

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Visit



- **Objective:**
  - Validation of the chosen business model
- **Results:**
  - Alignment of the model with UEMOA, governments and local producers
- **Visited countries:**
  - B. Faso and Senegal

\* Note: phases II and III have an intersection of 1 month



# *Our goals for today:*

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- Brief review of the global **biofuels market** and the **context for biofuels in UEMOA**
- Discuss **attractive business models** of biofuels in UEMOA
- Present **public policies** and **deployment plan** for the creation of the sector in UEMOA
- Discuss necessary changes in the **regulatory framework**



# Agenda



- Global Biofuels market & lessons learned



- Evaluated business models

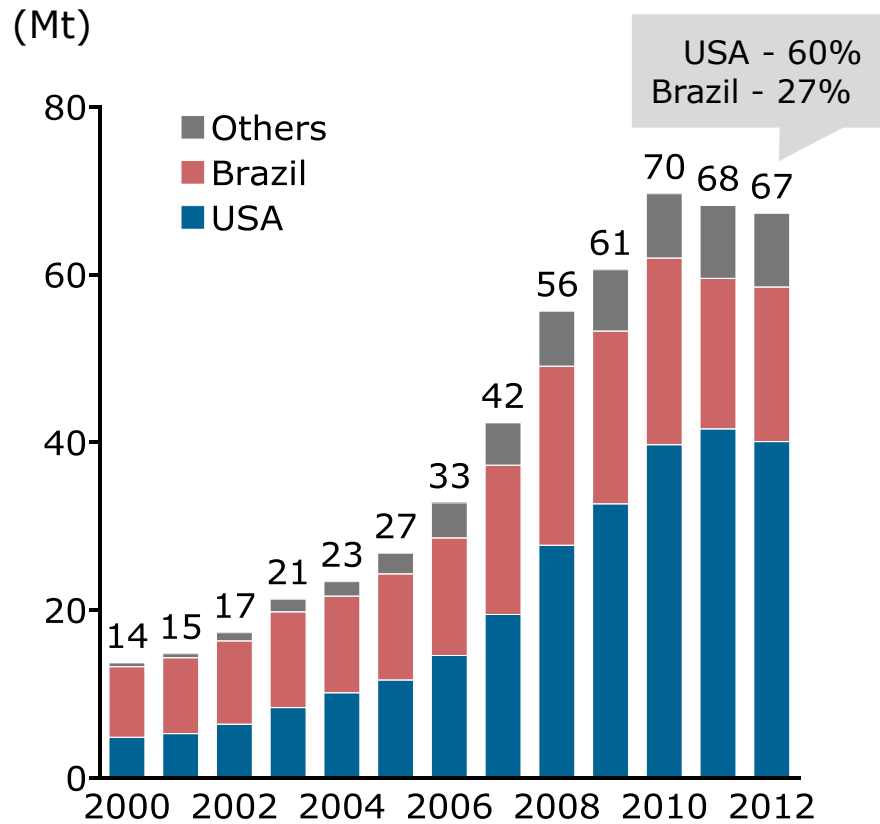


- Public policies and regulatory framework



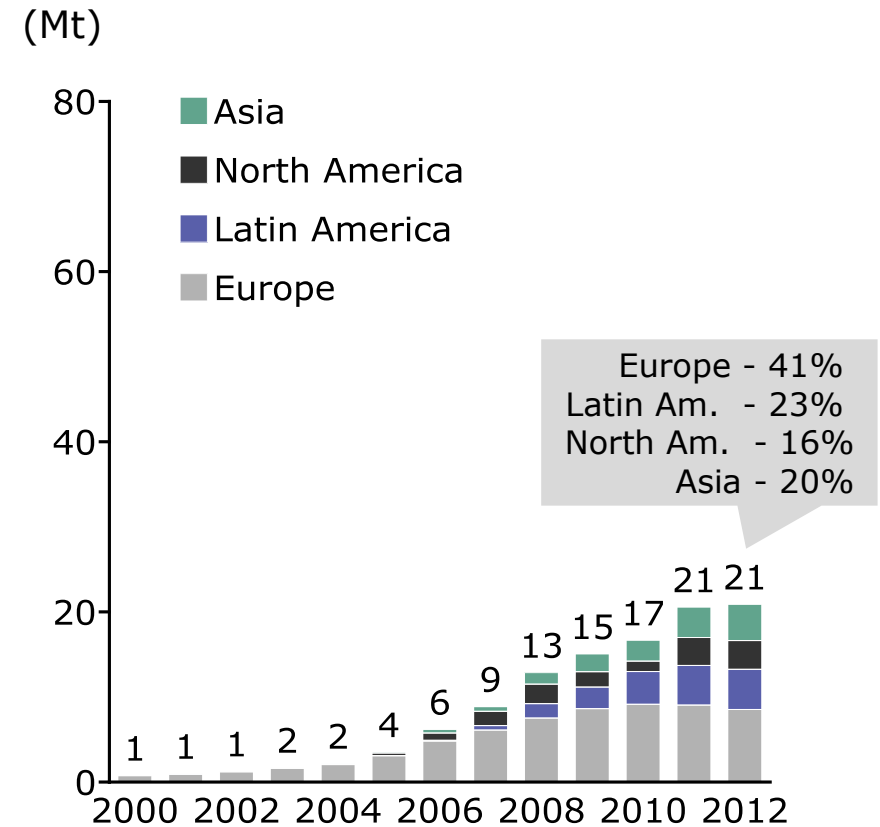
# The biofuels market has progressed since 2000, but is still small

## GLOBAL PRODUCTION OF ETHANOL



% of gasoline consumption 1,5% 1,9% 2,4% 3,3% 5,7% 6,9% **6,5%**

## GLOBAL PRODUCTION OF BIODIESEL



% of diesel consumption 0,1% 0,1% 0,2% 0,5% 1,0% 1,3% **1,6%**

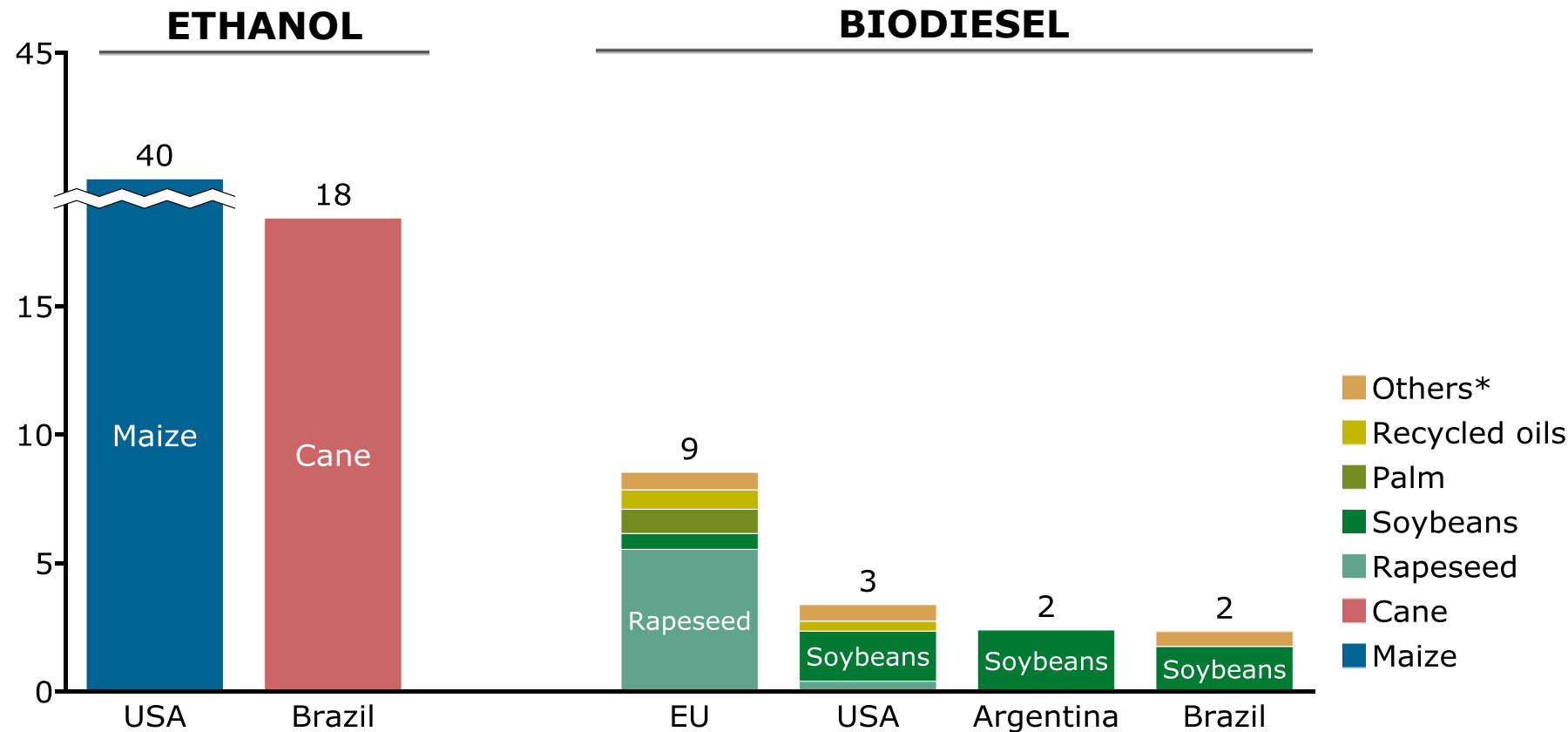
Source: EIA



# Main producers use different raw materials, leveraging locally strong cultures

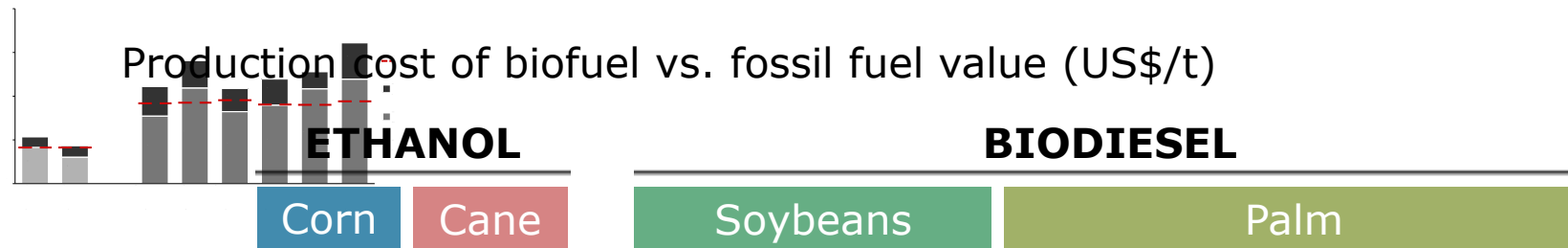
**80% OF GLOBAL PRODUCTION**

Biofuel Production by raw material and geography, 2012 (Mt)



Note: \*Animal fat, sunflower and cottonseed oil.  
Source: EIA, USDA

# But none of the raw materials has a competitive cost position against fossil fuels



Note: \*domestic production priced as export parity and imports as import parity  
Ethanol considers average of 2007, 2009 and 2011 and energy parity with gasoline. Values of biodiesel for a non-integrated producer.  
Source: IMF, World Bank, EIA, clipping, Bain analysis.



# Despite the additional cost, other benefits led countries to adopt biofuels

## ECONOMIC

- Reduction of dependence on **imported fuels**
- Incentive to **trade balance**



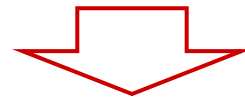
## SOCIAL

- Creation of **jobs**
- Redistribution of **income**
- Form of **indirect subsidy to** the agriculture



## ENVIRONMENTAL

- Adoption of **renewable energy**
- Reduction of the emission of **pollutants**
  - Sulfur, particulate matter, CO<sub>2</sub>



**Adoption of mandatory blend to lever the adoption of biofuels**



# Countries that succeeded in the production of biofuels have certain common characteristics

## CASE STUDIES



Brazil



China



USA



Thailand



Argentina



Colombia



Indonesia



Malaysia



European Union

**Agriculture**

- **Surplus of raw materials**, high productivity, competitive prices

**Fuels**

- **Imports of fossil fuels** with high prices on the internal markets
- **Capacity to absorb the additional costs** via subsidies, tax exemptions or by the final consumer

**Legislation**

- **Mandatory blending** to ensure demand
- **Robust regulatory framework**, with clear roles and price definition



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Based on the global learnings & the local priorities mapped, we identified key success factors for the biofuels industry in UEMOA

### Sources:

- Case Studies
- Interviews with experts
- Government information
- Local visits
- Legislation
- Benchmarks
- Literature

## Agriculture

- **Increase agricultural productivity** to generate surplus of raw materials
- Work with local governments to ensure **access to land**

## Fuels

- Search for cultures that **minimize costs / additional subsidies** to fuels
  - **Imports of fossil fuel** are a sign that there is space for local generation

## Electricity

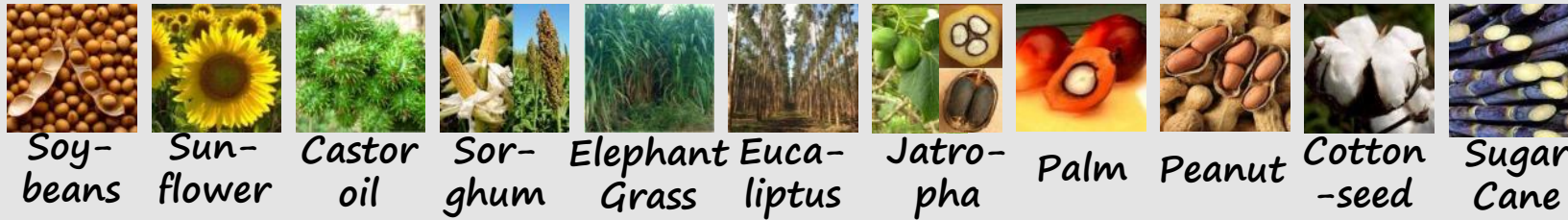
- Offer **cogenerated energy** for **domestic supply**, reducing costs

## Legislation

- Establish **mandatory blending** to generate demand
- Incorporate **socioeconomic benefits**, offsetting costs
- Search **regulatory support from UEMOA** to facilitate rapid deployment



# Feasibility analysis of the production of biofuels from each culture was divided in 3 steps



## Agricultural Analysis

- Soil conditions
- Weather conditions
- Handling and agricultural inputs
- Land use and occupation

## Business Model

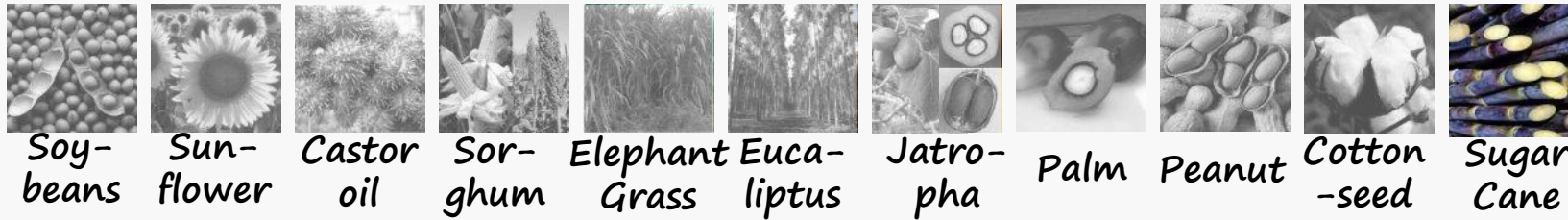
- Potential demand
- Production Risks
- Cost of opportunity
- Profitability

## Impacts on Economy

- Replacement of imports
- Changes in market prices
- Generation of jobs
- Generation of value



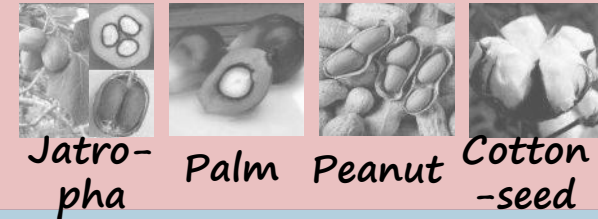
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**Agricultural Analysis**



**Business Model**



**Impacts on Economy**



**Sugar Cane**



# Sugar cane has 5 agronomic characteristics favorable to the production of biofuels ...

## Sugar Cane

### AGRONOMIC POINT OF VIEW



- Easy **local implementation** technology
  - Vegetative propagation
  - High adaptability for productivity
- **Cheaper** dry matter
  - Low protein content
  - Low oil content
- **Resistant** culture
  - Less dependent on handling and inputs
  - Less vulnerable to pests and diseases
- **Productive Efficiency**
  - Smaller area needed for high biomass production
- Culture **responsive to local irrigation**
  - Possibility to achieve high productivity with irrigation

Note: ETC> rain



... and a business model with competitive cost position  
able to tap into 3 distinct markets

## Sugar Cane

### BUSINESS MODEL POINT OF VIEW



- Best cost position among analyzed cultures
  - High productivity in **irrigated model: 100 ton/ha**
  - **Local labor** has lower cost
  - **Brazilian technology** can reduce costs
- Focus on the domestic market for sugar and ethanol, in addition to the potential for cogeneration
  - **Sugar: Eliminate** need to **import (950kta)**
  - **Ethanol:** Production for **E10 mix (600k m<sup>3</sup>)**
  - **Cogeneration:** Energy for own use and for sale
- Demand can be supplied by **1 plant in each country** (except in Guinea-Bissau )
  - Area harvested: **18-34k ha** ( ~40k ha average mill in Brazil)
  - Industrial capacity: **~2.1Mt/harvest** ( ~ 4Mt in Brazil)

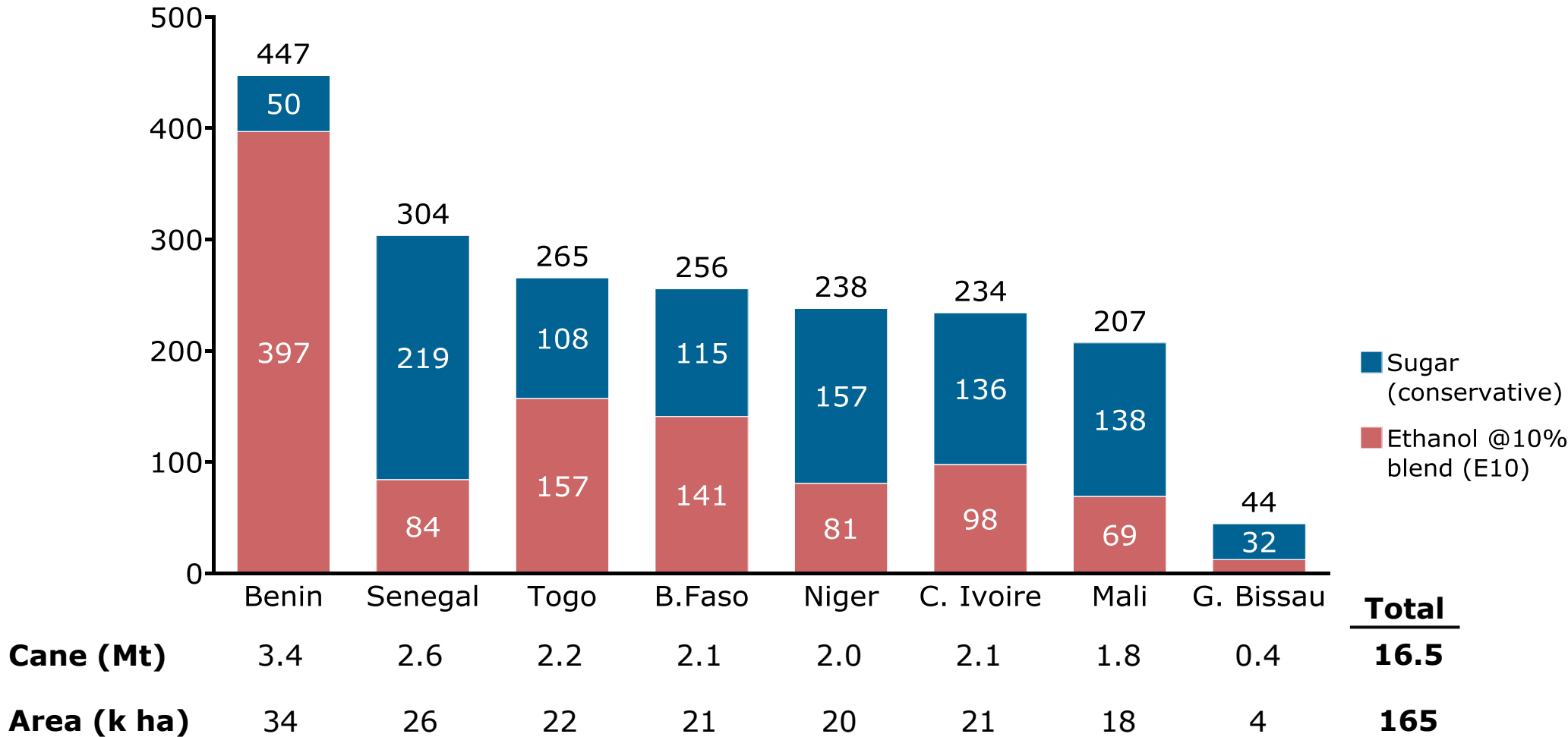


# The demand for Ethanol (E10) and sugar in UEMOA can reach 16.5 Mt or 165k hectares of cane in 2030

## Sugar Cane

2030

Demand for TRS\* in UEMOA not supplied locally  
(kt TRS, 2030)



Note: \*Total Recoverable Sugar. Considers 136 kg of sugar by ton of cane. Source: FAO, USDA, ISO, World Bank, technical visits, Bain analysis.

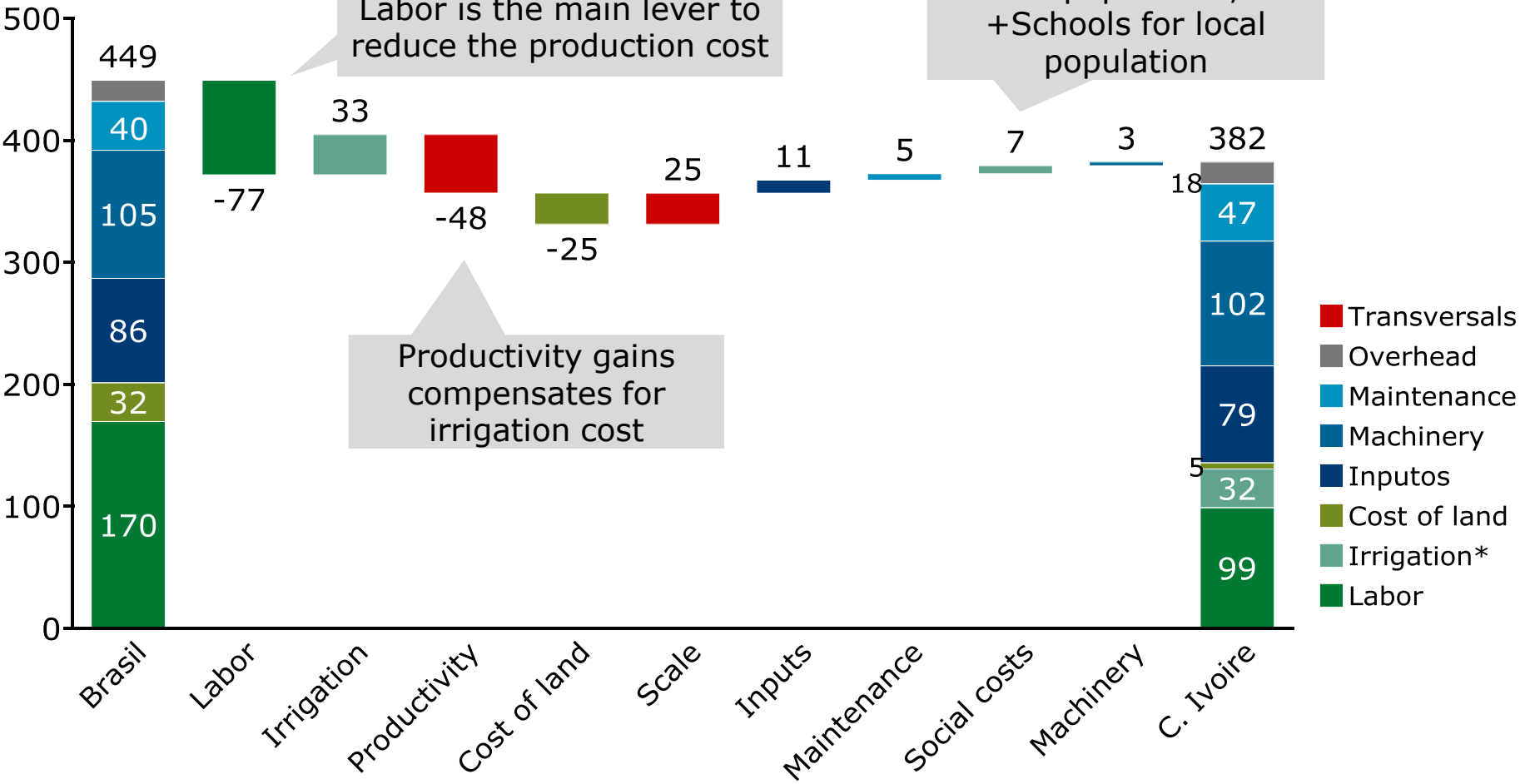


# Despite the irrigated model, cash cost of production in UEMOA is lower than in Brazil

## Sugar/Ethanol

### MANUAL HARVEST

Cash Cost of production  
(US\$ /t TRS)



\*Includes cost of labor for maintenance of assets of irrigation. Source: Interviews with experts, technical visits to countries, ESALQ, Ministry of Agriculture, clipping, Bain Analysis.



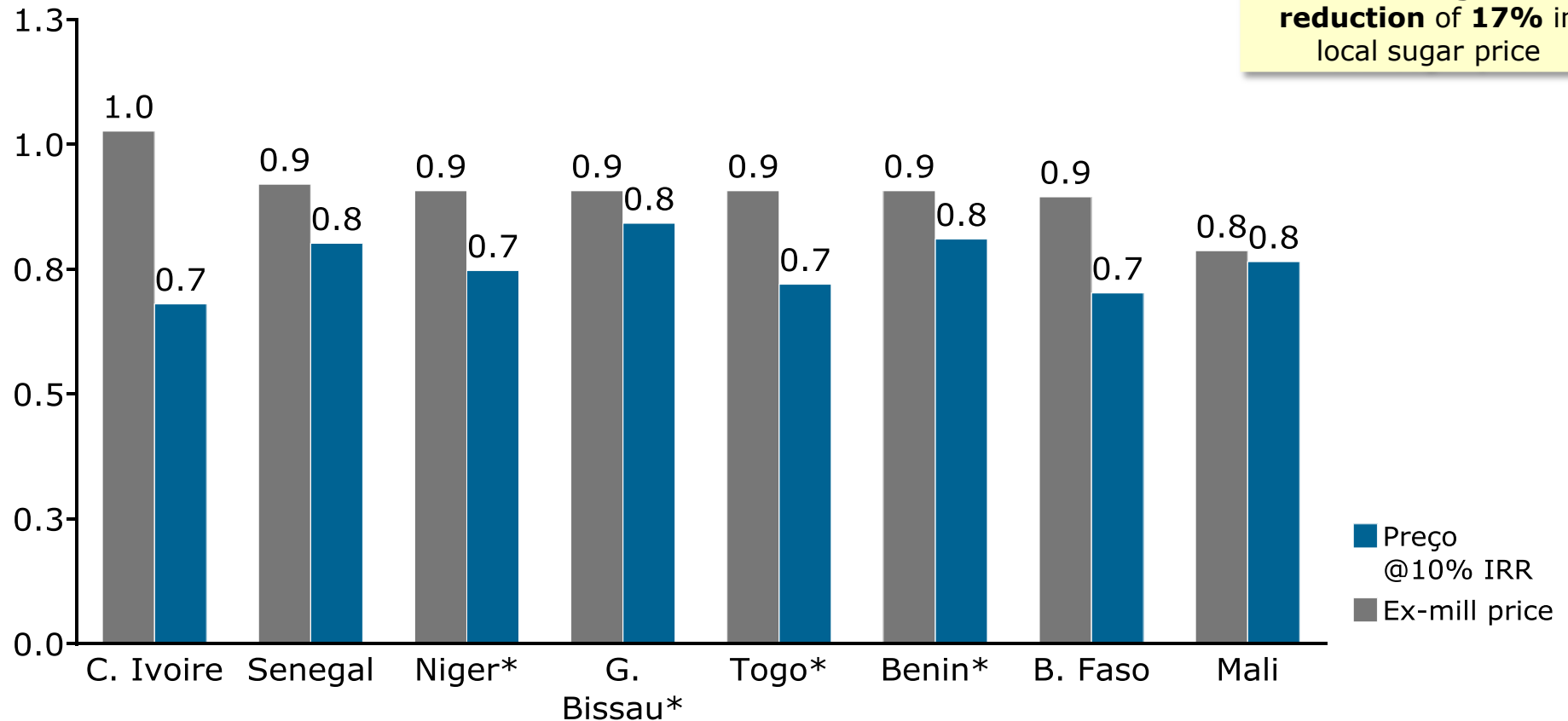
# New mills could even reduce domestic price of sugar and generate attractive return



## Sugar

Sales price\*\* of crystal sugar, ex-taxes  
(US\$/kg, Jul/ 2013)

**Average  
reduction of 17% in  
local sugar price**



Note: \* Ex-mil price defined as the average price of Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Senegal and Burkina Faso due to the unavailability of data.

Note: \*\*Sold in bags of 50 kg. Ethanol from molasses priced as industrial ethanol.

Source: interviews with experts, clipping, ministries and local governments, visit to sugar mills in the region.



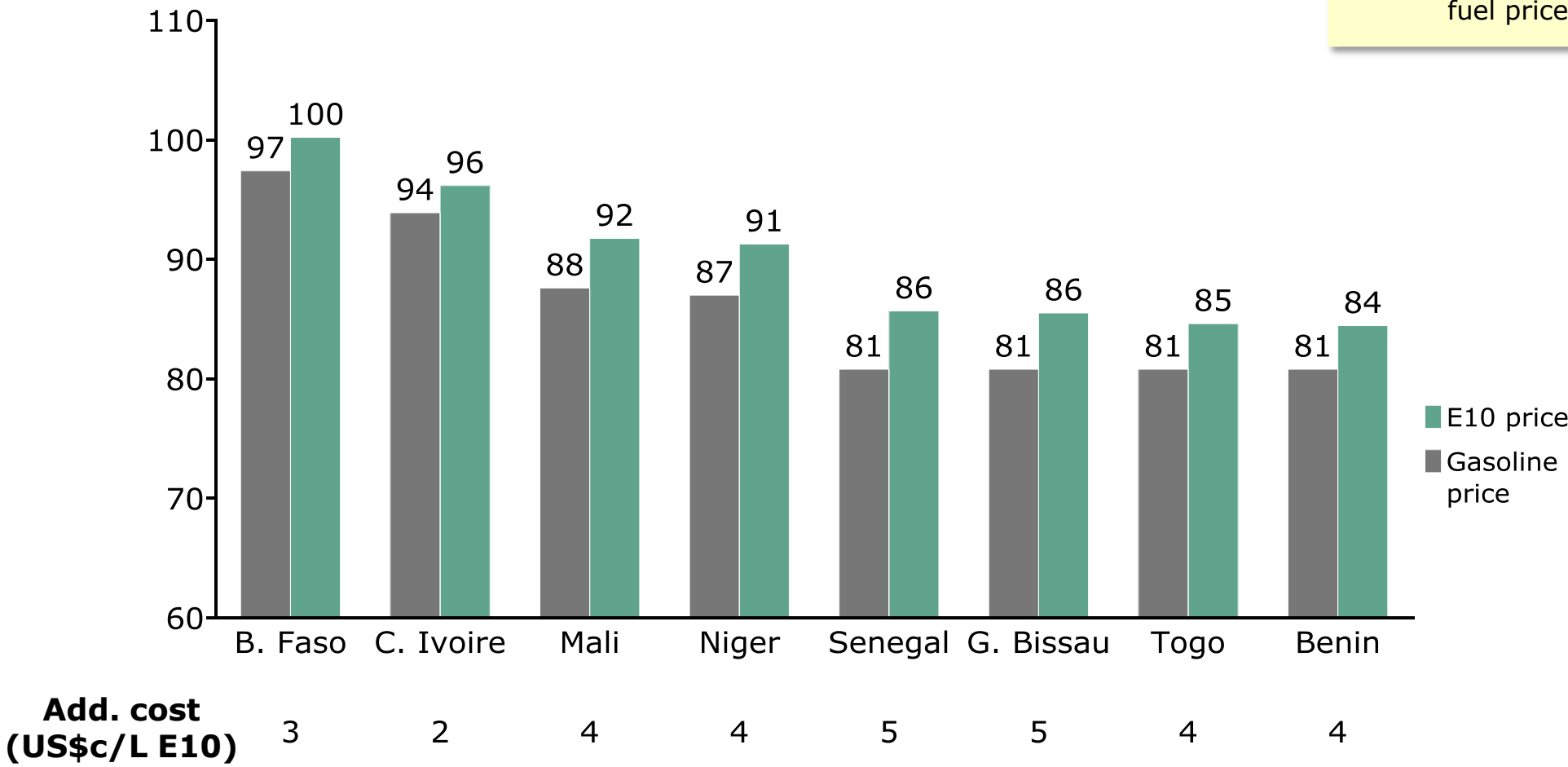
E10 blend generates additional cost of US\$2-5 \$ /L vs. the current price of petrol



Ethanol

Current gasoline price vs. E10 price (US\$/L)

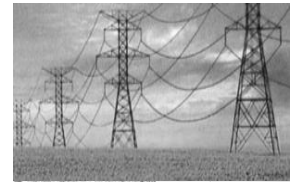
Increase of 2-6% in fuel price



Note: Ethanol price considers 10% IRR and no demand incentives. Source: Bain Analysis.

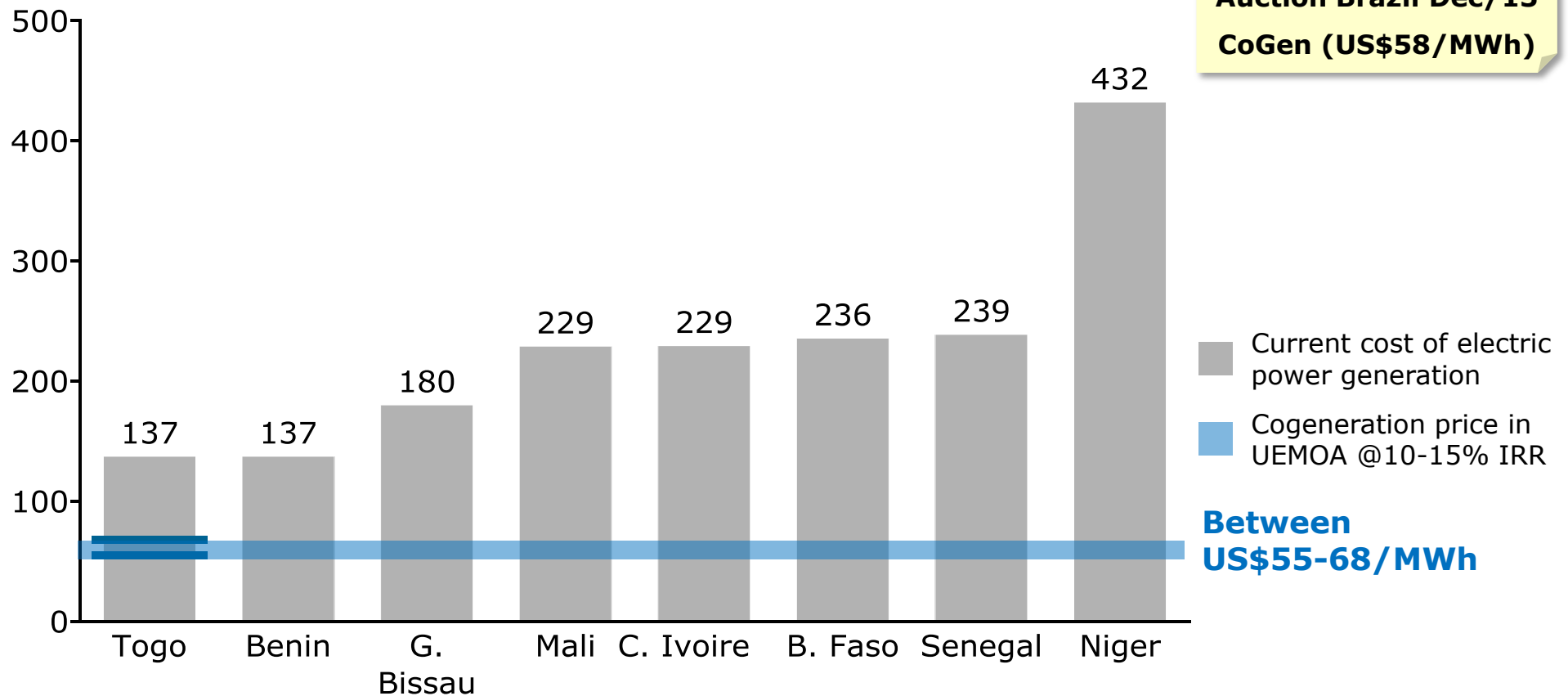


# Cogeneration can bring attractive return and reduce the cost of electricity in countries



## Cogeneration

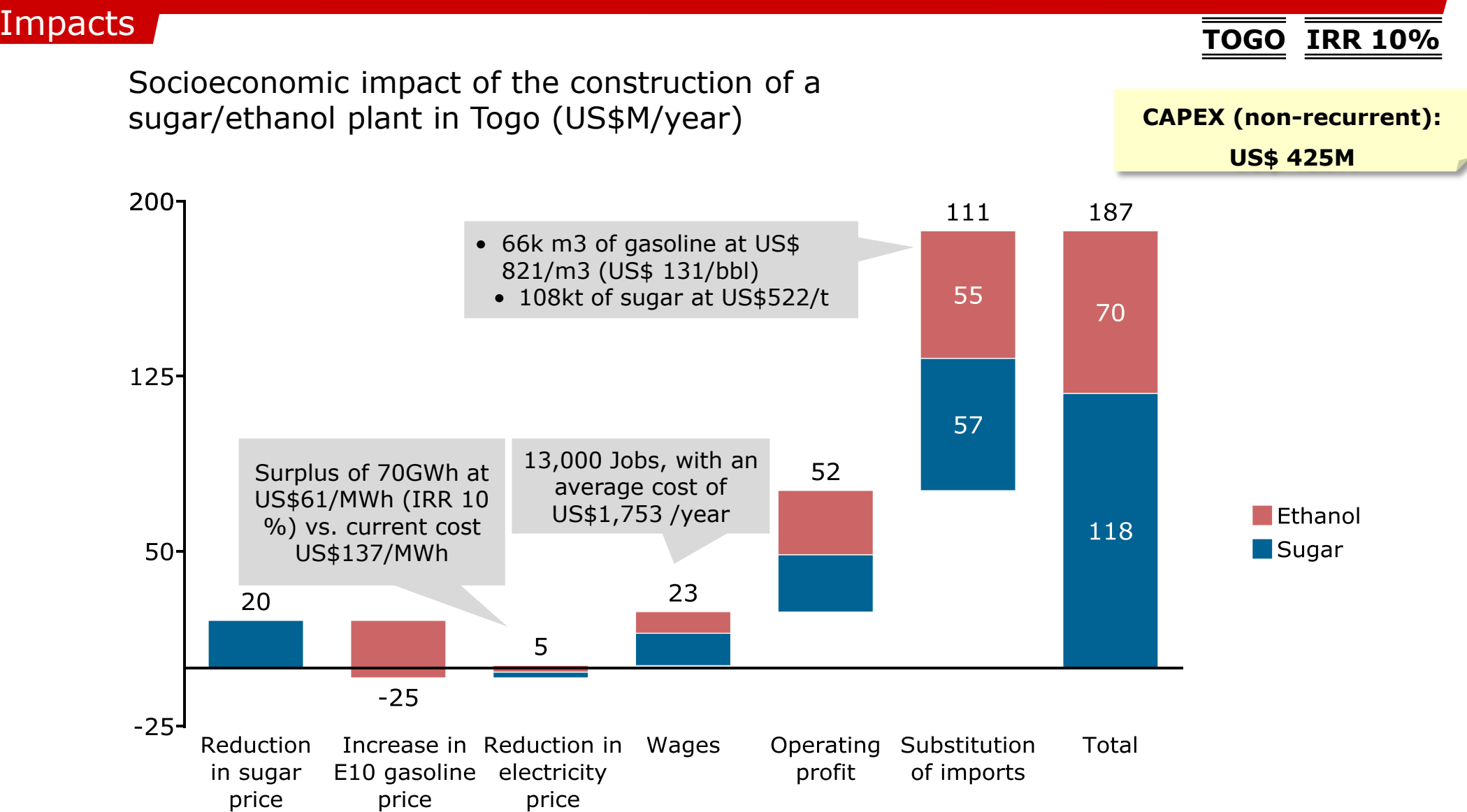
Current cost of electricity generation and price of cogeneration for IRR of 10-15% (US\$/MWh)



Source: AFDB, IZF, companies and governments websites, clipping, World Bank, Bain analysis.



# Benefits generated by the construction of the mill compensate for the higher cost of ethanol



Source: ANP, Brazilian IRS, Bain Analysis.

# Expected Impact is of 1-5% of GDP, for the most part due to the production of sugar

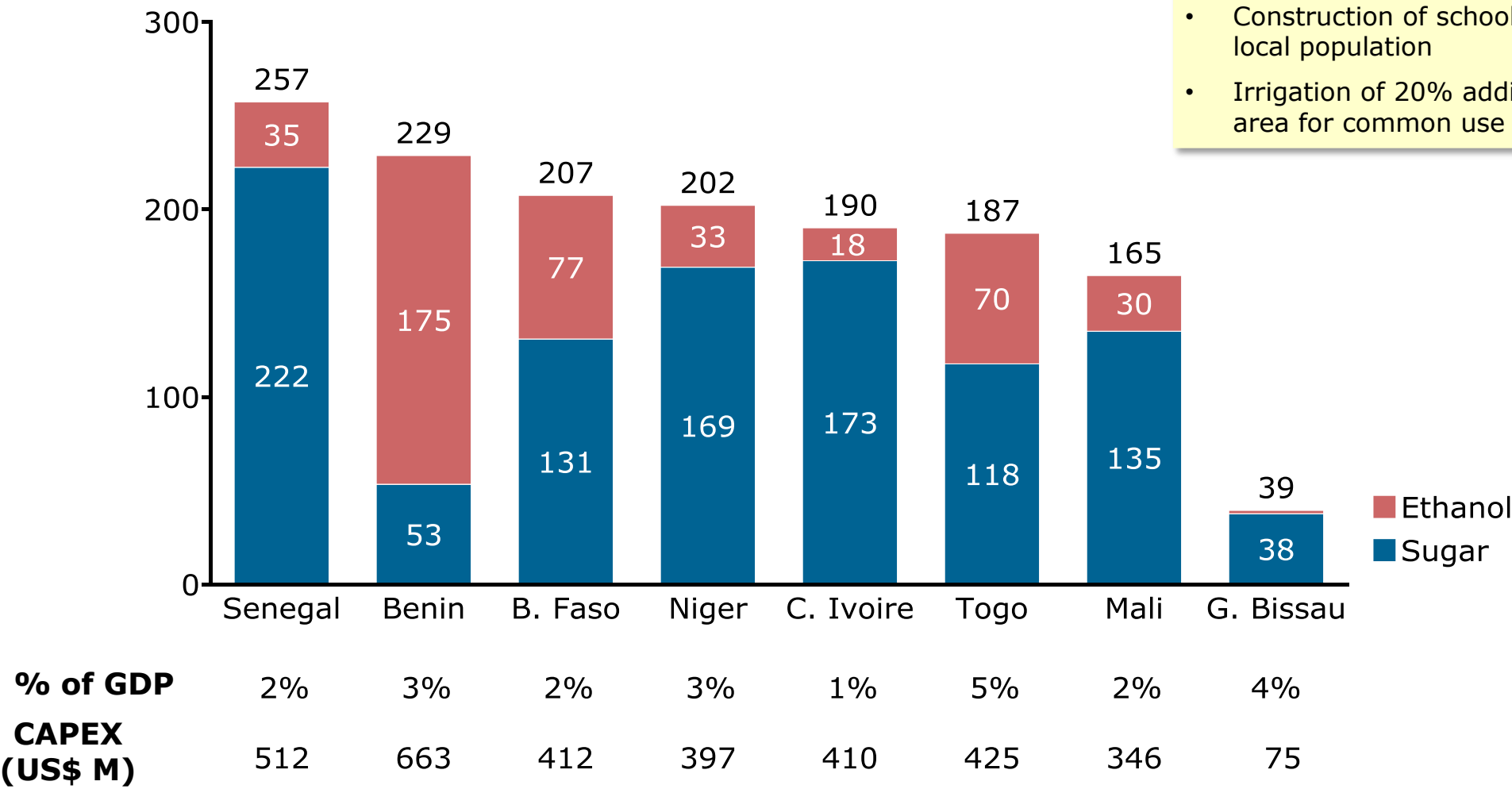
## Impacts

**2030** **IRR 10%**

Socioeconomic impact of the construction of a sugar/ethanol plant for each country (US\$M/year)

### Additional Social Benefits

- Construction of schools to local population
- Irrigation of 20% additional area for common use



Source: ANP, Federal Revenue, analysis Bain

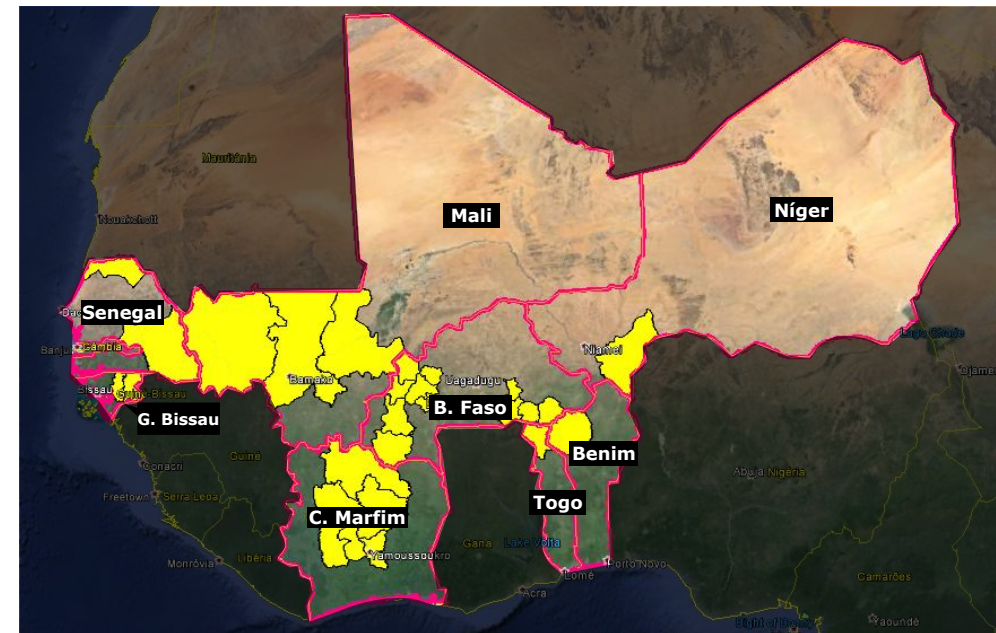
# Selection of suitable areas for the installation of new sugar mills was made based on 5 criteria

## Suitable Areas

### FACTORS CONSIDERED IN SELECTION OF SUITABLE AREAS

- **Agricultural** and environmental **aptitude**
  - Minimum productivity
  - Exclusion of areas of environmental protection
- Access to **irrigation**
  - Proximity to perennial rivers
- Availability of **land**
  - Exclusion of areas occupied by other crops or already populated
- Access to **labor**
  - Exclusion of isolated areas
- Access to **infrastructure**
  - Proximity of logistic corridors and power transmission lines

### SUITABLE MACRO REGIONS IN UEMOA



Definition of exact areas for planting should be made by the investor after refinement of the proposed suitable regions



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# We divided the necessary public policies for the adjustment and structuring of the sector in 3 phases

## PHASE 1 DEFINITION OF SECTOR AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Define productive areas and simplify access to **LAND** to ensure offer

Establish **MANDATORY BLENDING** of Ethanol to ensure demand

Establish **RULES OF OPERATION** and **PRICING**

*Governments define basic conditions of market*

## PHASE 2 CREATION OF VALUE CHAIN

Obtain and distribute **CAPITAL** (treasury, multilateral and commercial)

Coordinate public and private investment in **INFRASTRUCTURE**

Create **PRODUCT CONSORTIUM** to support blend and pricing

Facilitate imports of equipment and inputs from **SUPPLIERS**

*Investors are mobilized and Governments define fiscal and financial incentives*

## PHASE 3 LOCAL STRENGTHENING AND DEVELOPMENT

Educate specialized local **LABOR FORCE**

Promote development of local **TECHNOLOGY**

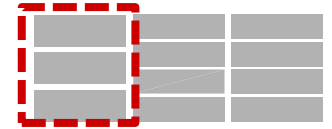
Promote expansion of the **DISTRIBUTORS** network

Boost association in **CLUSTERS**

*Investors and Governments refine policies for greater sustainability of the value chain*

# Phase 1 – Definition by the Government of the basic market conditions

## PHASE 1 DEFINITION OF SECTOR AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK



Define productive areas and simplify access to **LAND** to ensure offer

- **Production** areas for cane
- Plan of population **expropriation and relocation**, minimizing the impacts

Establish **MANDATORY BLENDING** of Ethanol to ensure demand

- **Institution of the mandatory blend** in gasoline (at least the equivalent to the production of molasses)
- Promotion of **sugar cane as the main source for ethanol**
- **Maximum and minimum limits** of blending
- **Commission for management of mix**

Establish **RULES OF OPERATION** and **PRICING**

- **Roles and limits of the actors of the chain** (mainly for sugar and ethanol)
- Commission for **supervision of the commercial rules**



# Phase 2 – Creation of the productive chain and definition of fiscal and financial incentives for the industry



## PHASE 2 CREATION OF VALUE CHAIN

Obtain and distribute  
**CAPITAL** (treasury,  
multilateral and  
commercial)

- Investors: **presentations** for major commercial banks
- UEMOA: involve **development banks** and create **technical committee** for the evaluation of projects
- Governments: Assess interest in **direct investment**

Coordinate public and  
private investment  
in **INFRASTRUCTURE**

- UEMOA: **Integrated infrastructure plan**
- **Differentiated credit and/or tax exemptions** for projects that require construction of infrastructure

Create  
**PRODUCT CONSORTIUM**  
to support blend and pricing

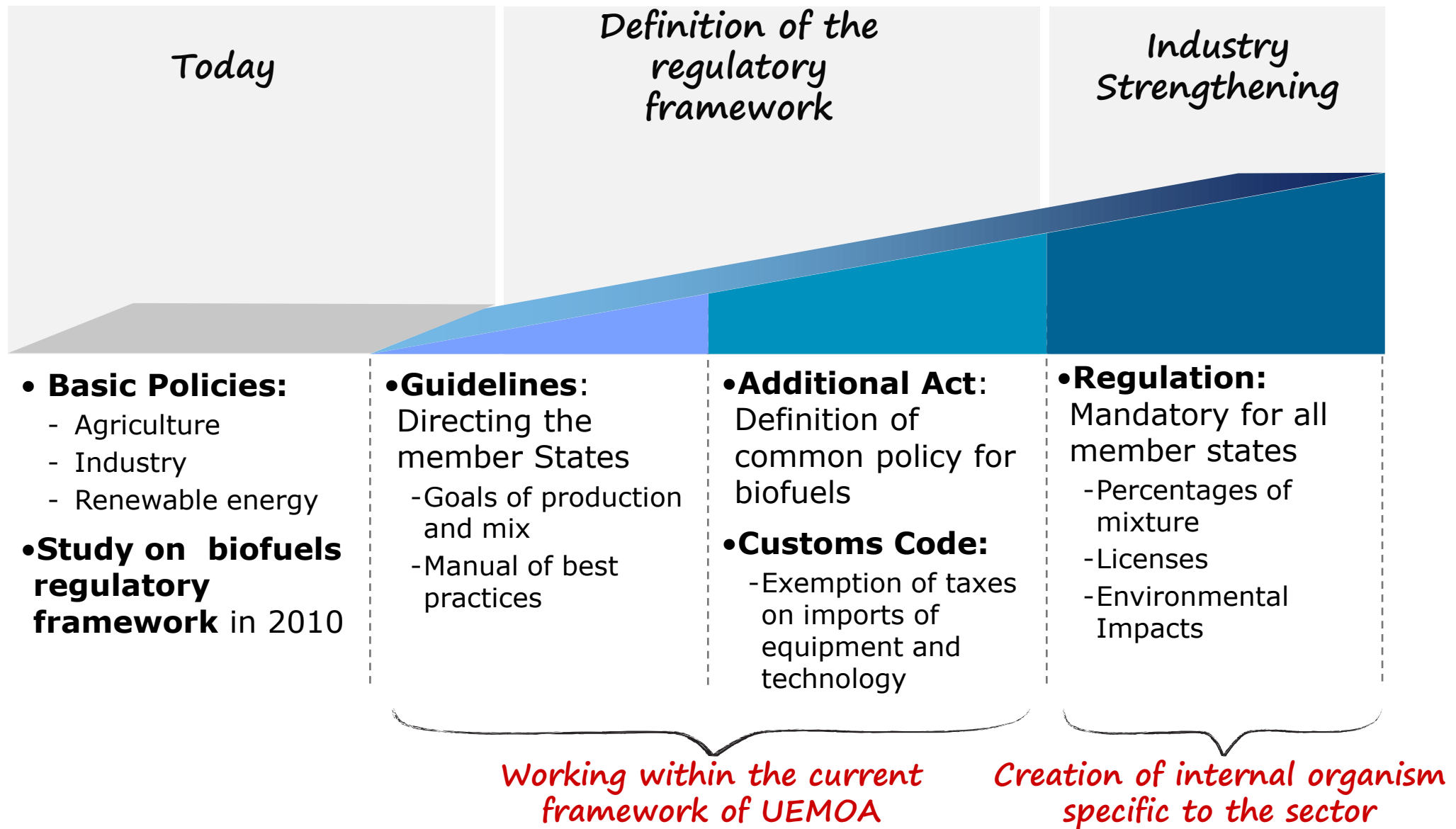
- **Consortium of investors** to coordinate the **application of pricing rules** and production planning

Facilitate imports of  
equipment and inputs from  
**SUPPLIERS**

- Adjust the **import and local incentives policies**
  - Facilitation of imports of equipment and inputs
  - Development of local suppliers and tariff protections



# Role of UEMOA in the definition of the sector is based on 3 tools: guidelines, additional act and regulation



Source: interviews with experts and governmental agencies, research of local laws



# Relevant guidelines to be included in local regulatory framework by the use of tools of different levels

## Law

- **Overarching principles** to stimulate market
- **Low flexibility** for changes

## Decree

- **Rules** of matters already defined in the law
- **Greater flexibility** for changes

## Infra-legal Normative Acts

- Definition of technical standards
- **Need for improvement** during development

### Examples

- **Essential clauses** of land contracts
- **Minimum and maximum** blend percentage
- **Range of premiums** linked to internal price of sugar
- **Simplified procedures** for running the business
- **Fiscal incentives** for biofuels

Existing rules in countries can be used

- Rules applicable to **friendly expropriation** of land
- **Criteria** to fix **percentage of blending** and **premium of ethanol price vs. sugar**
- Rules of **operation** and deliberation of the **Ministerial Council**

- Definition of **blending percentage**
- Definition of **price premium**
- **Quality standards** of ethanol
- **Supervision** and application of penalties

Rules must be edited by Ministerial Council established by law



# Main conclusions of the study

## Agro-energetic focus is important

- Production of biofuels should ensure **food supply** and generate energy from **cogeneration**, priorities of local governments

## Model of Ethanol from sugar cane is feasible

- Culture with **best cost position** in the region
- Business Model generates **positive financial and socioeconomic results**

## However, mobilization of governments is necessary for implementation

- Ensure **access to land**, establish **mandatory blending**, structure **pricing** and create awareness of population





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