

# CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

**After the Arab springs are  
MENA countries competitive ?**





# Conference : Round Table



## ***After the Arab springs are MENA countries competitive ?***

*GDR-IDE International development economics  
Clermont-Ferrand, November 15-16, 2018*

<https://competitivite.ferdi.fr/>

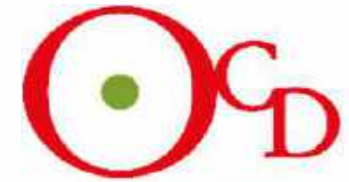


# Participants to the round table

- ❑ **Ibrahim Elbadawi**, Managing Director of the Economic Research Forum and President of the FEMISE.
- ❑ **Rabah Arezki**, Chief Economist for Middle East and North Africa Region (MENA) at the World Bank.
- ❑ **Grégoire Rota Graziosi**, Professor at UCA and head of CERDI (UMR CNRS IRD UCA 6587)
- ❑ **Patrick Plane**, director of research at CNRS-CERDI and coordinator of the GDRI IDE

The logo for FADi (Fondation pour les Études et Recherches sur le Développement International) features the letters 'FADi' in a stylized, red, serif font. The 'A' is unique, with a horizontal bar and a vertical line through it, resembling a traditional symbol.

FONDATION POUR LES ÉTUDES  
ET RECHERCHES  
SUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT  
INTERNATIONAL



OBSERVATOIRE  
DE LA COMPÉTIVITÉ  
DURABLE

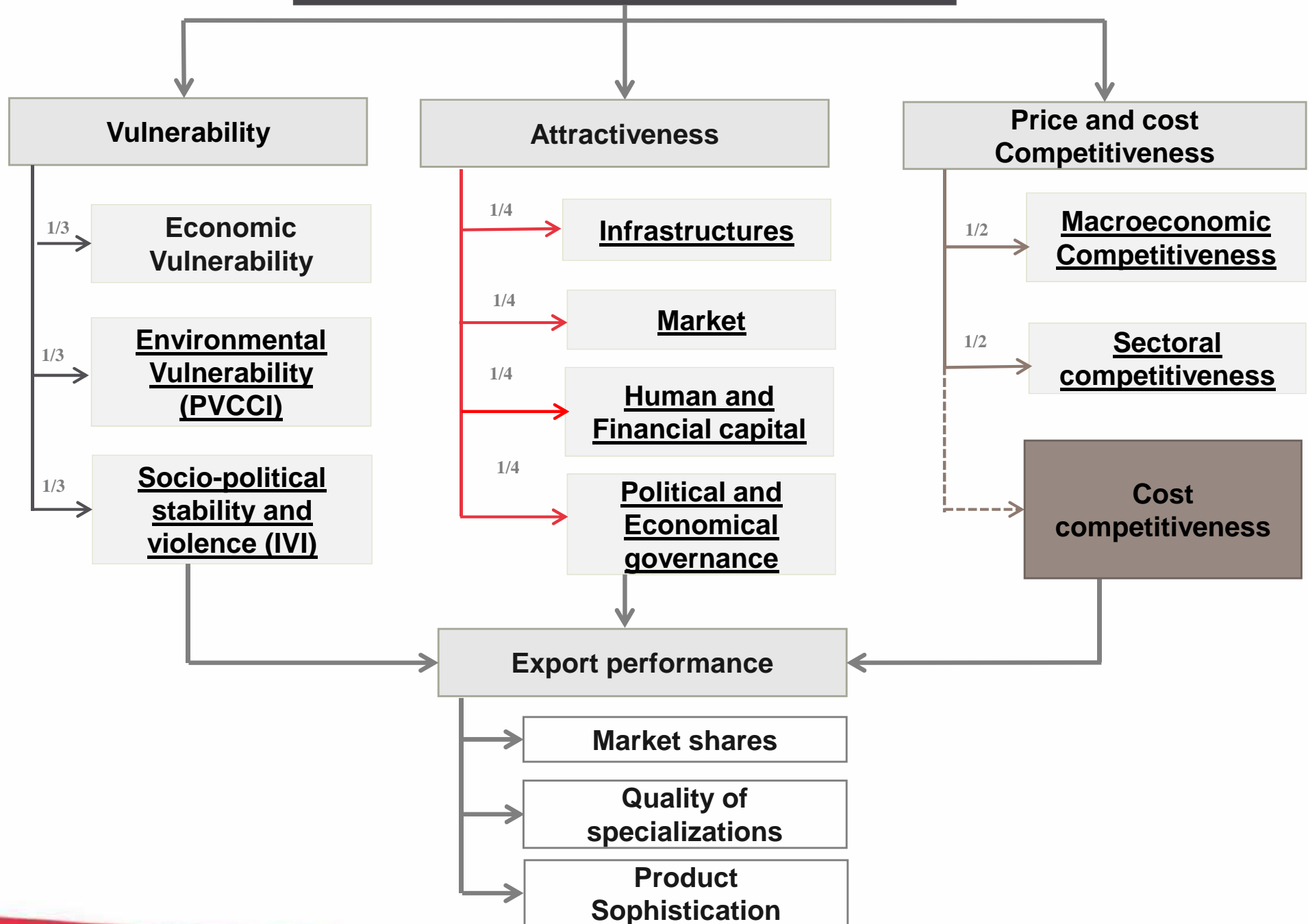
Focus on the North African countries:

What can we say from

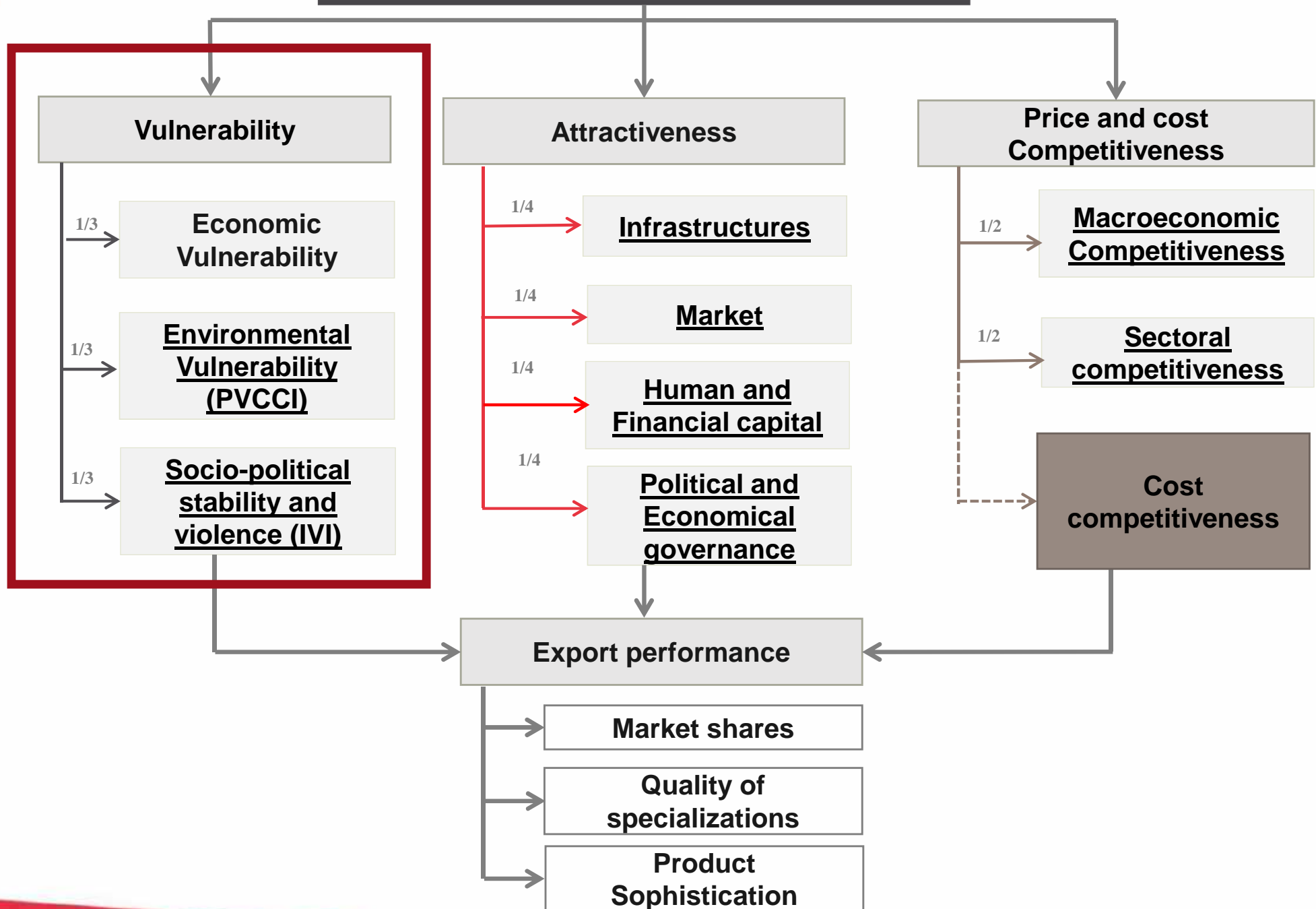
the

Observatory of Sustainable Competitiveness  
OSC ?

# Observatory of Sustainable Competitiveness (OSC)

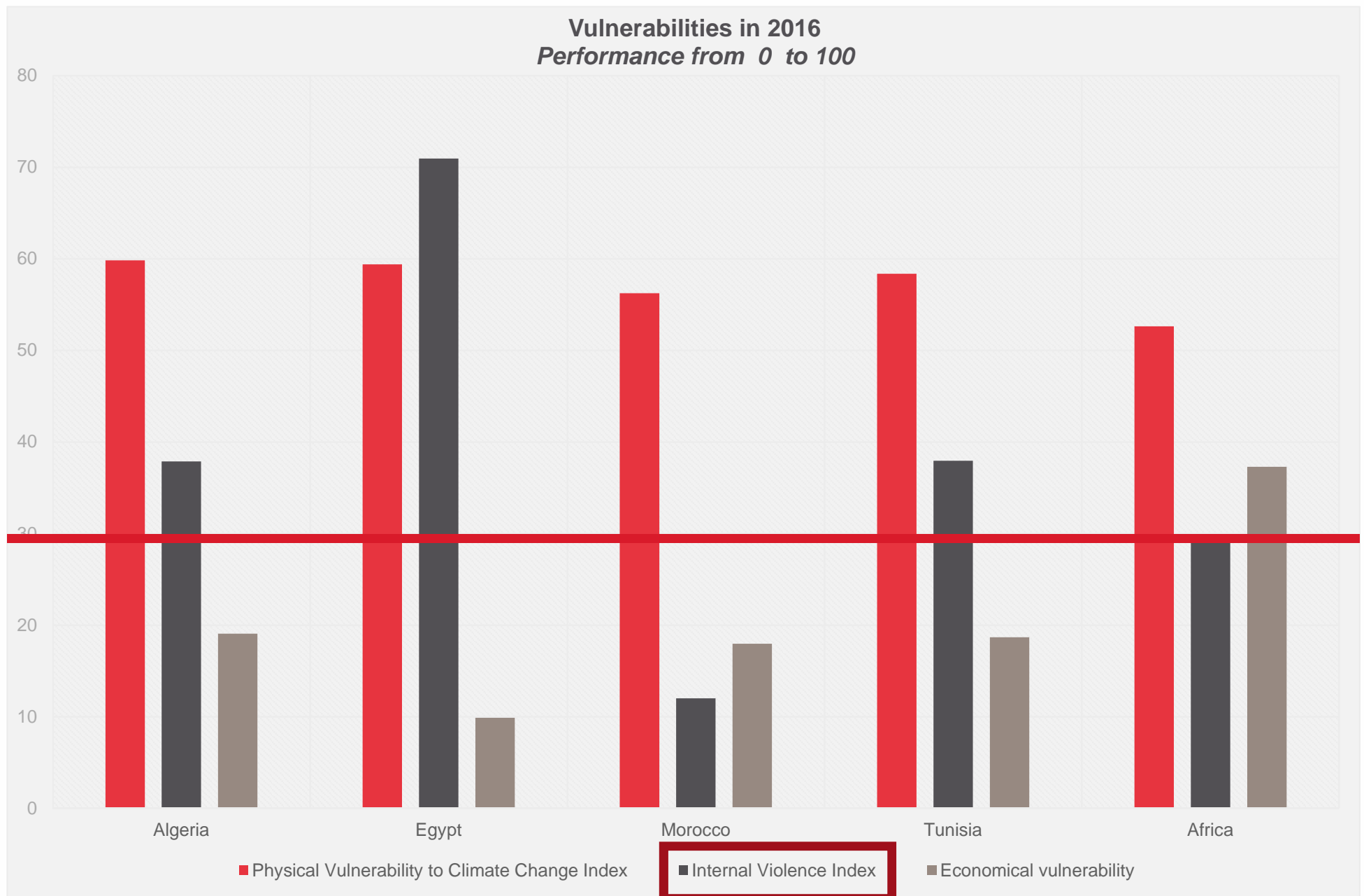


# Observatory of Sustainable Competitiveness (OSC)

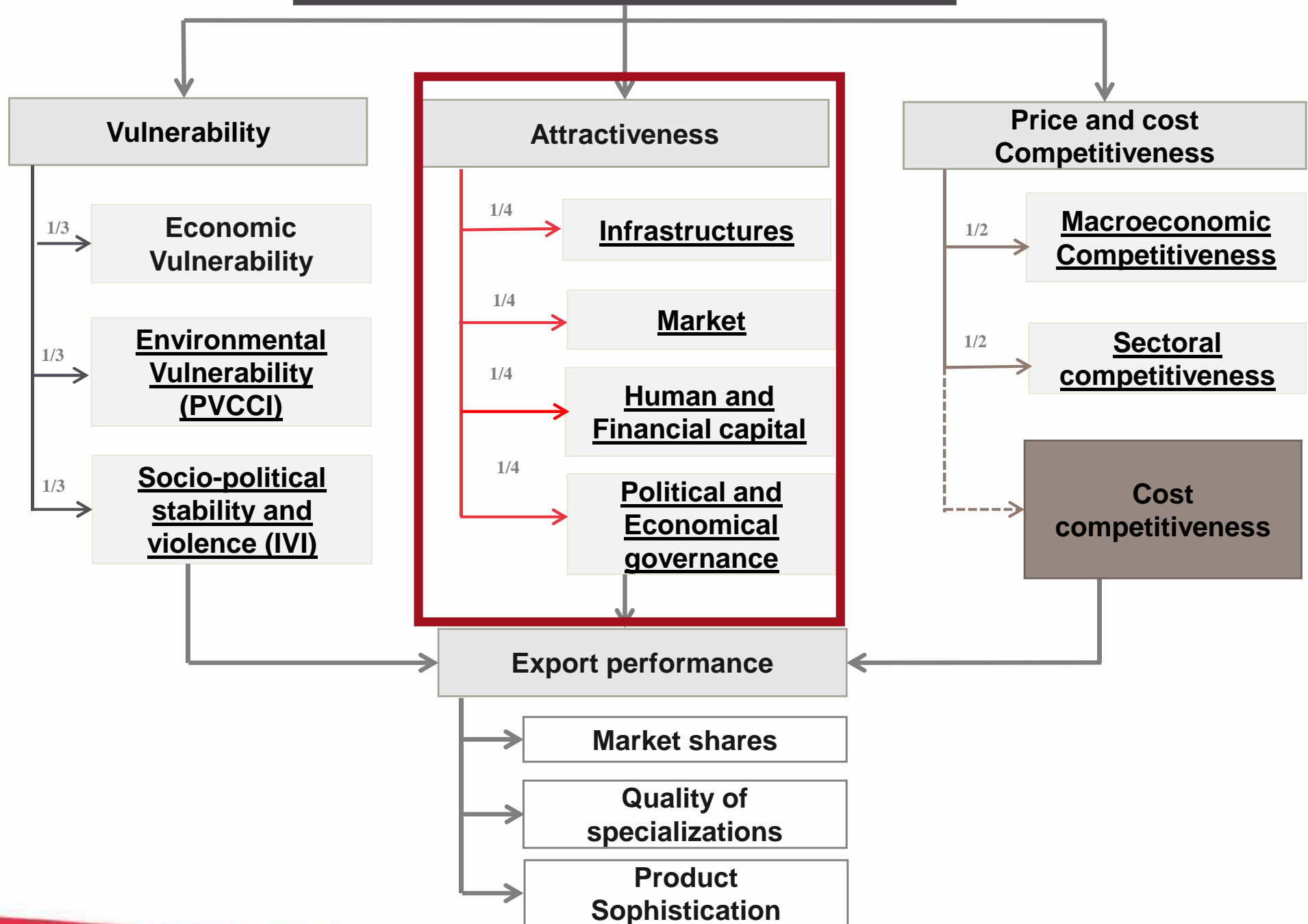




# Maghreb - Machrek : vulnerabilities



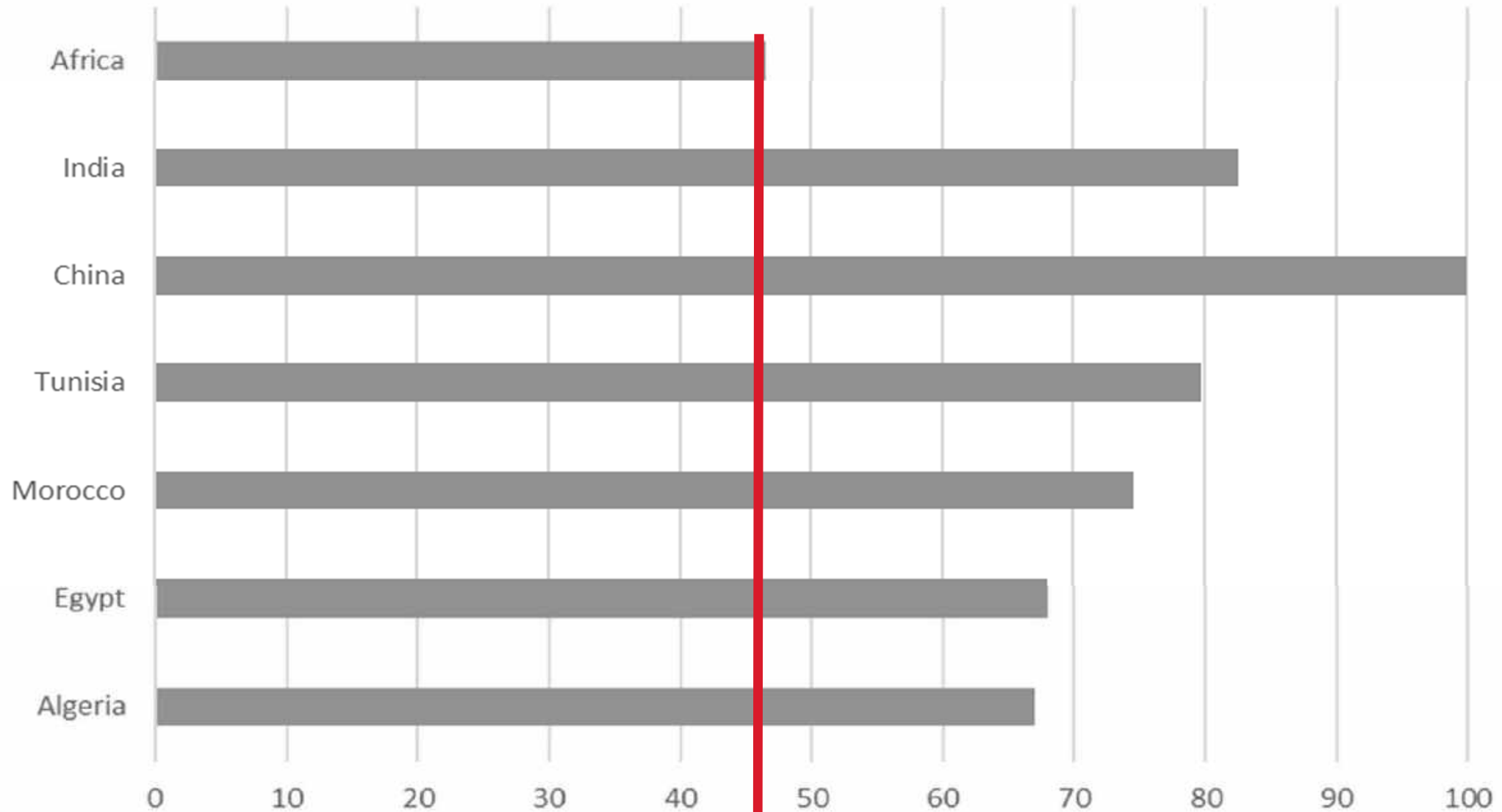
# Observatory of Sustainable Competitiveness (OSC)





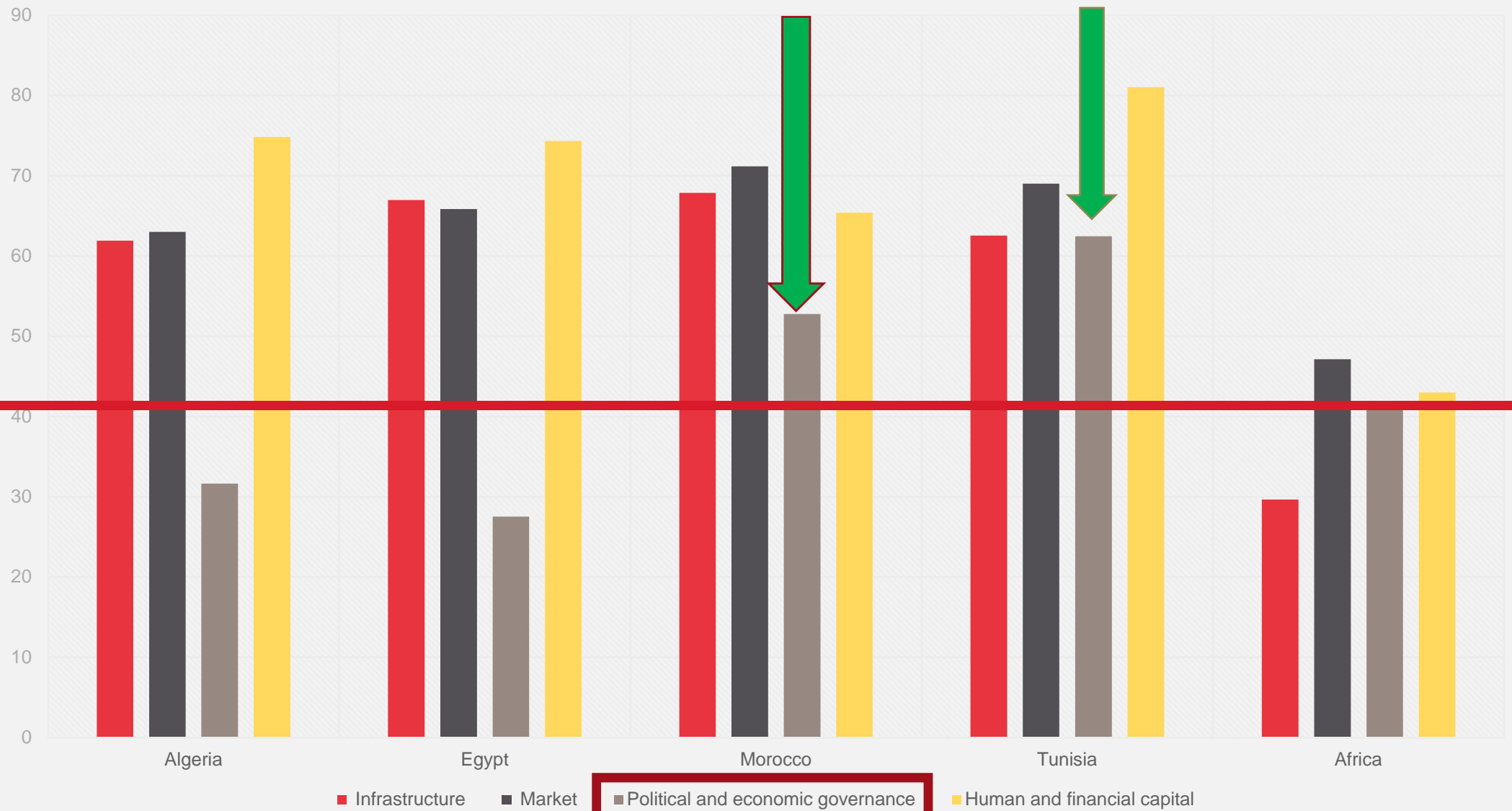
# Attractiveness

Attractiveness in 2016  
*Performances from 0 to 100*



# Sources of attractiveness

Sources of the attractiveness in 2016  
*Performance from 0 to 100)*



# The Business Interest of the Ben Ali Family: *connected firms*

*All in the Family, State Capture in Tunisia*

Rijkers, Freund, Nucifora, PRWP, N°6810, World Bank, 2014

Zine El Abidine Ben Ali

Leila Trabelsi (3 firms)

ZA Ben Ali 's Siblings (22 firms)

- Tijani Ben Ali & Paulette Ben Ali (3)
- Naima Ben Ali (6)
- Hayet Ben Ali (6)
- Houria Ben Ali (2)
- Najet Ben Ali & Sadok Mhiri (3)
- Faouzi Ben Ali (2)

Leila Trabelsi's Siblings (72 firms)

- Belhassen Trabelsi & Zahra Kilani (37)
- Med Adel Trabelsi & Souad Ben Jemai (3)
- Med Mourad Trabelsi & Hela Belhadj (7)
- Med Ennaceur Trabelsi & Nadia Mufti (5)
- Moncef Trabelsi & Yamina Souiai (5)
- Jalila Trabelsi (4)
- Nefissa Trabelsi & Habib Ben Zakis (2)
- Samira Trabelsi & Med Montassar Meherzi (9)

Children with Naima Kefi  
and in laws (29 firms)

- Ghazoua Ben Ali & Slim Zarrouk (6)
- Syrine Ben Ali & Marouane Mabrouk (7)
- Dorsaf Ben Ali & Slim Chiboub (10)

Children with Leila Trabelsi  
and in laws (39 firms)

- Nesrine Ben Ali & Sakhr El Materi (35)
- Halima Ben Ali & Mehdi Ben Gaied (4)

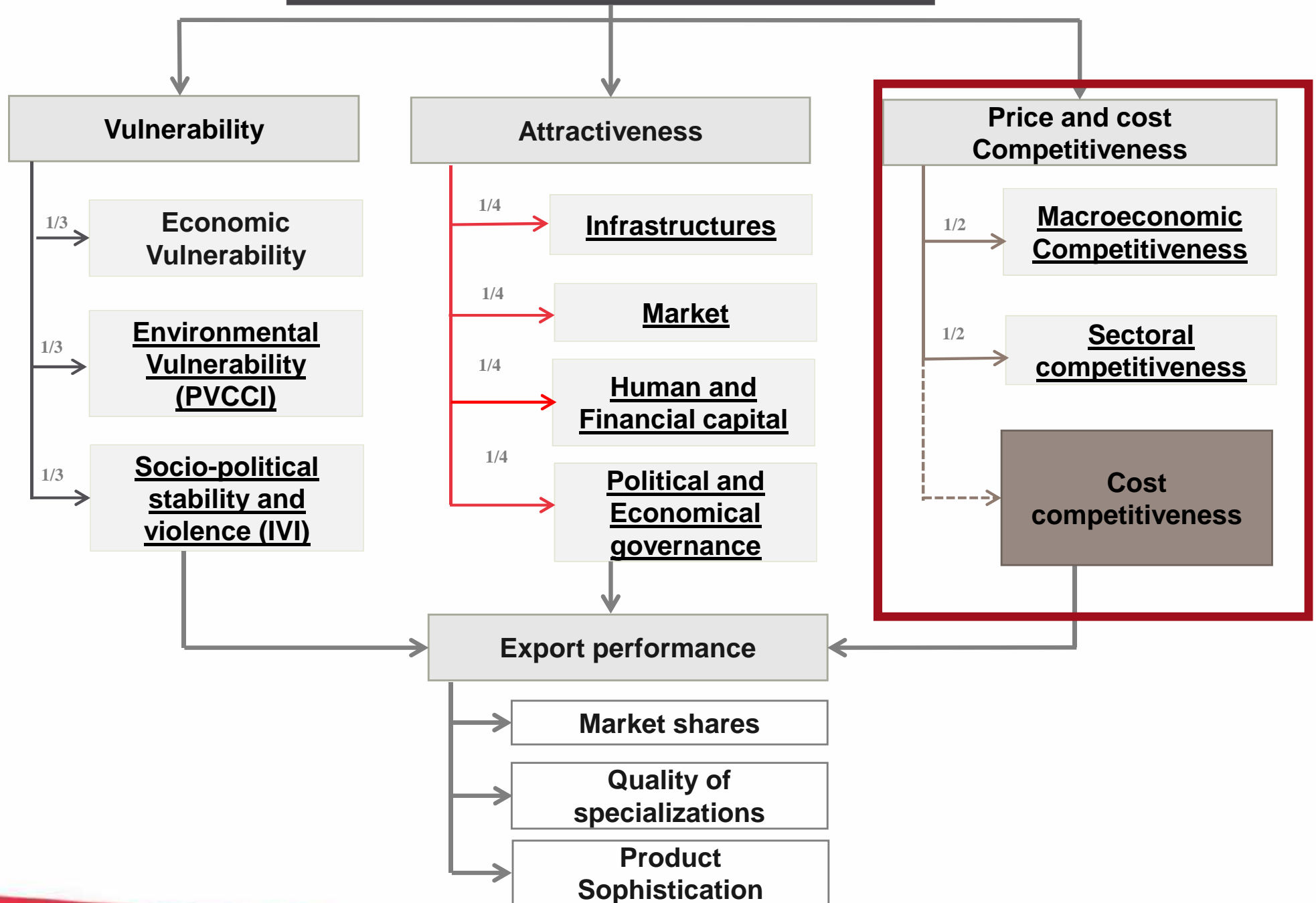
Ben Ali nieces and nephews  
(35 firms)

Trabelsi nieces and nephews  
(56 firms)

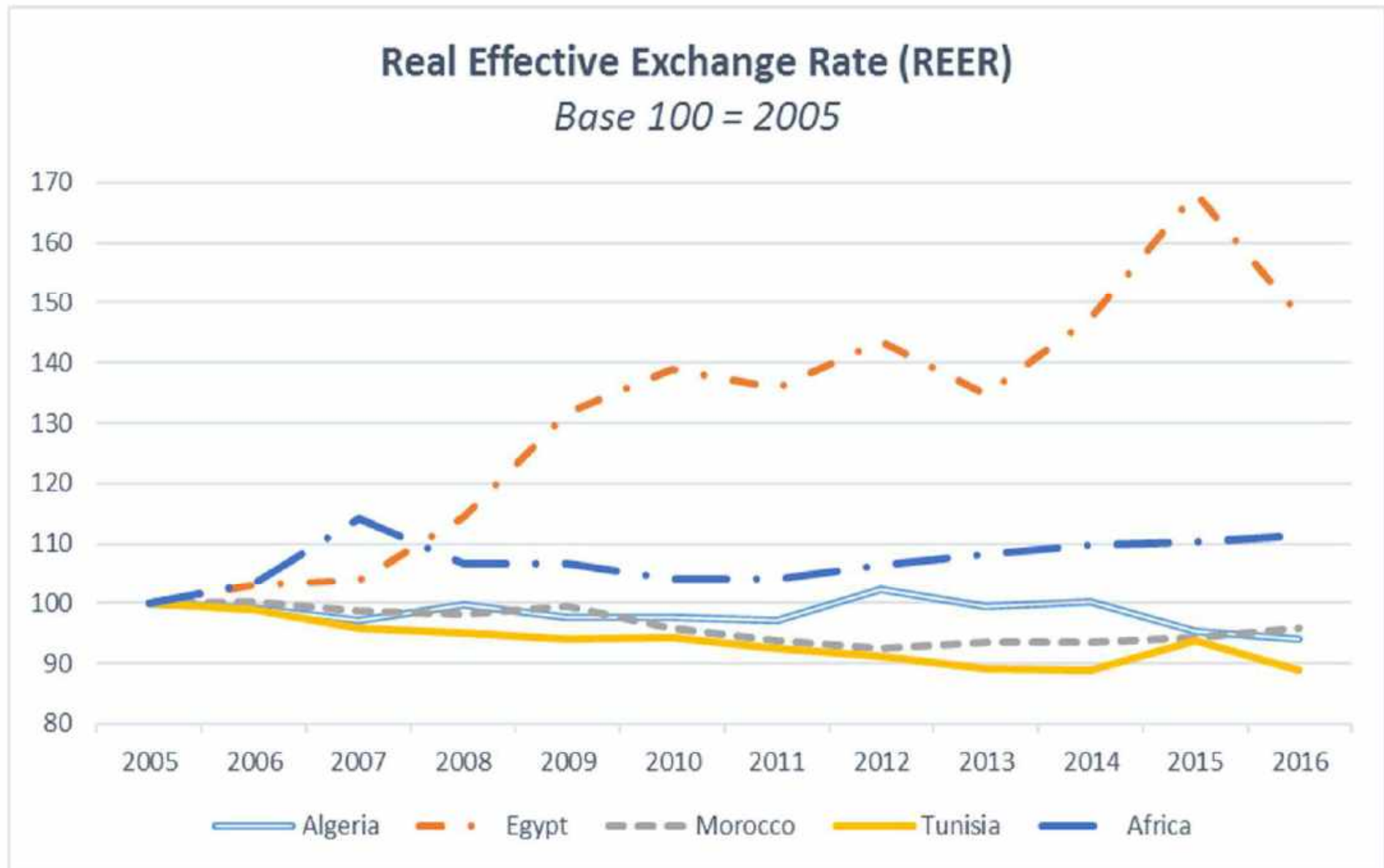
# Ben Ali and the political economy

- ❑ In the aftermath of the Tunisian revolution, assets of the Ben Ali clan were confiscated (Decree n° 2011-13).
- ❑ The ensemble of the 220 appropriated firms: 21% of all net private sector profits, approximately 3% of private sector
- ❑ Sectors in which Ben Ali firms are active: subject to prior authorization by the government and to FDI restrictions.
- ❑ Ben Ali firms dominate the telecommunications and air transport sectors, but also important in the real estate sector in which entry is highly regulated.

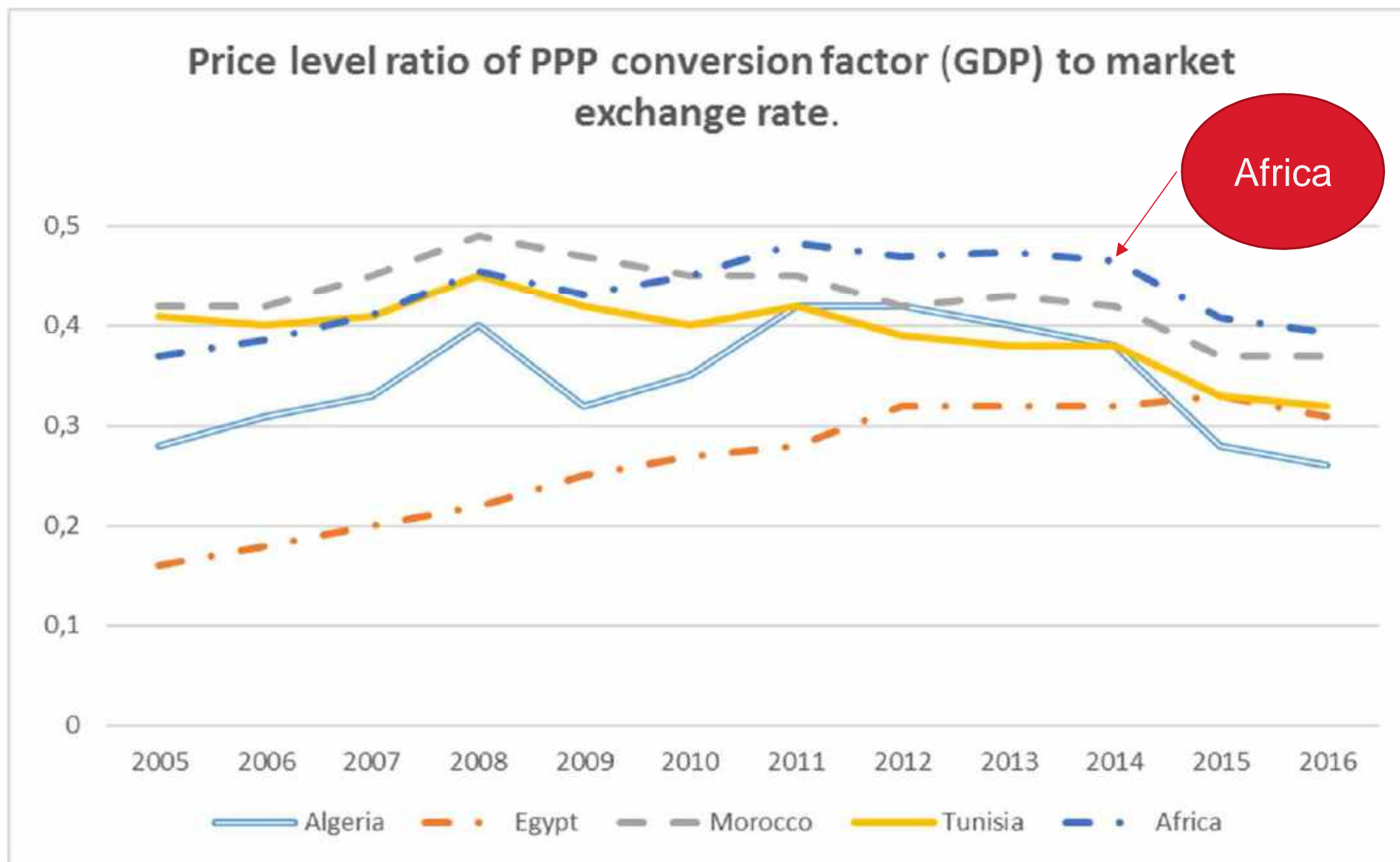
# Observatory of Sustainable Competitiveness (OSC)



# Price competitiveness

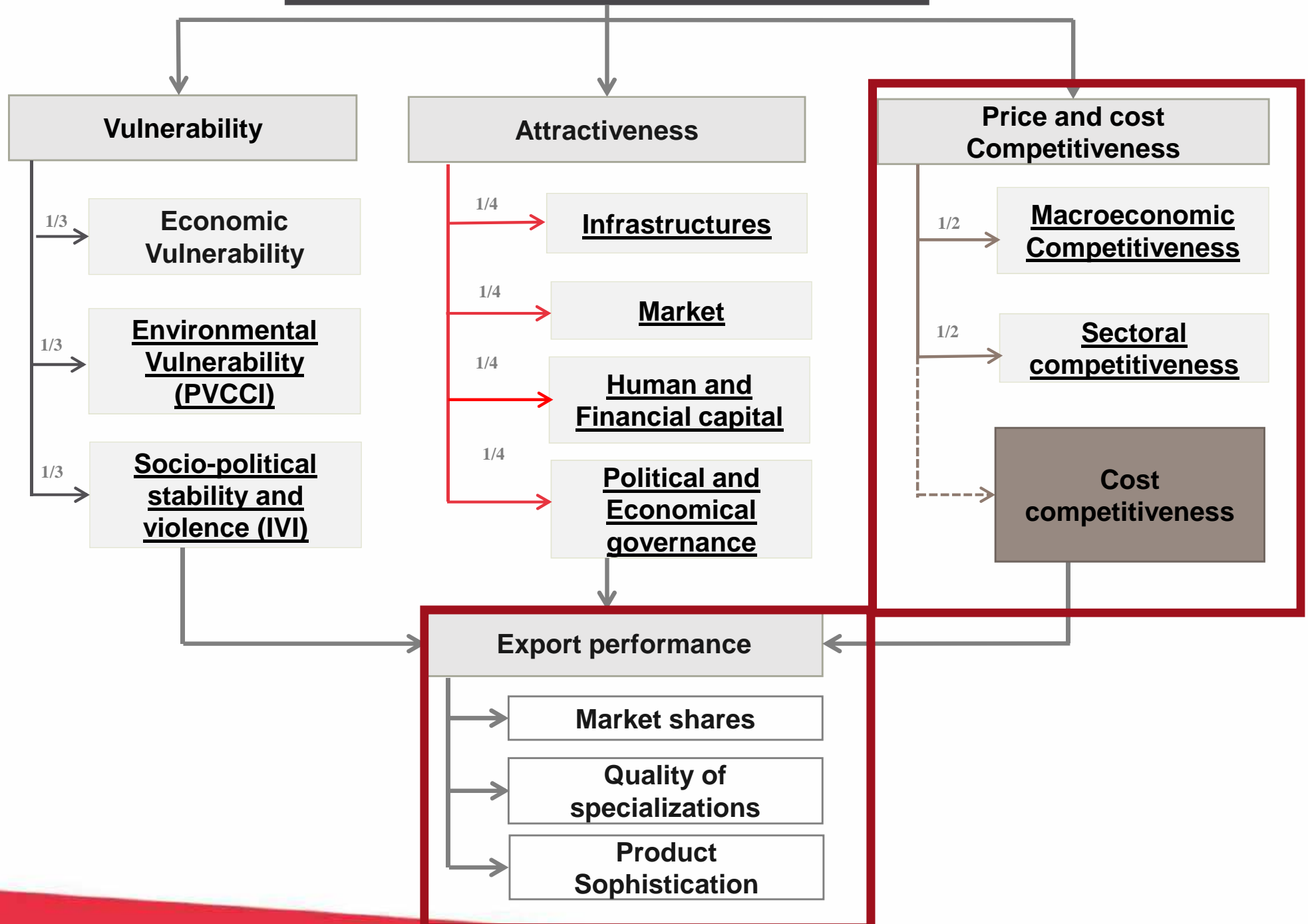


# The basket of goods, not so expensive..

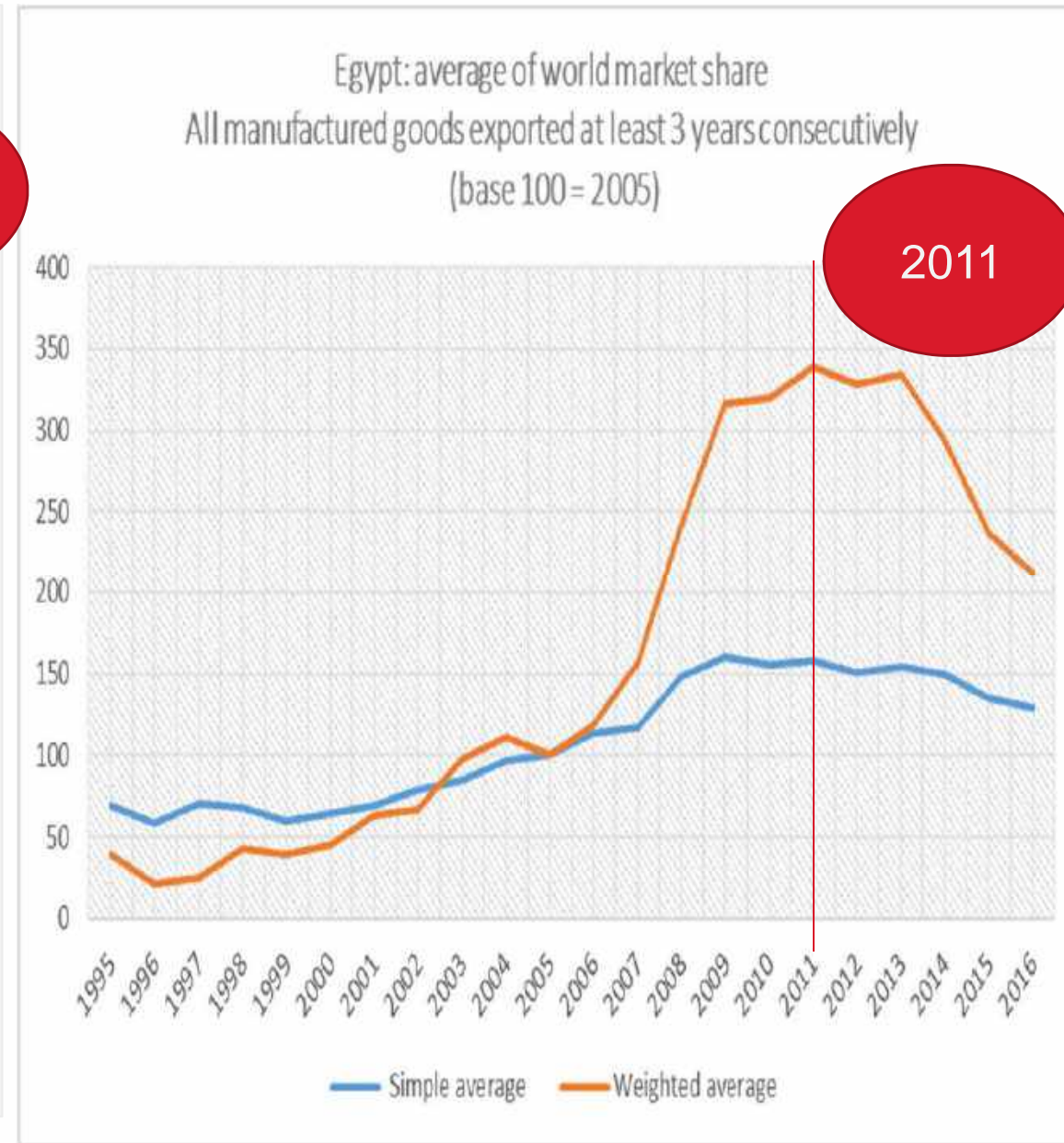
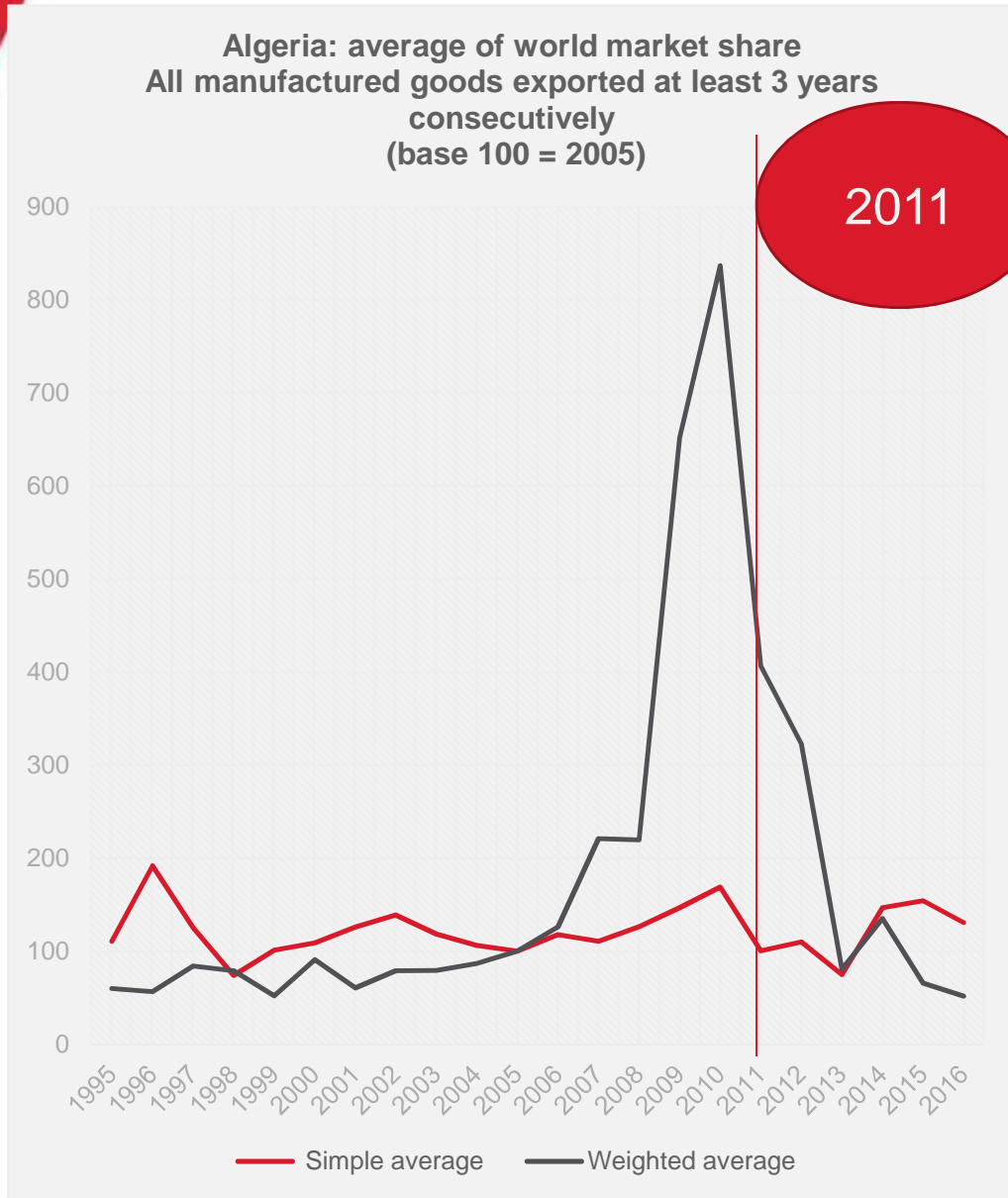




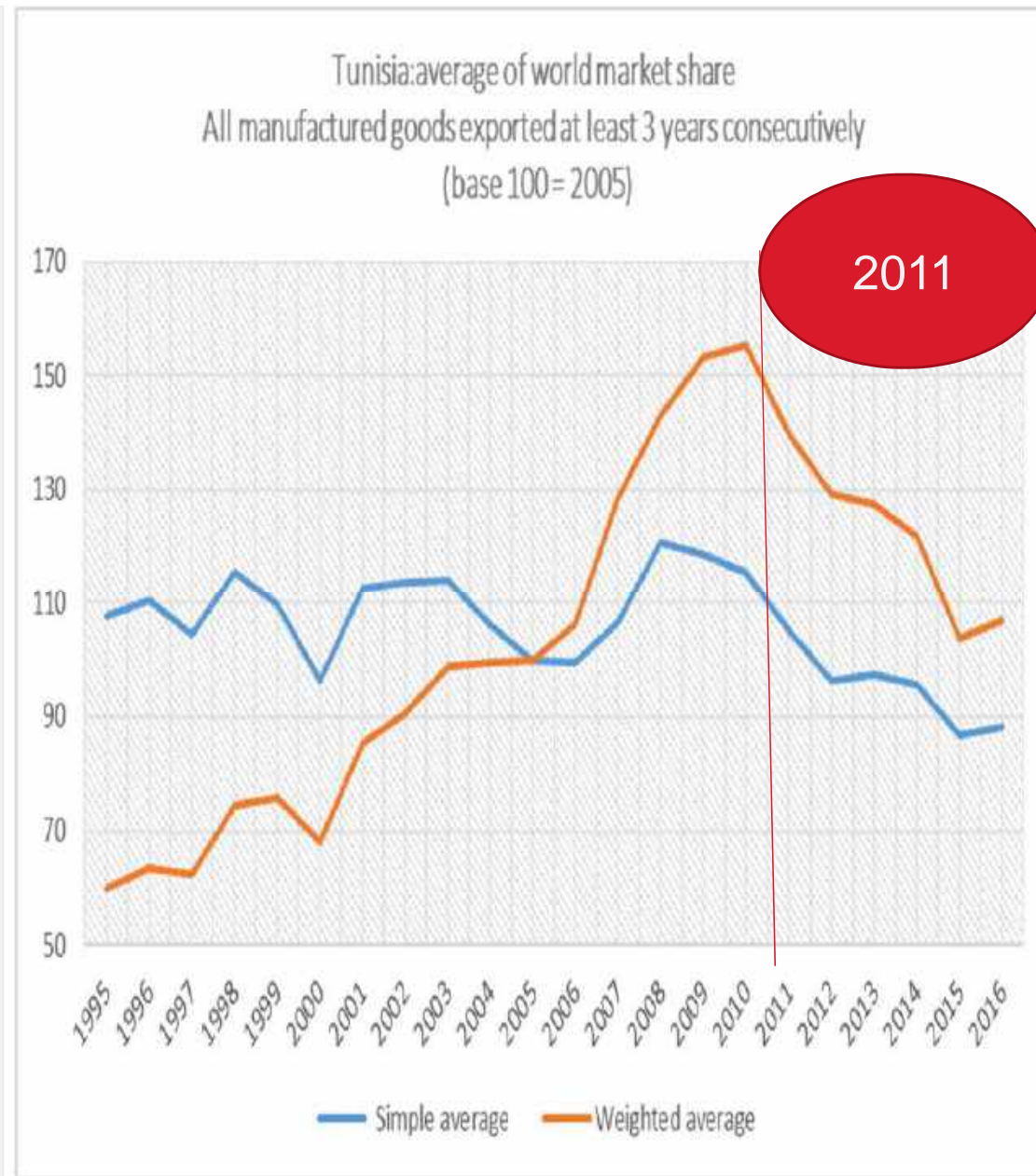
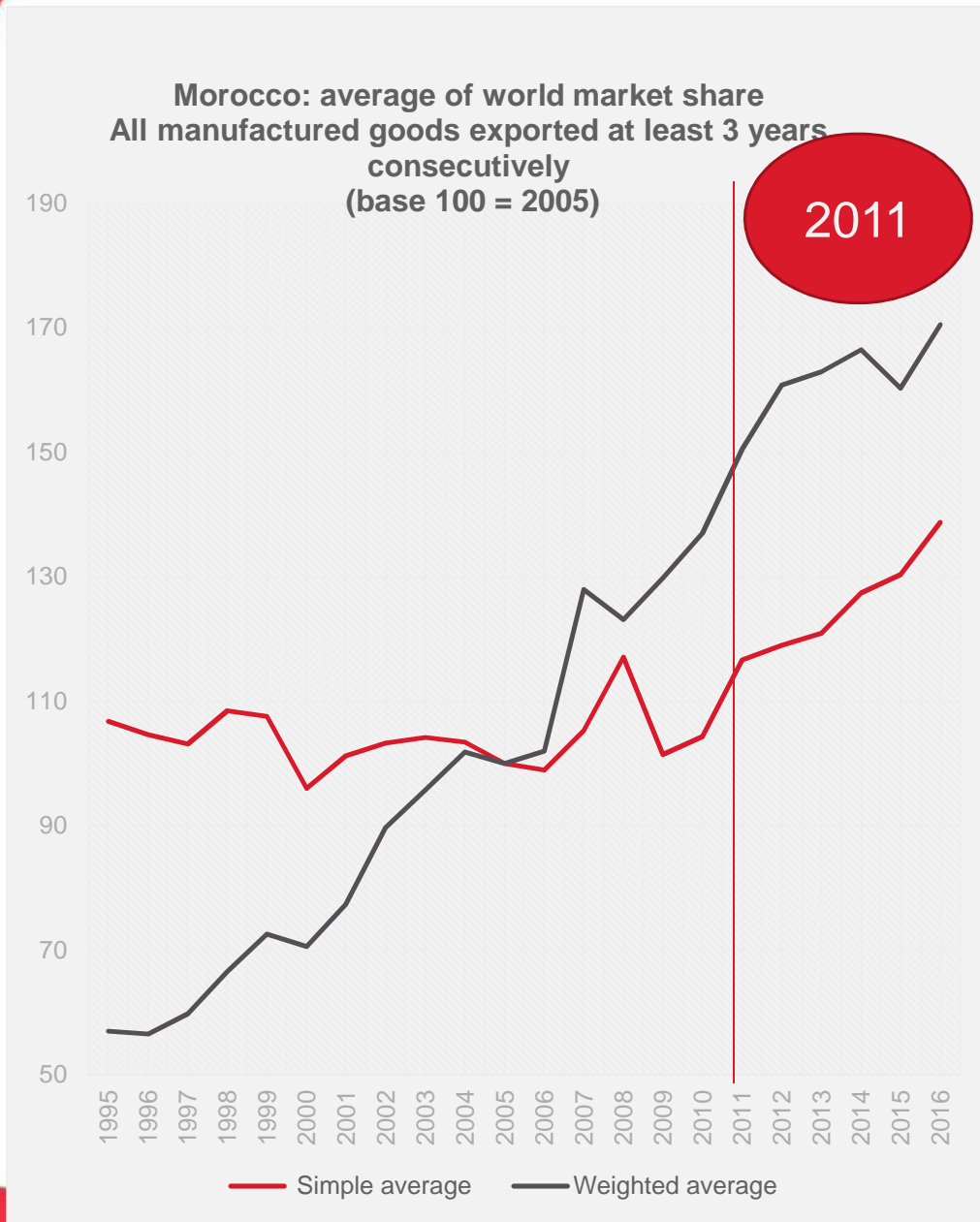
# Observatory of Sustainable Competitiveness (OSC)



# Export market shares for manufactured goods are decreasing...



# Except for Morocco...





# The floor is yours

