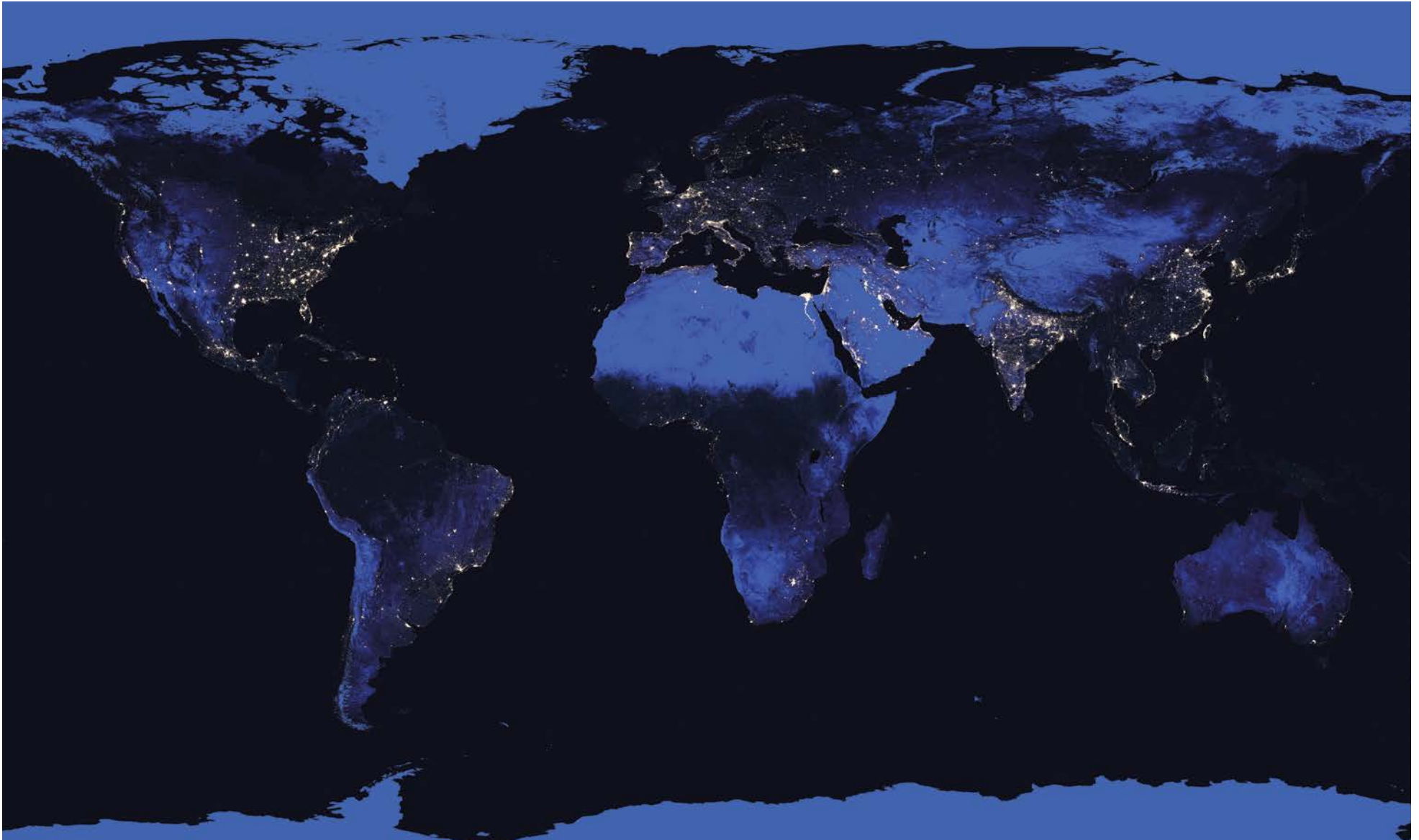


A global perspective



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Night Lights

This image of the Earth at night, "Night Lights," is a composite image assembled by NASA. Illuminated dots represent actual lights and large clusters of them indicate urban areas.

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The biggest cities with the brightest lights aren't the only engines of economic growth. Fast-growing economies around the world also are important contributors to global gross domestic product (GDP). In fact, at their current rapid rate of growth, economies in Southeast Asia, South America, Africa and other geographies could shine brighter on this satellite image should they join the ranks of today's economic powerhouses.

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