

Inclusive Growth Tackling Inequality

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While the continent enjoys on average 5% - 7% growth per annum and 7/10 fastest growing economies in the world

360 million people still live in poverty and only 36 million earn more than US\$10 a day



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Jobless growth is a feature of most countries leaving a large number of young men and women without secure incomes...

Gross inequity is a major factor in the persistence of poverty in Africa



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Growing inequality is fuelling state confrontation by social movements

Public frustration is linked less to the closing civic space (which is shrinking) and the quality of democracy than to: local realities of poverty, inequality, insecurity...



Time Magazine:

Africa is the World next great
Growth Engine but Hundreds of
Million are at risk of being left
behind.....



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If Afro-Pessimism is outdated...

Afro-Optimism is premature.... Growth should be canalized to tackle inequality and meet basic needs of the marginalized people



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But How can we get there?

How do we adjust the trend?

A few ideas.....

Clean, Protective and Pro-poor Legal Framework

- An outdated legal framework will maintain/enhance the inequality and get the rich more rich and the poor more poor
- The Richest 1% of the world population has increased its income by 60% in the last 20 years



Land Grab...

“You don’t need guns to kill people. When you take food from a village by destroying farm lands and cash crops, you are starving its people [...] These things must stop. Our people deserve the right to survive. They shouldn't be denied their land” *Alfred Brownell, Green Advocates, Liberia*

People lost everything; they became nothing but cheap labour....

Foreign land investors paying lease fees from as little as seven cents to as much as \$100/ha per year. This variation has nothing to do with the quality of the land and everything to do with a lack of regulation....



Conflicts: Genuine and Pro-Active Promotion of Peace and Stability

Armed conflict costs Africa around \$18bn per year, seriously derailing development, social and economic rights... Oxfam Report

The cost of an operation in Kenya due to a bullet shooting is equivalent to a year of primary education for 100 children, or full immunizations for 250 children, or 1.5 years of education for a medical student

- Majority of the ‘booming’ countries are still largely primary agricultural or natural resources economies with little movement towards the increased manufacturing or labour-intensive job creation needed for Africa to rise.

Some Conditions for a industrialization:

Infrastructure, Education, Healthcare, Strong Institutions...



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Economy is Modernizing but Governance system is not...

Corruption is not helping.....

In many countries: Primary Education jumped to 20% in a few years but half of graduates live the countries.....



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**The post-2015 agenda
must seek to promote
African resilience by
addressing associated
vulnerabilities**



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**Solution can be
found through....**



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- A Genuine effective implementation of existing, charters, commitments, frameworks and programmes established by the African Union:

Charter on Human and People's Rights, the Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa, the African Charter on Elections and Democracy, the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM).

- It should also include the full implementation of **regional integration in Africa**, the pursuit of visionary, bold and accountable leadership...



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- **Post-2015 agenda that offers an opportunity to frame a vision of development that is integrated, situated in political economy and that is responsive to the political, social, economic and ecological transformation...**
- **Such an agenda should be centred on principles of human security, democracy, human rights, equality, equity and the eradication of poverty**
- **Importance of domestic resources (transparency on mining ... But development aid still remain imp.**



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Leveraging new opportunities

- Promote new partnerships: BRICS....
- New Trade Agreement and regional Integration
- Promote the use of new information and communication technologies, including digital media....



Thank You !