



## Running like an African Cheetah

I am happy to launch this monthly newsletter which regroups in a more organized manner what I use to share with my friends. I have expanded the list of recipients to include my mailing list but please feel free to unsubscribe. I am aware we all receive too many of these type of messages. If, on the other hand, you feel this can be of interest to others you know I would appreciate your forwarding. Enjoy.

## My latest Contributions

I am extensively quoted in **African Business** article on [“How will the Russia-Ukraine war affect Africa?”](#). I defended the viewpoint that : “The Ukraine crisis reinforces the trend and will imply pressures for African countries to choose sides. This will be closely watched by China as well. It is in the interest of Africans to avoid such pressures, invoking their priority of mobilising as much support as they can from all partners.”

[The tussle over who's monitoring the AU-EU partnership](#), is an assessment filed by **Devex's** Vince Chadwik on February's summit mixed messages over the possible role of a new foundation in monitoring the intercontinental relationship. I present my arguments on how the two continent's partnership can be monitored.

The **Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET)** had launched a series of interviews with African economists that have now been published in a booklet format with the title Addressing [COVID-19 in Africa: Challenges and Leadership in a Context of Global Economic Transformation](#), interviews for the Commission on Global Economic Transformation. The Commission is co-lead by Nobel Prize Winners Michael Spence and Joseph Stiglitz. My interview is included. I wrote with my friend and ODI Director and Principal Research Fellow Dirk Willem te Velde a large paper for **INET** on [Structural Transformation, Economic Development and Industrialization in Post-Covid-19 Africa](#).

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## Deepening my involvement with just transition



I have accepted to integrate a new important group dealing with **The future of Nature Markets**. This new **Task Force** will try to shape a new generation of nature markets that delivers nature positive and equitable outcomes.



I am excited to share with you that I have accepted to Chair both the Advisory Council and the Board of the **African Climate Foundation** right on time to work with colleagues on the forthcoming **UNFCCC Conference of the Parties 27**, taking place in Sharm Al Sheik at the end of the year. Let us make this Africa Cop a landmark in changing the continent's climate change narratives.



United Nations

In the same vein it was justifiable to accept the United Nations Secretary General invitation to integrate a **High Level Expert Group for Net-0 Certification by Non-State Entities**. With the abundant green washing taking place everywhere this is a timely initiative to structure the certification and standardization of who does what on carbon offsetting. We need a credible process.

## My latest video and podcasts

### On Africa-Europe Relations

[Europa deve deixar de ver África como “parente pobre”. RFI](#)



[Africa Matters: AU-EU Summit, TRT](#)



[Le nouveau partenariat Europe-Afrique : refonder un New Deal, Forum Europe Afrique, Marseille](#)

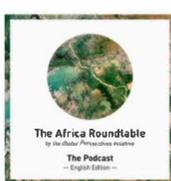


### On the impact of the War in Ukraine in Africa

[Turbulência no mercado após guerra na Ucrânia pode favorecer commodities africanas, RFI](#)



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