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CARLOS LOPES' BLOG



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University Of Cambridge

This year, I've embraced three additional academic roles, all aimed at enhancing leadership in Africa. Firstly, I've joined the advisory council of [Cambridge University's CISL \(Cambridge](#)

[Institute for Sustainability Leadership](#)) South Africa of Zce. This role involves providing guidance to middle career managers, equipping them with the skills and insights needed to navigate the evolving landscape of sustainability within their professional spheres.

SOAS

Secondly, the University of London School of Oriental and African Studies has inaugurated the [Leadership Development Dialogue Institute](#). I'm honored to serve as a Fellow at this institute, generously sponsored by Hyundai Motors and co-led by Professors Ha-Joon Chang, Christopher Cramer, and Jonathan di John. Our inaugural course in February underscored the timeliness and relevance of our offerings.

EHESS

Lastly, I'm delighted to announce my invitation as a guest Professor at the prestigious [École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, in Paris](#), for the year 2024. My primary focus will be on conducting research pertaining to Africa, with a series of public conferences planned to foster lively discussions around the continent's contemporary challenges. These opportunities represent significant avenues for advancing leadership and scholarship in Africa, and I look forward to contributing meaningfully to each endeavor.



Gov.br

Following my active engagement with climate change issues since 2023, it comes as no surprise that I have been consistently called upon to lend an African perspective to various forums addressing these critical matters. In line with this, I am honored to accept the invitation extended by the [Brazilian G20 Presidency](#) to participate as a member of the Group of Experts for the G20 Task Force for a Global Mobilization against Climate Change.



Financial Afrik

In 2023, I had the privilege of being recognized among the Transformative Africans in the annual publication by [Financial Afrik](#). Additionally, my inclusion in the 2023 100 Most Iconic Africans, as

featured in the [New Africa \(Nigeria\)](#), further underscores the impact of my contributions. These acknowledgments add to a total of 25 inclusions in prestigious lists compiled by esteemed media outlets such as Jeune Afrique, New African, The African Report, and El Pais.

My latest Publications:

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The Africa Report

In January, I engaged in the customary practice of forecasting events for the upcoming year. My insights were featured in The Africa Report, where my contribution explored the theme ["African Debt: Three Key Challenges for 2024."](#) Additionally, I conducted a similar analysis for Jeune Afrique, offering valuable perspectives on the region's future trajectories.

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Financial Times

In collaboration with fellow African economists, I co-authored a letter to the Financial Times, vehemently contesting the arguments put forth by an individual advocating for the credit rating agencies' stance on African economies. Despite the individual's affiliation with one of these agencies, he was generously granted space in the newspaper. Fortunately, our letter titled ["Letter: Little surprise African governments reject credit rating agencies"](#) was accepted and published by the FT, allowing us to voice our concerns and perspectives.

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African Business

After my extensive interview with IC Publications, a substantial portion was featured under the title ["Africa's Energy Transition Must Be the Top Priority"](#) in African Business (in English) and in Magazine de L'Afrique ([in French](#)). While artificial intelligence, energy transition, and environmental sustainability are critical considerations with long-term impacts, it's crucial to acknowledge the short-term concerns as well. Geopolitical tensions and instability within African governance systems are pressing issues that demand careful attention.



Future of Life

I recently joined The Elders and the Future Life Institute in signing an Open Letter, which urges the international community to address fundamental violations of international law and to adopt more responsive measures. It emphasizes the importance of advocating for multilateralism and embracing peaceful approaches. This ["Open Letter calling on world leaders to demonstrate long-term leadership on existential threats"](#) has been widely published across mainstream media platforms, amplifying our message to a global audience.



**South China
Morning Post**

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The South China Morning Post, a prominent Singaporean daily, recently conducted a review of a new Chinese initiative. With Beijing's backing, Hunan province is set to establish a hub comprising six trade and logistics centers, forming a pioneering zone for comprehensive China-Africa economic and trade cooperation. The article titled ["How Hunan's New African Trade Hub Could Help Landlocked Chinese Province 'Catch Up' With Coastal Powerhouses"](#) extensively quotes me regarding the implications for China-Africa trade, emphasizing the strategic significance of the initiative.

My Videos and Podcasts



Le Grande Entretien: Carlos Lopes, New African, 17 January.

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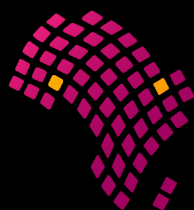
Estreou "Mário", o Žlme sobre o percurso político de Mário Pinto de Andrade, RFI, 12 February.

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