



AFRICA CHEETAH RUN CARLOS LOPES' BLOG



Running Like a Cheetah

I'm thrilled to have concluded my engagements in Paris, including my regular teaching at **Sciences Po** to a remarkable group of young leaders amidst the institution's various disruptions. This year, I've also taken on the role of **Visiting Professor at Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales**, leading seminars on African historical dimensions, particularly focusing on the profound contributions of Amilcar Cabral as we commemorate his 100th anniversary. My schedule is bustling with activities, and I'm honored to serve as one of the guest editors for Lisbon **ISCTE's Cadernos de Estudos Africanos** dedicated to Cabral. It's an exciting time, and I'm deeply invested in these endeavors, seeking to contribute meaningfully to scholarship and education in African studies.



I had the privilege of attending the main session of the **Prize for Humanity** as a Jury Member, a significant initiative led by the **Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation**, one of Europe's largest philanthropic organizations. Our esteemed Jury Chair, former German Chancellor Angela Merkel, graciously hosted the event in Berlin. Amidst escalating geopolitical tensions, it's imperative that we do not lose sight of the urgent need for environmental stewardship. Now more than ever, decisive climate action is paramount.



My recent contributions



One Campaign

The IMF/World Bank Spring meetings this year provided a crucial platform for addressing reforms essential to reshaping the discourse on sovereign debt, especially amid the acute challenges faced by African nations. A distinguished group of influential figures in the field collaborated on an Op-Ed presenting a comprehensive **10-point plan, facilitated by ONE**, urging the re-elected IMF managing director to adopt and advocate for these measures. I'm honored to have been among the co-signatories, contributing to this vital initiative aimed at fostering sustainable economic practices and supporting the financial stability of nations, particularly those in Africa.



New York State Legislature

A coalition of 65 eminent global leaders and public figures, featuring luminaries such as Nobel Prize Winner Joseph Stiglitz and esteemed Professors Dani Rodrik and Jayati Ghosh, alongside 22 former Heads of State or Government and other influential figures, united in a powerful appeal to New York State Governor Kathy Hochul and the State Legislature. Their collective plea urged the passage of a groundbreaking bill aimed at tackling the looming debt crisis. Orchestrated by **Oxfam**, this coalition strategically identified New York as the primary jurisdiction responsible for administering a significant portion of debt from impoverished countries. I am proud to have added my name to this vital initiative as a co-signatory, advocating for transformative measures to alleviate the burden of debt and foster global economic equity.

My Videos and Podcasts



Audition sur les combustibles fossiles, Sénat Français, 9 April

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Le Grand Entretien, TeleSud TV, 20 April

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