



AFRICA CHEETAH RUN

CARLOS LOPES' BLOG

Running Like a Cheetah



I chaired the council that produced the inaugural [Global Media Index on Africa](#). This comprehensive index, led by Professor Wallace Chuma from the University of Cape Town with support from [Africa No Filter](#) and New York's [Africa Center](#), is the only tool tracking how the world's most influential news outlets cover Africa. The index was developed in response to the persistent portrayal of Africa in global media, which often focuses on conflict, corruption, poverty, poor leadership, bad politics, and disease. These narratives significantly influence investment, tourism, global policy, and the financial costs associated with the continent. The Global Media Index for Africa assesses and ranks online news stories from 20 leading news providers that shape global perceptions of Africa. The selected outlets include CNN, Deutsche Welle, Russia Today, Bloomberg, Xinhua, Le Monde, The Guardian, Wall Street Journal, Associated Press, Al Jazeera, The Economist, New York Times, VOA News, AFP, Reuters, BBC, CGTN, Financial Times, RFI, and Washington Post. This tool provides essential regular 'health checks' on how Africa is framed in the media.



My Twitter (now rebranded as X) account [LopesInsights](#) has surpassed 100,000 followers this month. With an average of 400,000 impressions monthly, it's exciting to see such engagement, especially since my focus is solely on Africa's transformation rather than trivialities. Additionally, I recently revamped my website [www.africacheetah.run](#), which is now attracting more visitors.



My good friend, President Michael D. Higgins of Ireland, quoted me once again in one of his landmark speeches. What an honor! This time, it was during his address on "[Achieving Food Security from Below](#)" upon being awarded the FAO Agricola Medal, at a ceremony earlier this month in Rome.

My latest contributions



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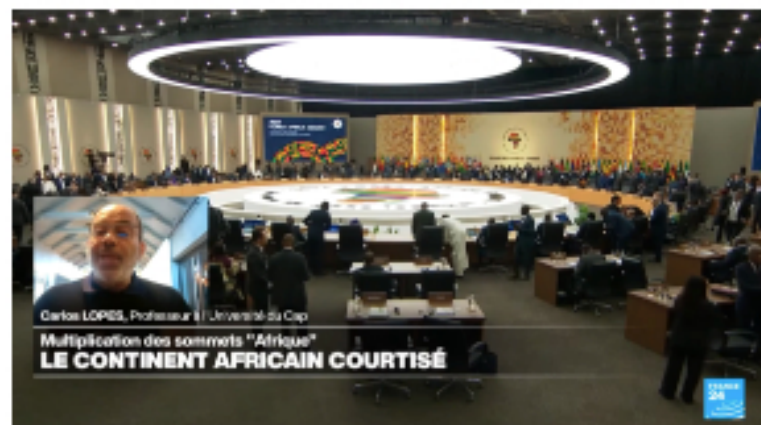
I addressed the need for a new approach to managing sovereign debt in Africa in a blog post for ODI Global titled "[The African Debt Dilemma: Unpacking the Three Unfavorable Factors](#)." The debt situation in African countries has escalated to a critical juncture due to several compounding challenges. In the blog, I outline three pivotal elements that significantly contribute to this predicament.



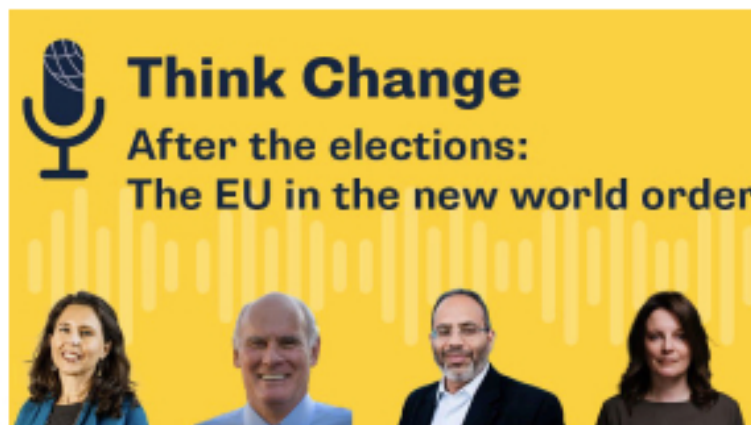
RFI

I recently participated in the radio program "[La Banque africaine de développement en quête de financement à l'occasion de ses assemblées générales](#)" on RFI. This program was held on the African Development Bank's Annual Meeting, where its President presented a refreshed strategy for the institution.

My Videos and Podcasts



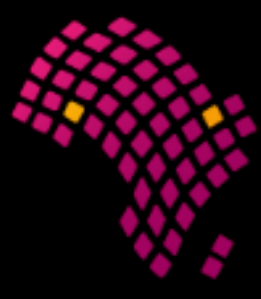
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