



AFRICA CHEETAH RUN

CARLOS LOPES' BLOG



Running Like a Cheetah

I am honored to share that my efforts in contributing to the success of COP28 have been [recognized by the President of the United Arab Emirates, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, with the First Class Order of Zayed II](#), bestowed on May 21, 2024, in Abu Dhabi.



I am deeply honored to have been selected as the Nyerere Lecturer for 2024, a prestigious recognition bestowed by the University of Dar-es-Salaam. This accolade places me in the distinguished company of prominent African intellectuals who have shaped our continent's academic and cultural landscape. Among them are Nobel Prize Winner Wole Soyinka, Thandika Mkandawire, Issa Shivji, Abdoulaye Bathily, and Samir Amin—luminaries whose work has profoundly influenced my own intellectual journey. Being acknowledged alongside these eminent figures is a humbling and inspiring testament to the value of our collective efforts in advancing African thought and scholarship.

My latest contributions



The Conversation Africa

I have actively collaborated with fellow African economists to highlight the structural problems that hinder African countries from accessing liquidity, a primary cause of the chronic sovereign debt crisis. Despite discussions of reform by multilateral financial institutions, the situation remains dire. This motivated me to contribute to the academic platform "The Conversation" with my article, ["African countries can't resolve their debt crisis under a system rigged against them."](#) first published on May 5th. The article has since been [translated into French](#) and



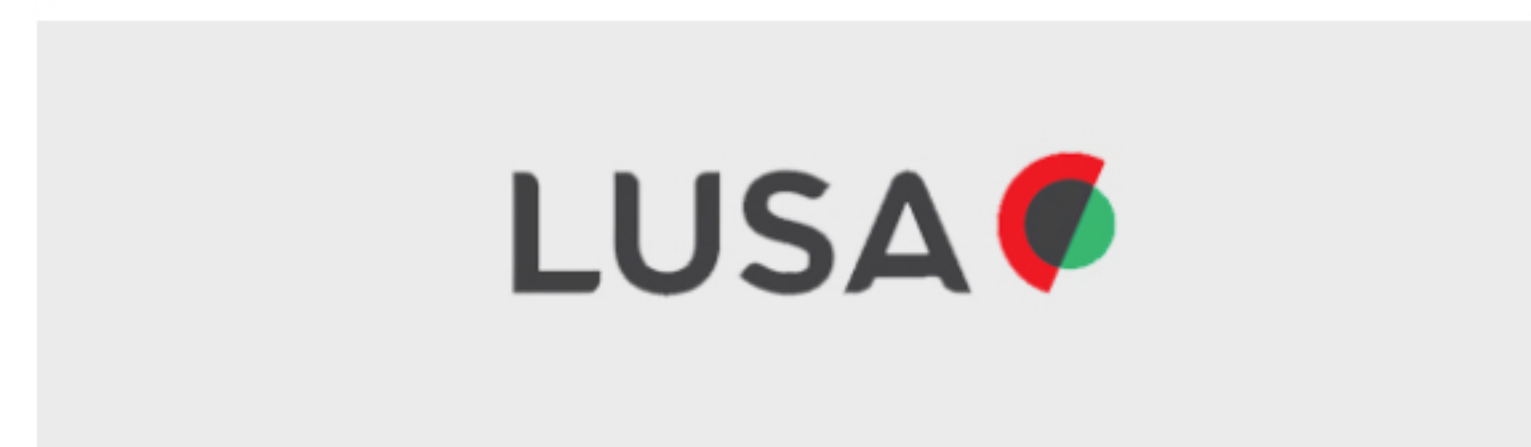
United Nations Committee

As a member of the UN Committee for Development Policy, I have contributed to a new joint publication. This committee, an independent group of experts designated by ECOSOC, advises member countries on critical development issues. Our collaborative policy assessments and recommendations on energy transitions have significantly influenced ongoing deliberations. The publication, titled ["A Globally Just Transition: Perspectives from the Committee for Development Policy,"](#) was completed in December 2023 and is now available online..



CODESRIA

[CODESRIA](#), the leading social sciences organization for African scholars, has celebrated its 50th anniversary. To mark this milestone, a special edition of the CODESRIA Bulletin was released, featuring testimonies from prominent members of this remarkable network. I was delighted to contribute my own piece, titled ["Empowering African Voices: CODESRIA's Role in Shaping an African Agenda for Knowledge Production."](#)



Lusa News Agency

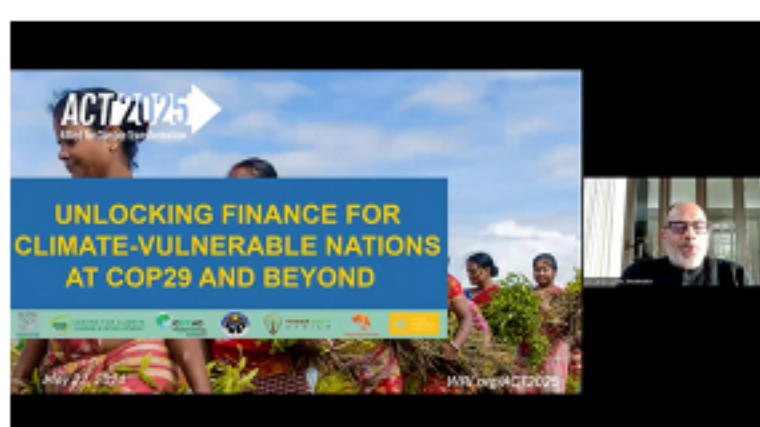
I have consistently emphasized the importance of changing African narratives, particularly those related to climate change. In an interview with the Lusa news agency, which was widely disseminated among Lusophone media, I addressed this critical issue. The interview, titled "África já não pensa que crise climática é moda dos países desenvolvidos," highlights the continent's evolving perspective and its proactive stance on climate action.

My Videos and Podcasts



Reshaping Africa's Future, Moneyline with Nancy (Nigeria), 26 April

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Unlocking Finance for Climate-Vulnerable Nations at COP29 and Beyond, World Resources Institute, 23 May

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