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CARLOS LOPES' BLOG



Running Like a Cheetah



I am honored to have been selected for the [Advisory Board of the Think 20 \(T20\)](#) during South Africa's G20 Presidency. As a key engagement group of the G20, the T20 is coordinated by the **South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)** and the **Institute for Global Dialogue (IGD)**, bringing together leading think tanks to develop research-based policy recommendations for global challenges. This follows my recent involvement as a member of the Climate Task Force of the Brazilian G20 Presidency, and I am excited to continue contributing to impactful policy solutions on this influential platform.

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I am delighted to share that I have been named **Economist of the Year** and one of the **100 Transformers of Africa** by **Financial Afrik**, a leading pan-African publication specializing in finance. This marks the third time I have received this recognition, which this year is based on my book, ["The Self-Deception Trap"](#). The book continues to make waves, with over 25,000 downloads to date, and I am grateful for the resonance it has found across diverse audiences. This recognition, disseminate throughout the African media, inspires me to further contribute to the critical debates shaping Africa's future.



African Business

I am truly honored to be named one of the **100 Most Influential Africans** by **New African** magazine, in the "Opinion Shapers" category. This recognition, my 27th from African and other media, is a testament to my efforts to critically engage with and reshape the narratives surrounding Africa. Through my writings, I have sought to challenge deep-rooted misconceptions and highlight the complexities, opportunities, and resilience that define the continent. It is gratifying to see these contributions acknowledged, and I remain committed to fostering conversations that bring Africa's realities to the forefront while dismantling the illusions often imposed on its image.

My latest contributions



Africa Financial Summit

I recently participated in the [African Financial Summit](#) in Casablanca, where critical discussions on African debt took center stage. Following the summit, I had the opportunity to share my views in an interview with **Jeune Afrique** and **Africa Report**, exploring the pressing question: [Why isn't Africa considered "too big to fail"?](#) The conversation highlighted the structural challenges in global financial systems that perpetuate inequities in Africa's debt dynamics, as well as the urgent need for transformative approaches to risk perception and debt management. Engaging with these themes underscores the importance of rethinking Africa's place in the global financial architecture and advocating for solutions that prioritize equity and sustainability.



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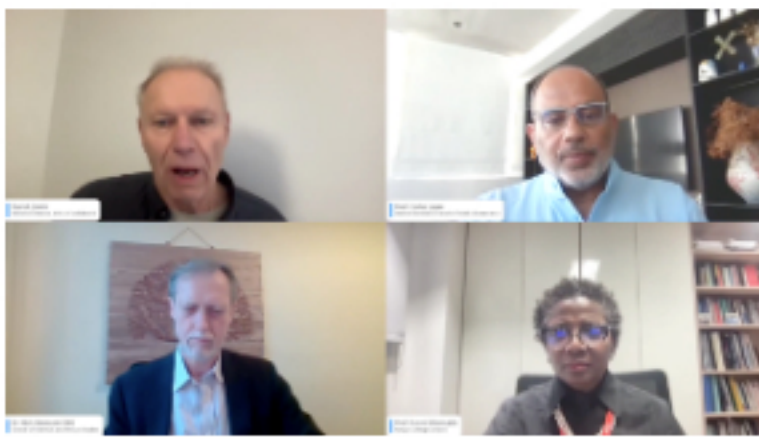
I was honored to contribute to **Project Syndicate's** annual features on the [Best Reads for 2024](#) and [Predictions for 2025](#). In both pieces, I focused on the transformative role Artificial Intelligence (AI) is set to play in the coming year. From reshaping political strategies to disrupting intellectual property regimes, AI promises to challenge traditional frameworks and accelerate change across multiple sectors. As we navigate this fast-evolving landscape, it is essential to anticipate the profound implications AI will have on global systems and our everyday habits.



Lusophone Africa Forbes

I am thrilled to have made the cover of the [Lusophone Africa Forbes](#) edition as the year came to a close. The accompanying in-depth interview delves into my professional journey, reflections on key milestones, and my ongoing efforts to contribute to Africa's development narratives. This recognition is both humbling and motivating as I continue to advocate for transformative change across the continent.

My Videos and Podcasts



Africa & Multilateralism,
Africa Confidential, 24 December



Who Bears the Cost of the Energy
Transition?,
The Atlantic Dialogues, 12 December

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