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Running Like a Cheetah



I had the pleasure of serving on the jury of the [Gulbenkian Prize for Leadership](#) alongside Angela Merkel and other distinguished members. This year's award went to the Atlantic and Southern Ocean Corridor, recognized for its dedication to protecting one of the planet's most fragile ecosystems. The corridor is linked through together high level officials, such as the President of Portugal, and global actors to climate action.



My work as Special Envoy for Africa at the [Brazil COP30 Presidency](#) has begun in full swing. This includes to writing key position papers, engaging in broad consultations with over 400 African stakeholders – people's long quest to the strong support of the [African Climate Foundation](#) – and establishing coordination channels with the African Union and the Government of Ethiopia, who are co-organizing the event [Africa Climate Summit](#). I am also serving on the Summit's Advisory Council, helping to shape its strategic direction.

My latest contributions



Global Policy

I co-authored the article ["New Multilateralism for Fragile States and Global South Peoples: Resilience, inclusion and leadership in a world of global health and climate change"](#) published as a commentary on the Global Policy. The piece, part of the Resilient Global Health Initiative, based at Harvard University, outlines a pathway for more equitable and inclusive global health governance.



The Africa Report

The Africa Report published an editorial titled ["End the Africa Sanctions and Restore Mutual Benefits"](#), which states our director's vision for strategic direction to be long articulated for. The piece underscores my call to move beyond dependency narratives and build Africa-Europe relations on mutual interest, respect, and realistic expectations.



Universidad de La Laguna

I delivered the keynote address at Campus Africa, an initiative of the University of La Laguna in the Canary Islands. The intervention focused on the state of the Spanish model, with over 20 direct interventions. One article that best reflects the message is titled ["El espacio universitario de la Universidad de La Laguna"](#) published by the Universidad de La Laguna.



El Día

I gave an in-depth interview to El Día titled ["La sostenibilidad es el eje de la transición en Canarias"](#). It is a long read that addresses migration requires a structural and long-term European response, not one designed to border regions like the Canary Islands. The discussion highlighted the need for a cooperative approach with Africa based on responsibility, development, and respect.

Project Syndicate

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Together with fellow COP30 Special Envoy – including former New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern – we authored the article ["COP30: How Many Goals Can One Country Achieve?"](#) published by Project Syndicate. This widely respected piece, now available in seven languages, is an important contribution to shaping the global climate agenda, as argues that Brazil's presidency should focus on implementation rather than being tempted by the pressure to place on new promises, as repeated actions are undermining the credibility of the system.



Heinrich Böll Foundation

I delivered a speech at a Global Forum organized by the Heinrich Böll Foundation in Germany, which then led to my report on the topic of ["Sustainable Development Goals: A Call to Action for Africa"](#). The piece explores how dialogue must be embedded as a driving force for Africa's climate, governance, and global equity.



Publico

I've been advancing the idea that Africa's political and economic models need to be reformed to build a more inclusive and resilient future. The piece, titled ["The need for a new political and economic model for Africa"](#), was published in Publico. The text was the core of a public conversation I had with António Rodrigues and Diogo Marques, later reproduced in the media in both Portugal and Brazil under the headline ["Sustentabilidade: O que é preciso para avançar a transição"](#) in Publico.



O Expresso das Ilhas

In a long interview with O Expresso das Ilhas, Cabo Verde's main weekly, I reflected on the country's 50-year development journey and the strategic challenges ahead. The piece, titled ["O desenvolvimento sustentável em Cabo Verde"](#), was well received, generating strong engagement across social media.

My Videos and Podcasts



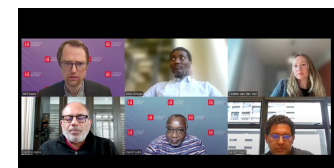
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