Infrastructure and Inclusive Growth: Overcoming Discordant Development

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Discordant Development

discordant development: increasing inequalities and rapid growth juxtaposed with group distress can generate uncertainty and violent conflict
Nigeria

Democracy and prebendal politics in Nigeria, 1987

Hafsat Abiola

Nigerian Politician
Diezani Allison-Madueke

Wale Adebanwi

Lagos-Kano Rail Project
(Daily Post Nigeria)
U.S. Africa Policy

Transport
Water
Environment
Energy
Electricity
Telecommunications
Sanitation
Three Great Transformations

1. Access to cost-efficient basic services
2. Fostering a performance-improving ethic
3. Reducing systemic and mega-corruption

Borehole for water access in northern Nigeria (Mike Urban)

Members of the Nigerians United for Democracy Movement protest during 2015 elections (Reuters)
How Can This Be Done?

1. Devise a performance index of the provision of basic goods and services

1. Grant aid and facilitate investments in accordance with improvements in these scores, whatever the baseline

1. Since reliance on public institutions has often failed, and unrestrained marketization produces races to the bottom, create innovative public-private entities in key sectors
African Regimes & the Exercise of Power

1. Are African regimes authoritarian, democratic, or some hybrid version of the two?

2. Do the people actually benefit from the exercise of power? Does the regime address the needs of the populace, the demos?

The expectation that introducing pluralist constitutional democracy would make governments more accountable to the people, and therefore more likely to address themselves to their needs and aspirations, has not been fulfilled.
Ghana

Migration routes from hinterlands of Africa to Libya (UNICEF)

A DEADLY JOURNEY FOR CHILDREN

At Home In the World, ed. by Takyiwaa Manuh
The New Middle Passage

From “Stepping over the Dead on a Migrant Boat,” The New York Times
Kleptocratic vs Developmental Governance

Dr. Kayode Fayemi, Former Governor of Ekiti state, Nigeria

kleptocracy: government by those who seek high office and personal gain at the expense of the governed

Evidence: Efficacious & Sustained Service Delivery in Ghana

Dr. Donald Hopkins, Carter Center
Guinea Worm Eradication program

Millennium Challenge Account
George Walker Bush Highway

Cross-party engagement, fair and reliable electoral system
Potential Collaborators

QoG - THE QUALITY OF GOVERNMENT INSTITUTE

Bo Rothstein

INNOVATIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL SOCIETIES
Building Institutions, Escaping Development Traps

ipa - INNOVATIONS FOR POVERTY ACTION

Chris Udry

Dean Karlan
Connecting People: Creating A Better Future

- Workers’ long-term share in project performance
- Combining national, regional, and local infrastructure components (e.g. electricity and water)
- What cluster of incentives have been shown to reduce corruption and improve performance?
Connecting People: Creating A Better Future

• Important to bring opportunities to people but also people to opportunities (public transport)
• Africans pay the most for cellular data - cellular data as a public good
• More openness to transformative ideas; more autonomy to local actors and institutions
• Monitoring projects, making investments contingent on successful completion and maintenance

Physical Mobility  Affordability  Sustainability