#### Infrastructure and Inclusive Growth: Overcoming Discordant Development

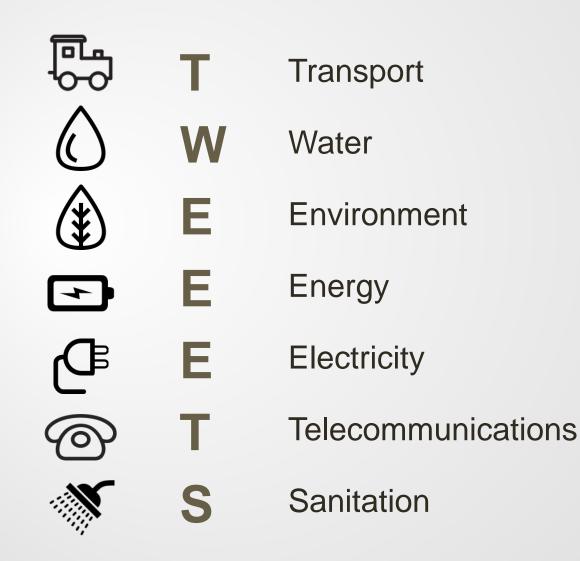
Richard Joseph John Evans Professor of International History and Politics Northwestern University

#### **Discordant Development**

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



### **U.S. Africa Policy**



#### **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?



Anti-corruption billboard in Uganda (Future Atlas)

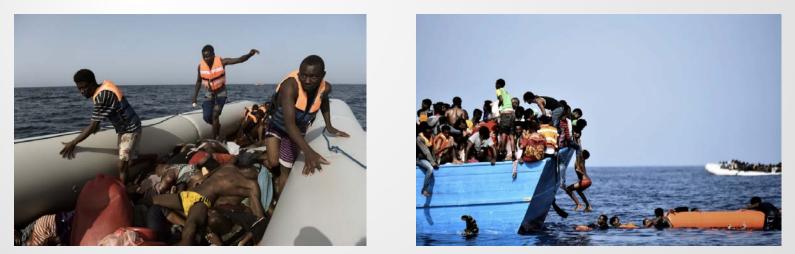
The expectation that introducing *pluralist constitutional democracy* would make governments more accountable to the people, and therefore more likely to address themselves to their needs and aspirations, has not been fulfilled.



#### The New Middle Passage

Aris Messinis/Agence France-Presse — Getty Images





From "Stepping over the Dead on a Migrant Boat," *The New York Times* https://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/06/world/europe/migrantsmediterranean.html?module=Promotron&region=Body&action=click&pgtype=article

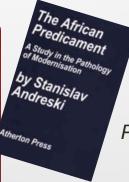
### Kleptocratic vs Developmental Governance

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





Stanislav Andreski, The African Predicament: A Study in the Pathology of Modernisation, 1968

### Evidence: Efficacious & Sustained Service Delivery in Ghana



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THE CARTER CENTER Waging Peace. Fighting Disease. Building Hope.

Dr. Donald Hopkins, Carter Center Guinea Worm Eradication program



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Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice

Cross-party engagement, fair and reliable electoral system

#### **Potential Collaborators**





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INNOVATIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL SOCIETIES Building Institutions, Escaping Development Traps



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# 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