

## THE COLONIAL STIMULATION

The third world has shrunk. For forty years the challenge for development has been the division between the affluent world of one billion people and the developing world of five billion people. Established by the United Nations, the Millennium Development Goals, that are designed to track the progress of the development efforts through 2015, encapsulated the thinking of providing aid as an effective and efficient measure to tackle the problem of underdeveloped and third world countries. However, it has become apparent that this way of development has not only become outdated but has also proven to be ineffective. Most of the five billion, about 80 percent, live in countries that are indeed developing, often at an amazing speed. The real challenge of development is not these countries but the group of countries at the bottom that are falling behind, and more so – falling apart.

The countries at the bottom coexist in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, but their reality is that of the 14<sup>th</sup> century: occurrences of civil war, plague and ignorance. This neglected set of one billion people is largely vulnerable and is causing chaos across world forums. The 21<sup>st</sup> century world of material comfort, international travel, and economic interdependence has become increasingly responsive to these large islands of chaos. As the bottom billion diverges from an increasingly sophisticated world economy, integration is only becoming harder.

A direct result of this problem, looming largely over Africa, has been the large scale migration of the people towards Western countries. Even so, accommodating all of them is not a sustainable solution anymore. The same has been highlighted by the European Union and as well stressed upon by the German Minister for Africa, Mr. Gunter Nooke.

Mr. Nooke during the World Youth Forum 2018 spoke on the topic of “Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want”. He highlighted the need to develop Africa from its root for making sure the people are able to survive and sustain themselves.

Mr. Nooke suggested on the need for foreign-run cities. As per his recommendation, these cities would focus on providing ample aid, boost trade and would implement the same through an effective form of governance. A holistic and sustainable development of the region is what was put forth. In order to establish foreign-run cities, African countries would have to lease their land to

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a foreign body to "allow free development for 50 years." Moreover, the nature of the foreign-run city would vary at the discretion of the foreign government. Whether it is an economic zone or a residential township, whether it is a transit hub or an integrated industrial facility, the nature of investment in the African region, would be the foreign government's calling.

It is a controversial idea, rejected by critics as one that reeks of colonialism. However, there are others who are open to the concept. The idea is gaining currency among young Africans who risk their lives to reach Europe to escape poverty, corruption and inefficiency. There are Africans who are willing to accept "voluntary colonialism" because of the failure of many African governments to provide a better life for their people.

With a growing need for holistic development of the region, Germany has volunteered to establish a functional and prosperous city wholly run by the German Government.

### **TASK AT HAND**

As a consultancy firm to the German government, devise a detailed plan of development to propose to the respective African region. The plan needs to encompass, but should not remain limited to:

1. The African region chosen to initiate the plan.
  2. Location analysis of the region.
  3. Proposed nature of the establishment and reasoning for the same.
  4. Phase wise development and implementation plan.
  5. Institutional arrangements to be made to ensure the sustenance of the establishment.
  6. Proposed policies to boost the African region's growth.
  7. Inter-regional synergy to be attained.
  8. Strategies to mitigate any socio-economic, political and sovereignty related concerns.
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**DELIVERABLES:**

- The task is to be submitted in the form of a PDF document and a PowerPoint Presentation.
- The report must not exceed a page limit of 40.
- Font – Garamond  
Heading – 14  
Body – 12  
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Alignment – Justified
- Participants are to submit the same at – **precipice2019@cms.ac.in**
- Subject: **"TeamName\_GroupReport"**.

The deadline for submission is at 12PM on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2018.

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