

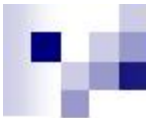
The New Global Challenges and Regionalism:

China, India and Africa

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- Conceptual, popular primers:
 - Long, rich history that predates maritime forays of Western navigators
 - Guard against moral relativism in dealing with China
 - 'Chindia' – 2 rigid, oversimplified schools of thought:
 - Exploitative, extractive and destructive vs.
 - Benign, non-threatening
 - Asian Drivers' presence is BOTH a challenge and an opportunity
 - They are HERE
 - In-depth sector studies and experiences...
 - Common SADC – even African – approach?

A. AFRICA AND 'ASIAN DRIVERS'

- Economic activity between Africa and Asia is booming:



- Impressive scale and pace of trade/investment between SSA, India and China:
 - Exports grew by 15% (1990-1995) – 20% (2000-2005)
 - Imports grew by 13% (1990-1995) – 18% (2000-2005)
 - Africa's exports to China increased 48% annually (2000-2005)
 - India's trade with Africa doubled: \$5.5 billion (2001) - \$12.24 billion (2007)

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- Cumulative Chinese, Indian FDI (UNCTAD, 2007):
 - 2002-2005 Indian firms topped greenfields FDI in Africa (48 projects)
 - China: 32 projects
 - India one of 24 non-African members of ADB (Indian firms to bid for \$4.6 billion for Bank infrastructural development projects)

 - Sectors?
 - Aside from extractive (oil, minerals)...
 - Apparel
 - Agro-processing
 - Financial (ICBC)
 - Power generation
 - Road construction
 - Tourism
 - Telecommunications

- Why 'Chindia' boom?
 - Rapidly modernising, expanding industries
 - Growth (inputs)
 - Burgeoning middle classes
 - Rising incomes, purchasing power
 - So, not just fuels, minerals, metals:
 - Africa's light manufactured products
 - Household consumer goods
 - Semi-processed commodities (cotton, food products)
 - Using back-office services, tourism facilities and telecommunications
 - Different factor endowments (resources, labour, capital)
 - Complementary business partners?

- BUT risks...
 - Direct competition in labour-intensive and low-technology industrial sectors (stepladder for SSA's industrial growth)
 - Indirect squeezing of SSA's clothing, textile, furniture and footwear exports in US, EU
 - Few jobs (high capital-intensity)
 - Environment (Merowe dam, timber logging, etc)
 - Migration
 - The Sudan connection
 - Corruption

- AND opportunities...
 - Intermediate capital goods and inputs (bolster manufacturing competitiveness?)

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B. CHINESE & INDIAN FIRMS

■ Chinese firms:

- Medium-sized or large state-owned or state-controlled enterprises (over 800)

- Enter new African markets by:
 - Building new facilities
 - Vertically-integrated business entities
 - Buy supplies and skills from China, rather than local markets
 - Selling in Africa mostly to government entities
 - Rarely facilitate the integration of their workers into African socioeconomic fabric
 - Lack of trust towards African businesses
 - Backed by Beijing, outbid competitors for local government procurement contracts

■ Indian firms:

- Vary by size, privately-owned or mixed private-public ownership

- Enter new African markets by:
 - Acquiring established businesses
 - Less vertically integrated
 - Prefer to procure locally or from international markets (rather than from Indian suppliers)
 - Engage in far more sales to private African entities
 - Encourage local integration of their workers
 - Indian immigrants substantially more integrated into the African business community

C. CHINA'S COMMERCIAL STRATEGY

- Strategic drivers of China in Africa:
 - Secure predictable supply-chain of oil, key metals (Angola, Sudan, Nigeria)
 - Commodity assets 'at source' (go-out policy)
 - Long-term: establish parallel markets removed from international commodity markets, prices
 - Mining majors (Anglo American, BHP Billiton, Rio Tinto and CVRD) will sell to traditional markets, with new competition from state-owned Chinese firms

- China's African Policy (2006) :
 - Guiding principles for future cooperation
 - 2006 FOCAC:
 - Double its assistance to African countries by 2009
 - \$5 billion concessional loans and credits
 - Development Fund to encourage Chinese investment in Africa (\$5 billion)
 - Cancel interest-free debt owed by 33 African countries
 - Open 3-5 trade, economic cooperation zones in Africa by 2009
 - Support for AU/NEPAD

- Public programmes for trade-investment finance:
 - China is leveraging state resources to implement commercial policy toward Africa:
 - Export-Import Bank of China (EXIM)
 - China Development Bank
 - China Investment Corporation (\$200 billion capitalisation)
 - Provides export credits, loans, investment guarantees:
 - Aid tied to preferential export agreements, closed tendering processes, specific projects AND 'One China' policy
 - EXIM: \$6.5 billion (2005) – 260 projects, 36 countries
 - Vertical integration formula of investment, project operation and business conduct in Africa:
 - All inputs (management, project design, labour, material, components and technology) originate in China
 - Little, or no local content

- Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Africa:
 - SEZs (growth nodes), linked with infrastructure corridors
 - Metals hub:
 - Chambishi, Zambian copper belt region
 - \$800 million in investment credit for Chinese firms
 - Anchor investment: \$250 million copper smelter for local beneficiation
 - Others: cobalt, diamonds, tin and uranium
 - Trading hub:
 - Mauritius
 - \$500 million manufacturing zone (40 Chinese businesses)
 - Market access to COMESA, exports to South Asian market

- Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Africa:
 - Trans-shipment hub:
 - Trans-shipment of commodities mined in copperbelt (with some local beneficiation in Dar SEZ)
 - Investment and upgrading of Dar-es-Salaam, Benguela port capacities
 - Rehabilitation of the Tanzam, Benguela railway lines
 - Create functioning east-west infrastructure corridor
 - Transport of commodities diverted away from southern Africa
 - Repercussions: Transnet, RSA ports (e.g. Richards Bay)?
 - Nigerian hub?
 - Nigerian port city
 - Resource extraction, plus manufacturing and assembly operation
 - Domestic sales, re-export to West Africa

D. INDIA'S COMMERCIAL STRATEGY

- Summit of India-Africa Forum (8-9 April 2008):
 - Delhi Declaration, India-Africa Framework for Cooperation (education, technology, food security, health)
 - Commitments:
 - Doubling financial credits from \$2 billion over past five years to \$5.4 billion
 - Investing \$500 million in development projects across the continent over the next 5 years
 - Duty-free imports, preferential market access for LDC primary and finished products (including cotton, cocoa, aluminium ores, copper ores, cashew nuts, cane sugar, ready-made garments, fish fillets, gem diamonds)
 - Doubling trade from \$25 billion to \$50 billion by 2011.
 - Support for NEPAD priority areas

- Public programmes for trade/investment finance:
 - Export-Import Bank of India (EIBI), Confederation of Indian Industries (CII)
 - 'Focus Africa Programme': market development assistance; technical cooperation and assistance
 - Extension of credit lines, over \$550 million
 - EIBI/CII conclave meetings (signaling)

E. MANAGING 'CHINDIA'

- Africans need to make a greater effort to overcome obstacles related to language, culture and racial bias ('yellow peril' stereotype).
- African countries must insist that donor activity in Africa be harmonised (share data, develop complementary approaches).
- African governments, NGOs should urge China to participate in EITI.
- African governments need to improve their own regulatory frameworks, policies for business, investment, environmental protection and labour relations.
- African ownership of the FOCAC process must be deepened and enhanced (FOCAC secretariat in Africa?)

F. REGIONAL ECONOMICS?

- Southern Africa could possibly..
 - Play donors, investors off against one another
 - Coordinate coherent SADC policy to capture benefits (Angola...)?
 - Flexible WTO-compatible arrangements: Enabling Clause vs. EPA MFN
 - Localisation agreements to guarantee local labour inputs, sourcing of supplies that create local multipliers
 - Regional protection to encourage scale and competition, but beware reintroducing sub-optimal scale plants (Kaplinsky, 2008)
 - Mineral-supply linked to investment in beneficiation
 - Collaboration, services value-chain?
 - NTBs, trade facilitation, customs procedures



Thank you!