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"Linking Africa's Diaspora and African Development: Prospects, Possibilities, Problematiques."

The African Diaspora has recently re-emerged as an important phenomenon for examination in academia and in African political institutions such as the African Union (AU) and Ghana's Parliament. The African Union has declared the African Diaspora as the continent's sixth region, while Ghana is the first country on the continent to pass legislation inviting the Diaspora back "home." Both the African Union and the Ghanaian government have realized the financial and technical potential the Diaspora holds for the development of the continent which finds itself still struggling against widespread poverty as well as the perils of historic social underdevelopment.

This presentation argues that the Diaspora's reconnection, remittances, and investments in Africa may hold the key to the continent unleashing itself from debilitating debt and the hegemonic control of international financial institutions (IFIs).

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