

Members' News Items

U3AC Africa Forum, 3rd November 2023

Program Update

- <http://af.woodsforwards.uk/Autumn-Term/autumn-term.html>
- Offer out for remaining slot this term – Madagascar
- 4-5 offers for Spring term

Events this Week

- The Slavery Exhibition continues at the Fitzwilliam Museum
- The next U3AC Wednesday lecture on the 8th November is Tim Ewbank on the Rhodesian Bush War, 2:15pm on zoom.
- There is live African music with Jane Hollingworth's band "Iroko" at the NCI, Holland Street on Friday 10th November, 7:30pm to 10:30pm £9 on the door bring your dancing shoes!

Remembering Dick Grove –Alan Bird

- <https://www.theguardian.com/science/2023/aug/22/dick-grove-obituary>



Film Review - 'Banel & Adama'

- [Trailer](#)
- [Interview](#)
- Tell the story
- Discussion
- Possible Revival of African Film Festival – Estrella Sendra

Frances Klein – Migration from
Senegal to Europe



Mike Gibbs – a small piece of
good news and African
entrepreneurship

AI technology for small holder farmers

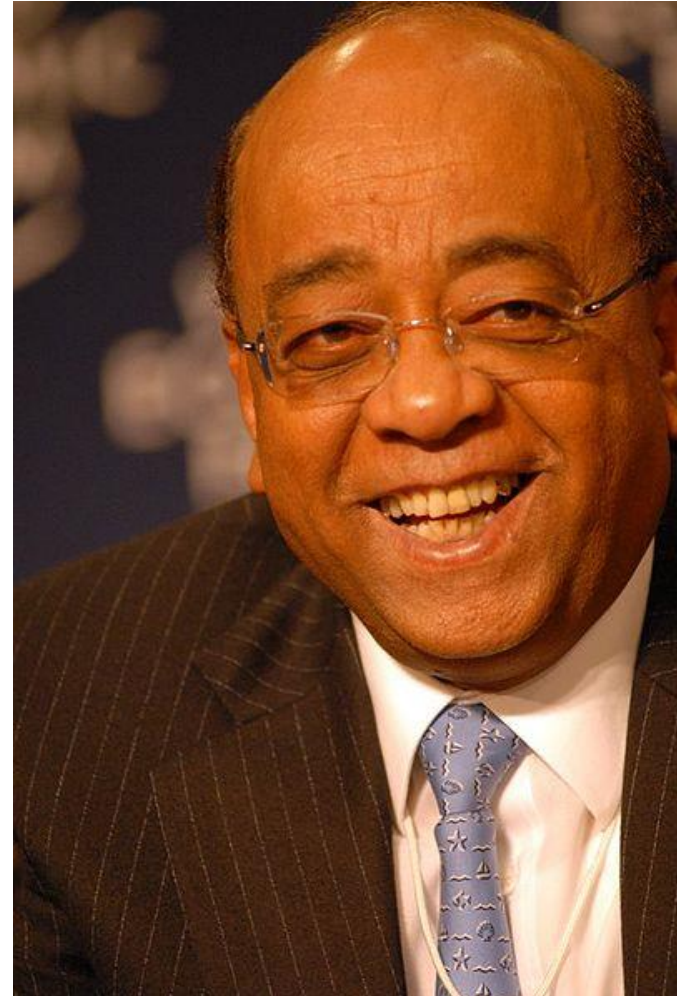
- <https://www.africanews.com/2023/09/28/rwanda-an-ai-platform-for-small-holder-farmers/>

Reflections on last week

- ‘Key issues and agenda for Africa in Emergency Preparedness and Response in Africa for Africa’ - Dr. Martin Muita, Senior Public Health Advisor, Lead in Africa CDC, UK HSA IHR Programme
 - Review of the key issues surrounding the emergency preparedness, the challenges, drivers, and what Africa is undertaking to prepare for the next pandemic.
- Hope/intent to get support from African Billionaires
 - Who has heard of Mo Ibrahim?

Who is Mo Ibrahim?

- A Sudanese-born (1946) British telecomms entrepreneur
- Founder (1998) of Celtel, a leading mobile phone operator in Africa
- Acquired by Zain (2005)
- According to the Forbes 2008 Rich List, Mo Ibrahim was then worth \$2.5 billion
- Net worth reported in 2013 to be £1.1 billion



The Mo Ibrahim Foundation

- Ibrahim created the Mo Ibrahim Foundation in 2006.
 - www.moibrahimfoundation.org
- Aims:
 - Stimulate debate on [good governance](#) across sub-Saharan Africa and the world
 - Provide objective criteria by which citizens can hold their Governments to account
 - Recognise achievement in African leadership and provide a practical way in which African leaders can build positive legacies on the continent when they have left office
- He modestly said in Cambridge (March 2013) that when he became a pensioner, he thought he had better find something useful to do with what he had earned.



Quotes in Cambridge March 2013

- ‘How many of you have heard of Mogae? (*about 6 hands raised*). How many Mugabe?’
- ‘Is corruption an African problem? It takes both sides. We need Transparency over corrupt politicians AND their business partners. Big fight over this!’
- ‘Corruption is small beer compared with multinational tax avoidance. People should pay taxes! Secrecy is the problem. People say nice things but do nothing, eg US Congress.’
- ‘I have to remind North Africans that they are Africans. I ask them “When you industrialise, who is going to buy your products?”’

Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership

- He came upon the idea when he met a former African President who had served his term with honour and distinction but was living in poverty
- **Prize criteria**
 - Former African executive head of state or government
 - left office in the last three years
 - democratically elected
 - served his/her constitutionally mandated term
 - demonstrated exceptional leadership.
- ***Award***
 - \$5million USD over ten years
 - \$200,000 USD annually for duration of Laureate's life
- Not awarded every year, stimulates debate
- Most recent award was in 2020 to Mahamadou Issoufou of Niger

Ibrahim Prize

recognising and celebrating
excellence in African
leadership

Timeline

MO IBRAHIM FOUNDATION

2006

2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012



President Joaquim Chissano
Mozambique

President Chissano received the inaugural Ibrahim Prize for his achievements in bringing peace, reconciliation, stable democracy and economic progress to Mozambique following the civil war.



Honorary
President Nelson Mandela
South Africa

President Mandela is recognised throughout the world as one of the most exceptional leaders of our time. During a life of personal sacrifice, he dedicated himself to the struggle against apartheid in South Africa, and served as that country's first president.



President Festus Mogae
Botswana

President Mogae was awarded the second Ibrahim Prize for his role in maintaining and consolidating Botswana's stability and prosperity in the face of an HIV/AIDS pandemic which threatened the future of his country and people.



President Pedro Pires
Cabo Verde

President Pires was awarded the 2011 Ibrahim Prize for his role in transforming Cabo Verde into a model of democracy, stability and increased prosperity.

2020

2019

2018

2017

2016

2015

2014

2013



President Mahamadou Issoufou
Niger

President Issoufou was awarded the 2020 Ibrahim Prize for leading his people on a path of progress in the face of the most severe political and economic issues, including violent extremism and increasing desertification.



President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
Liberia

President Sirleaf was awarded the 2017 Ibrahim Prize for her exceptional and transformative leadership, in the face of unprecedented and renewed challenges, to lead Liberia's recovery following many years of devastating civil war.



President Hifikepunye Pohamba
Namibia

President Pohamba was awarded the 2014 Ibrahim Prize for his role in forging national cohesion and reconciliation as a key stage of Namibia's consolidation of democracy and economic development.

Ibrahim Index of African Governance (IIAG)

- The Ibrahim Index of African Governance (IIAG) is a tool that measures and monitors governance performance in African countries.
- The Mo Ibrahim Foundation defines governance as the provision of political, social, economic and environmental goods that a citizen has the right to expect from their state, and that a state has the responsibility to deliver to its citizens.
- Since the IIAG's inception, MIF has been working with and supporting [Afrobarometer](#), the leading pan-African research institution conducting public attitude surveys on the continent, and the 2020 IIAG framework gave these more prominence. Formerly scattered at various levels across the IIAG, citizens' assessments of various governance components are now highlighted in a specific section, providing a comprehensive 'reality check' to complement the IIAG results.

OVERALL GOVERNANCE

SECURITY & RULE OF LAW



Security & Safety



Rule of Law
& Justice



Accountability
& Transparency



Anti-Corruption

PARTICIPATION, RIGHTS & INCLUSION



Participation



Rights



Inclusion
& Equality



Women's
Equality

FOUNDATIONS FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY



Public
Administration



Business & Labour
Environment



Infrastructure



Rural Economy

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



Health



Education



Social Protection
& Welfare



Sustainable
Environment

2022 IIAG framework (to sub-category level)

A Fascinating Debate

- The Financial Times African Summit debate shed light on the complex and pressing issues surrounding Africa's demographic dividend. While Monica Ferro emphasised the potential for economic growth with the right policies, Mo Ibrahim underscored the critical need for job creation, education, and family planning to ensure Africa's more stable and prosperous future. These discussions are pivotal in shaping strategies for Africa's evolving demographics and economic and social prospects.

What is special about The Mo Ibrahim Foundation and its Index

- Thoroughly Africa-based
- The Index is part of a range of initiatives all aimed at improving Governance
- To this end the Index shows trends over a ten year period
- Other indices (thanks to Roy Doyon and his Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa)
 - Corruption Perception Index (Global)
 - <https://www.transparency.org/en/cpi/2022>
 - Fragile States Index (Global)
 - <https://fragilestatesindex.org/>

Wrap up

- I wonder if the Centre for Disease Control will succeed in attracting African philanthropy? Let's hope so.
- Let me know if there is an appetite for a more thorough look at contemporary Africa through various indices
 - Better still offer a presentation next term
- Next week – Revd. Andrew Day on 'Scripture and the Theology of Apartheid'