

INDIA AND AFRICA: BRIEF OVERVIEW OF PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

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OVERVIEW

◎ Past

- Distant Past until Indian Independence
- From Nehru to the End of the 20th Century

◎ Present

- Indian-African Relations in the 21st Century
- India vs. China in Africa

◎ Future

- India and Africa Going Forward

DISTANT PAST UNTIL INDIAN INDEPENDENCE

- ◉ Contacts between India and Africa might predate recorded history
- ◉ European colonialism led to more Indians in Africa
- ◉ India provided a model to challenge the West on its own terms

FROM NEHRU TO THE END OF THE 20TH CENTURY

- ◉ Nehru and Africa

- Non-Aligned Movement
- 1962 War between China and India

- ◉ Indian Diaspora in Africa

- Often the middlemen in European colonial economies
- Still some suspicion today, but ...
- Mutual self-interest for India and Africa to work together

INDIAN-AFRICAN RELATIONS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

- ◉ Focus Africa Program - Lines of Credit (LOC) totalling over USD 750 m (2002-2007)
- ◉ India-Africa Partnership Project - Triple A Technologies
- ◉ Indian government - LOC to NEPAD / LOC to Team 9 / Pan-Africa e-Network (with AU)
- ◉ India Africa Forum Summits in 2008 and 2011

INDIA VS. CHINA IN AFRICA

- ◉ India lagged behind China in trade during first decade of 21st century
- ◉ If projections hold, gap disappears this year
- ◉ Indian merchants have experience with market economy
- ◉ New Delhi deals with trading blocs / China prefers bilateral agreements

INDIA AND AFRICA GOING FORWARD

- ◉ India's economic growth expected to average between 8-10% per year over next two decades (Goldman Sachs)
- ◉ Expected to be only major economy growing above 3% per year by 2050
- ◉ History, diaspora and economic growth helping India carve out unique position in Africa

THE FUTURE'S SO BRIGHT

- ◎ We gotta were shades!
- ◎ Questions?