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 20\textsuperscript{th} Century

- Present
  - Indian-African Relations in the 21\textsuperscript{st} Century
  - India vs. China in Africa

- Future
  - India and Africa Going Forward
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 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’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
We gotta were shades!

Questions?