COVID-19 and International Cooperation
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What are the International Consequences of COVID-19?
If Covid-19 is not beaten in Africa it will return to haunt us all | Free to read

Only a global victory can end this pandemic, not a temporary rich countries’ win

“Momentary victory by a rich country in controlling the virus at a national level, coupled with travel bans and border closures, may give a semblance of accomplishment. But we all know this is a stopgap. Only global victory can bring this pandemic to an end.”

- Ethiopian PM Abiy Ahmed
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Only victory in Africa can end the pandemic everywhere

World leaders call for an urgent debt moratorium and unprecedented health and economic aid packages

Signatories: Abiy Ahmed, prime minister of Ethiopia; Guiseppe Conte, prime minister of Italy; António Costa, prime minister of Portugal; Moussa Faki, African Union Commission chair; Paul Kagame, president of Rwanda; Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta, president of Mali; Uhuru Kenyatta, president of Kenya; Ursula von der Leyen, president of the European Commission; João Lourenço, president of Angola; Emmanuel Macron, president of France; Angela Merkel, chancellor of Germany; Charles Michel, president of the European Council; Cyril Ramaphosa, president of South Africa; Mark Rutte, prime minister of the Netherlands; Macky Sall, president of Senegal; Pedro Sánchez, prime minister of Spain; Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, president of Egypt; Felix Tshisekedi, president of Democratic Republic of Congo

A medic teaches doctors how to use ventilators to treat coronavirus patients in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. If the disease is not beaten in Africa, it will return to haunt us all. Michael Tewelde/AFP/Getty

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Mike Pompeo labelling the virus ‘Chinese’ has added to lack of international cooperation

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US secretary of state Mike Pompeo has blamed China for the coronavirus pandemic. Photograph: Reuters

When the UN security council and the G7 group sought to agree a global response to the coronavirus pandemic, the efforts stumbled on the US insistence on describing the threat as distinctively Chinese.
South Korea’s Response to COVID-19 in Africa

COVID-19 has presented new opportunities for cooperation between South Korea and Africa.

By H. Maxwell Bone & Matthew Minsoo Kim
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In December 2019, the Korea-Africa Foundation, an arm of the South Korean Foreign Ministry, convened the second Seoul Dialogue on Africa. This dialogue was the first major initiative in President Moon Jae-in's approach toward Africa. It built upon the initiatives of his predecessors, each of whom had their own unique policies toward the continent. The theme of the dialogue was "African Integration: Legacies and New Horizons" and led to promises of further cooperation between South Korea and the continent in the fields of entrepreneurship and infrastructure.

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- Stephen Walt
Germany's Angela Merkel calls for 'climate-friendly' coronavirus response

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