

The Role of African States in the Multipolar World

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The growing geopolitical and economic weight of Africa makes it a key player in the emerging multipolar world order. This development is particularly significant in the context of ongoing globalization and shifting power dynamics, as the continent's vast natural resources, youthful population as well as global economic and political calculations are constantly transforming the position of Africa on the world's arena.

The aim of this research is to analyze the multifaceted role of African States in relation to the major players in the Anglosphere: the USA, the UK, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Nowadays, there are many scientific articles, reports and conferences, where this topic is central. Among the recent scholarly publications, those written by S.N. Volkov [1], C. Alden and M. Soko [2], W. Brown and S. Harman [3] can be mentioned, to name a few. These studies demonstrate that Africa is not merely a passive object of external policy, but an active subject shaping the contemporary global dynamics.

Understanding Africa's agency and diversity is crucial for effective engagement in the 21st century. Its human capital is constantly growing contributing not only to the migration flows around the globe but also to the realisation of ambitious social, infrastructural and technological projects within African states (both prosperous and developing). The continent is vital for global economic integration and represents an emerging market for the Anglosphere exports, while also offering opportunities for collaboration in various spheres such as sustainable development, digital transformation, and climate resilience.

More than ever before, Africa finds itself at the crux of East – West economic and political relations. Accordingly, African States increasingly pursue a multi-vector foreign policy, balancing relations with the Anglosphere, China, Russia and the EU. We will demonstrate how this approach reduces Western dominance and challenges traditional alliances, reflecting a growing desire for greater autonomy and a more equitable international order.

Among purely socioeconomic and political aspects we will consider the increasing soft power of former colonies in the states that used to be their metropolises. It is undeniable that African culture has profoundly influenced the music, dance, literature and fashion of the Anglosphere, contributing to its fruitful cultural diversity. Their creative expressions continue to inspire and enrich global discourse. Moreover, it is fascinating to observe how fast the tides have turned in less than a century.

The research results will be useful to all those who are interested in economic cooperation, geopolitical competition and security collaboration, as well as intercultural aspects of international cooperation and global processes in general. It provides a broader world affairs perspective and highlights the importance of mutually respectful dialogue between all parts of the world.

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