

Creating Viable Nations

Achieving success

Colonial Legacies

- Borders
- Systems of control, political and economic
- Centralized systems

U.S. Interests

- Prosperous, peaceful and stable Africa
- Responsible accountable governments
- Access to natural resources
- Economic progress
- Reliable partners in global affairs

U.S. Policies

- Well governed stable Africa – democracy, rule of law, respect for human rights
- Viable growing economies - Opportunities for people – inclusion in global system
- Health and Education
- Support for vulnerable populations
- Eschew terrorism and extremism, security sector reforms

African politics

- Consensus
- Co-optation, no opposition
- One party rule
- One party elections
- Constitutional reform
- Multiple parties
- No parties

Elections – Are they learning from us?

- Secret or open?
- Candidates and parties, platforms and proposals
- Media, polls and debates
- Rallies
- How to finance? External aid
- Commissions, registrations, ballots, symbols
- Monitoring, rigging
- Results, renegeing, accepting, accusing, challenging
- Incumbents have advantage

Who has done well?

- Mauritius
- Botswana
- Tanzania
- Ghana
- Senegal
- Kenya
- Nigeria, Liberia
- Mali, Gabon, Angola, Zimbabwe, South Africa

Law and Order

- Colonial legacy – bureaucracy, enforcement and justice
- Mix of judicial systems
- Corruption – resource pilfering
- Tribalism
- Military for regime protection, but...
- Land tenure, inheritance, Gacaca
- Urbanization – rural structures don't work

Economic Growth

- Colonial legacy of exploitation, capitalism and socialism
- Agricultural subsistence, desertification
- Curse of resources (Nigeria, Angola, Gabon, EG)
- Taxation
- Diversification (Mauritius, Cape Verde, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, South Africa)
- Impact of modern communications
- Health and Education
- Population growth and urbanization

U.S. Efforts

- USAID –about two billion a year – democracy, agriculture, education, power
- PEPFAR \$20 billion to date – AIDS, malaria
- Peace Corps
- Millennium Challenge Account, AGOA
- AFRICOM
- Multinational Partners
- Level playing field, especially regarding China
- Current policy pause

Conclusions

- Success breeds success
- Failure means more failure
- There must be buy-in
- Economic opportunities and progress open the system
- Danger of backlash, unexpected results, slow progress
- U.S. role important