



LESSONS FROM MANDELA

Africa's economic transformation and the need for regional cohesion

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*“During my lifetime I have dedicated myself to this struggle of the African people. I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a **democratic** and free society in which all persons live together in **harmony** and with **equal opportunities**. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die.”*

Nelson Mandela – 20 April 1964, From the Dock as he was tried for treason

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EDUCATION

“Education is the most powerful
weapon which you can use to change
the world.”
– Nelson Mandela



MY BASIC EDUCATION



MY JOURNEY



MY CURRENT PASSIONS

- South African Education – Bridging the information access gap and mentorship
- Infrastructure Development in Africa
- Political ideology and current movements – “Why the EFF matters” to the “Are liberation movements meant to become extinct”
- The Chinese and Africa – “When China met Africa”
- The Growth of Small to Medium Enterprise in the primary and secondary sectors of the economy
- African History – Use of Multimedia to “re-tell the African Story”



THE AFRICAN CONTEXT

- Growth and Urbanisation
 - Fastest growing economies
 - Young Population
 - Resource Wealth
 - Political Stability
 - Opportunities for economic diversification
- Challenges
 - Education
 - Investability/Ease of Doing Business
 - Infrastructure Backlog
 - Regional Fragility
 - The Colonial Hangover

MANDELA'S AFRICA



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“I dream of an Africa which is in peace
with itself...”
– Nelson Mandela

CULTURE & POLITICS



“It is a grave error for any leader to be oversensitive in the face of criticism, to conduct discussions as if he or she is a schoolmaster talking to less informed and inexperienced learners”

Nelson Rolihlabla Mandela

FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND THE PRESS



“No single person,
no body of opinion,
no political doctrine,
no religious doctrine
can claim a monopoly
on truth”

Nelson Rolihlabla Mandela

SOUTH AFRICAN IDENTITY



"The time will come when our nation will honour the memory of all the sons, the daughters, the mothers, the fathers, the youth and the children who, by their thoughts and deeds, gave us the right to assert with pride that we are South Africans, that we are Africans, and that we are citizens of the world." – Nelson Mandela

IS THIS AN IDENTITY CRISIS?

AND HOW DO WE DEAL WITH THIS??



“The truth is that we are not yet free; we have merely achieved the freedom to be free, the right not to be oppressed. We have not taken the final step of our journey, but the first step on a longer and even more difficult road. For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others. The true test of our devotion to freedom is just beginning.”

Nelson Mandela

