



Africa: People, Food, Technology, Business

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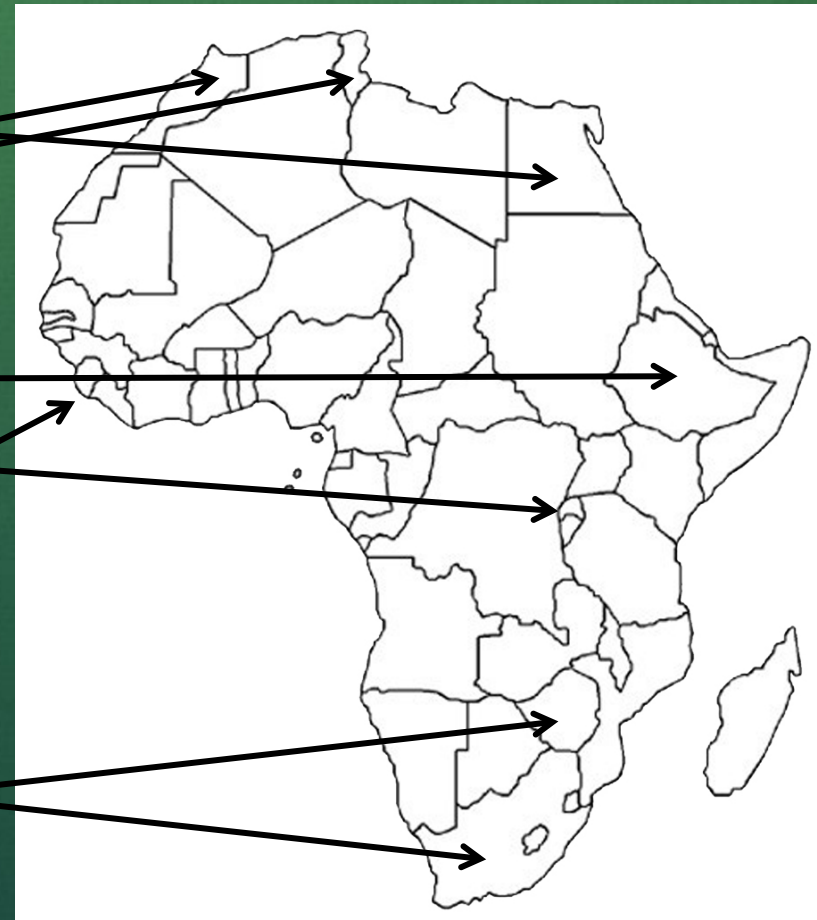
9 Trips to Africa 2010 to 2017

- North
 - Egypt 2010
 - Morocco 2011 and 2014
 - Tunisia 2015

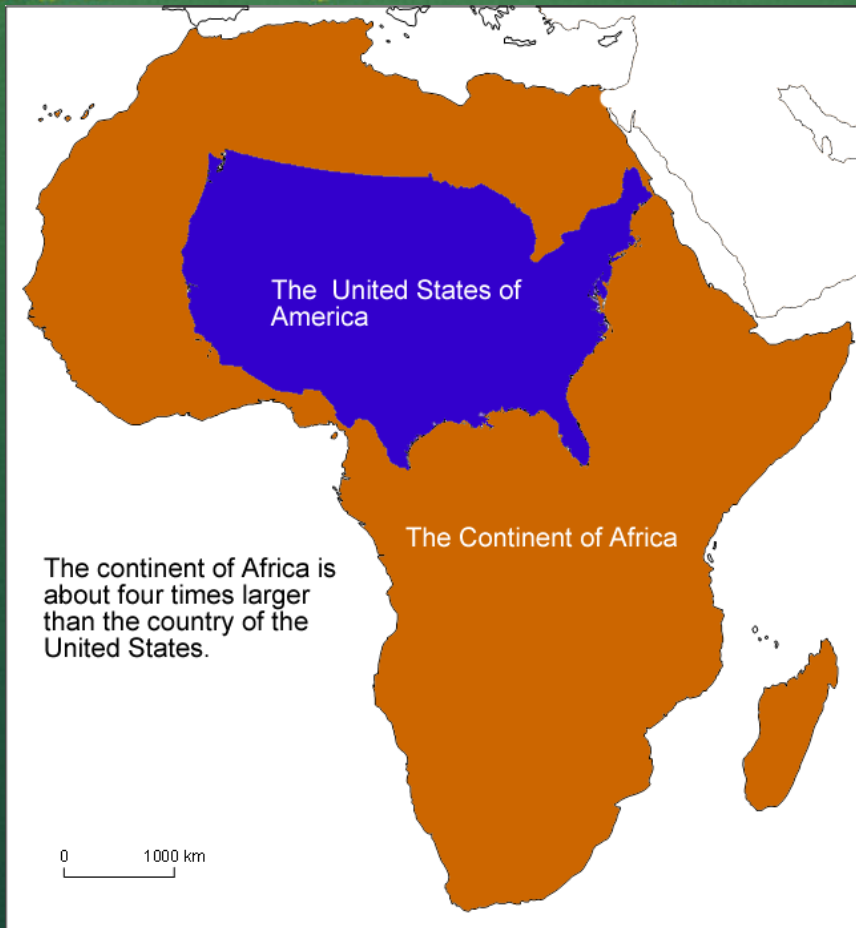
- East
 - Ethiopia 2014
 - Rwanda 2014

- West
 - Sierra Leone 2017

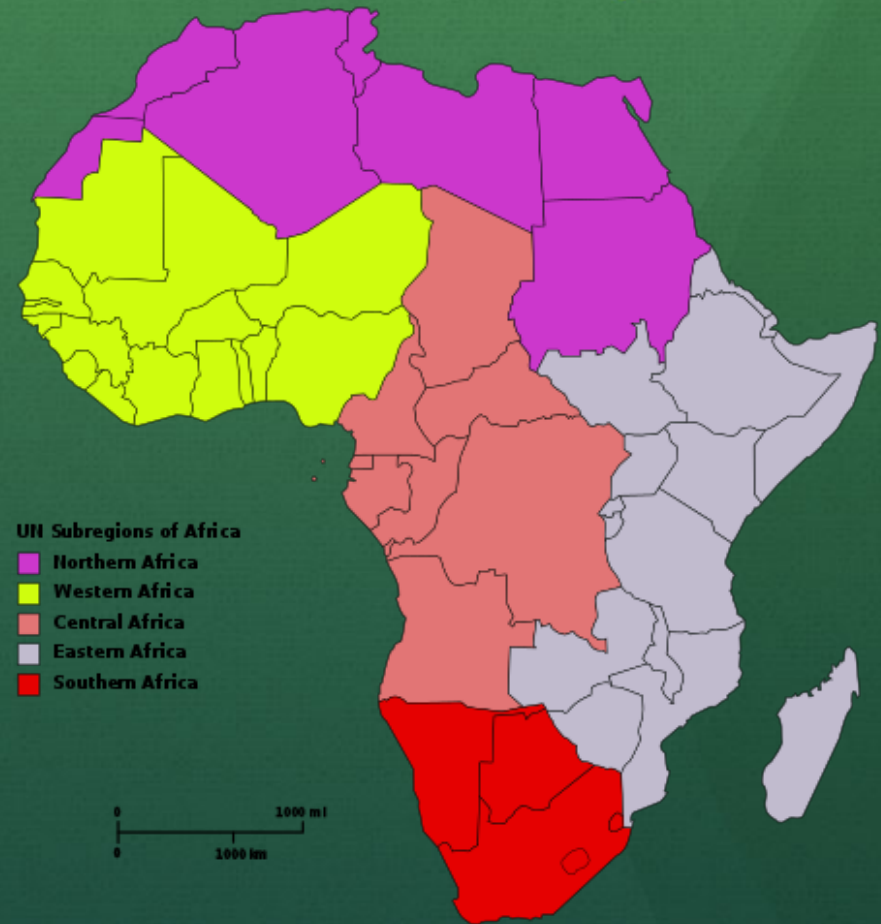
- South
 - South Africa 2015
 - Zimbabwe 2016



The Continent is Very Big and Complex



^ Looking for original source for this image.



^ 5 United Nations Regions – from Wikipedia

Why Go to Africa?

"If you only visit two continents in your lifetime, visit Africa – twice."

- R.Elliot

- **Business:**
 - **TechWomen**, US State Department – Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs mentoring program for STEM leaders from Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia: 2011, 2014, 2015, 2016
techwomen.org
 - **People to People**: a non-governmental, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care and reducing the spread of diseases in Africa, particularly Ethiopia: 2014
p2Pbridge.org
- **Friendship and Education**
 - **Families Without Borders**: Building communities from within by empowerment of local youth: 2017
familieswithoutborders.org
- **Tourism: 2010**

Money Well Spent

In Sierra Leone, Joseph Ellie (Operations Manager, Families Without Borders, and 3rd year University of Makeni student) was very helpful in many ways. I gave Joseph US\$40 to help him in his studies and asked him to tell me how he spent it. A few weeks later, Joseph sent me email with this faithful accounting and photo:



1. 10% Church Tithe
2. 58% for games for the students, plus 2 signs listing FWB organizational values.
3. 17% for books for street children.
4. 15% Savings



Wearing Africa Next to My Heart



Church of St. George
Biet Giyorgis
Lalibela, Ethiopia 2014



Avoid Simplification, & Cultural Appropriation

- Probably Not African Proverbs
 - “It takes a village to raise a child”
 - “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together”
 - These sayings reflect values and social reality for some but others say they are “some sort of pseudo-African mix of Hallmark and folk sentiments.”
 - From: “It Takes a Village to Determine the Origins of an African Proverb” by Joel Goldberg, National Public Radio, 30 July 2016
- African Cultural Appropriation
 - Imitation of tribal designs and cultural style by corporations and luxury fashion brands is an increasing trend.
 - Yet, the mostly-poor originating people and tribes are rarely compensated.
 - From: “Maasai People of East Africa Fighting Against Cultural Appropriation by Luxury Fashion Labels” by Sarah Young, *The Independent*, 7 February 2017

Technology, Business and Entrepreneurship

Part of being a TechWomen Mentor and member of a Delegation is visiting Technology and Startup centers to see what our Mentees have accomplished, to enhance their professional reputation by our visit, and to give presentations ourselves.



Technopolis, Morocco 2014



Youth for Science,
Ariana, Tunisia 2015

Making Connections in Business, Education



^Marrakech, Morocco 2011

Carnegie Mellon Univ., Rwanda 2014



^Debre Markos Univ., Ethiopia 2014

AIMS, Cape Town, South Africa 2015



Entrepreneurship and Business Development



^Pamusha Project, Mbare, Zimbabwe 2016



Families Without Borders Tech Center,
Makeni, Sierra Leone 2017



< Women's Enterprise for Sustainability (WES)
Tunis, Tunisia 2015

What Can We Teach?

Best Practices and Skills in:

- Business and Financial Management
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)
- Entrepreneurship, Innovation, Productivity
- Law and Governance
- Marketing and Social Media
- Medicine and Medical Therapies

What Can We Learn?

New Ideas, New Ways of Thinking and Problem Solving:

- Claude Cohen-Tannoudji (Algeria): Nobel Prize, Physics 1997 (laser cooling, with Phillips and Chu)
- Wangari Maathai (Kenya): Nobel Peace Prize 2004
- Elon Musk (South Africa): PayPal, SpaceX, Tesla, SolarCity, Hyperloop
- Ellen Johnson Sirleaf (Liberia): Nobel Peace Prize 2011 (with Ghowee and Karman)
- Archbishop Desmond Tutu (South Africa): Truth and Reconciliation Commission 1996
- Dr. Ahmed Zewail (Egypt): Nobel Prize, Chemistry 1999 (femtochemistry)

Culture and Tourism



^Aswan, Egypt 2010



< Early Christian Mosaics, Bardo Museum, Tunis, Tunisia 2015



Lion Park, Johannesburg > South Africa 2015
< Volcanoes National Park, Gorilla Trek, Rwanda 2014



Many Faiths & Many Styles of Worship



^ St. Neakutoleab Monastery,
Lalibela, Ethiopia 2014



< Hassan II Mosque,
Casablanca,
Morocco 2014

Christ in Me Enterprise >
close neighbor to
Allah is Great Enterprise
Makeni, Sierra Leone 2017



Extremely Varied Foods and Regional Cuisine



^Fish in
Johannesburg,
South Africa



< Fresh Bread
in Cairo, Egypt



Well Water in
Sierra Leone



Halal Feast >
in Fez, Morocco



< High
Tea in
Harare,
Zimbabwe

Coffee Ceremony in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



Making Lunch in Sierra Leone with Mrs. Thaimu



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Questions?

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