

REFLECTIONS ON THE CHALLENGES OF POVERTY REDUCTION IN AFRICA

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ABSTRACT

Africa's persistent poverty and underdevelopment problems have together emerged not only as challenge to the international community but also as an important aspect in African Studies in the twenty-first century. Nearly all of the models and approaches prescribed by development experts, development institutions, and social scientists over the years have failed to bring about any practical economic growth or poverty reduction in Africa. Instead, the scale of poverty and underdevelopment has been exacerbated.

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