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The Developmental State in Africa

Join us on Thursday, February 18th, for a special presentation and discussion with Africa House Visiting Scholar Steve Kayizzi-Mugerwa, PhD, former Acting Chief Economist and Vice President of the African Development Bank.

Location: 14A Washington Mews, New York, NY 10003

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

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After a decade and a half of above average growth, the confidence of African countries and their leaders has increased markedly. As in the optimistic 1960s, the continent is searching once again for a model to transform its economy and eradicate poverty. The donor-driven policies that African countries have pursued for decades have yielded few results. They now look at the "developmental states" in Asia and Latin America as possible role models. The new thinking emphasizes an enhanced direct role for the state in the economy, including public-private partnerships and supporting "national champions." However, implementation is a challenge, especially for small and fragile

economies, and in light of the much changed global economy. The lecture will discuss the plausibility of the developmental state model in African countries, given their geography, socio-economic diversity, fiscal constraints, and implementation record.

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