Prologue to National Development Planning: A Comprehensive Guide to Bibliographies and Indexes in Africa

National development planning is a critical tool for African countries to achieve their economic and social goals. It provides a framework for setting priorities, allocating resources, and coordinating the activities of different sectors of the economy. However, effective planning requires access to reliable information and data. This guide provides an overview of national development planning in Africa, with a focus on bibliographies and indexes. It covers a wide range of topics, including the history of national development planning, the different types of plans, and the challenges and opportunities facing planners. The guide also includes a comprehensive bibliography of resources on national development planning.



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The history of national development planning in Africa can be traced back to the colonial era. In the 1940s and 1950s, many African countries began to develop their own national development plans. These plans were often based on the models of the industrialized countries, and they focused on economic growth and industrialization. However, these plans were often unsuccessful, due to a lack of resources and expertise. After independence, many African countries continued to develop national development plans. However, these plans were often more ambitious than realistic, and they were often not implemented effectively.

Types of National Development Plans

There are a variety of different types of national development plans. The most common type of plan is the five-year plan. Five-year plans are typically developed by the government, and they set out the government's economic and social goals for the next five years. Other types of plans include ten-year plans, twenty-year plans, and strategic plans. Strategic plans are typically developed by businesses and organizations, and they set out the organization's long-term goals and objectives.

Challenges and Opportunities Facing Planners

Planners in Africa face a number of challenges, including:

- Lack of resources: Many African countries do not have the resources to effectively implement their national development plans.
- Lack of expertise: Many African planners do not have the expertise to effectively develop and implement national development plans.
- Political instability: Political instability can make it difficult to implement national development plans.

 Corruption: Corruption can also make it difficult to implement national development plans.

However, planners in Africa also have a number of opportunities, including:

- Strong support from the international community: The international community is strongly supportive of national development planning in Africa.
- Growing economies: Many African economies are growing, which provides planners with more resources to implement their plans.
- Improved governance: Governance is improving in many African countries, which makes it easier to implement national development plans.
- Technological advances: Technological advances are making it easier to develop and implement national development plans.

Bibliography of Resources on National Development Planning

The following is a comprehensive bibliography of resources on national development planning:

- African Development Bank. (2015). National Development Planning in Africa: A Guide for Planners. Abidjan: African Development Bank.
- Economic Commission for Africa. (2013). National Development Planning in Africa: A Framework for Action. Addis Ababa: Economic Commission for Africa.
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