

2021+: WHAT'S COMING NEXT?

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“ In solitude, the mind gains strength and learns to lean upon itself.

On the other side of the storm is the strength that comes from having navigated through it. Raise your sail and begin”

Laurence Sterne, the Novelist (1713-1768)

It's called the brave new world. Now. When the wind of change blows, says the Chinese proverb, some people build walls while others build windmills. What does our future hold in 2021? What lies at the other side of the pandemic coin- is it more breakdown or a breakthrough? What can we leverage in these crises to leapfrog, using the law of random opportunity? We could not change 2020, neither can we change the future, how best can we then prepare for what awaits humanity in 2021? How will the pandemic shape the coming year? Who blinks first in the on-going clash of civilisations between the East and the West? How will the current economic, technological, religious, and cultural revolutions pan out? Will the November US Presidential election metamorphose into another pandemic with global ripple effects? Is the traditional banking system entering its winter season against the backdrop of block chain disruption? Unarguably, uncertainty is an uncomfortable position, but certainty is itself an absurdity. Certainty begets boredom, uncertainty and resilience live together.

By any reckoning, Africa is the “Ball” and the 54 African Presidents are the “Ball Boys”. The two Football clubs (The Red Devil F.C & The Yellow Scorpion F.C.) that play in the world's Champions league final are the same, year after year, likewise the players, spectators, the referee, and linesmen. United Nations (UN) is the referee while IMF, World Bank, WTO, WHO are the linesmen. The rules are 3: One, kick Africa, Two, keep kicking it hard. Three, use African Presidents and elites for the role of “ball boys” who send the ball back to the field of play anytime it gets out of play.

The Red Devil F.C. consists of the US (Captain/Striker: No10), UK, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Netherlands, Belgium, Canada and the goalkeeper, Russia. On the bench are: Sweden, Australia, Israel.

Whereas, the Yellow Scorpion F.C is made up of China (captain/Striker: NO9), Japan, India, South Korea, Thailand, Pakistan, Turkey, Malaysia, Singapore, and Indonesia. The goalkeeper is Saudi Arabia. On the bench are Brazil, Iran, and Lebanon.

For the past 75 years, only one ball is being kicked around: Africa. It is a great mystery that the “ball” remains intact and still bouncing despite the merciless way the French, the British, Belgian, Portuguese, Dutch, Arabs, Americans and of recent, the Chinese (Chinese in particular with 70% possession!) have been kicking the “ball” around the field. What it remains is for China to swallow the ball. But then, the process seems to have begun. Zambia will soon become the 24th Chinese Province as China prepares to take over the Zambia National Electricity company (ZESCO) in addition

to the Zambia Broadcasting company (ZNBC), which it currently controls. On top of this, China enjoys enormous veto power on Zambia Police. The China Road and Belt Initiatives look like a veritable road to second slavery for Africans.

Most African countries have signed away their sovereignty and independence to China as collateral for the \$145 billion they collectively borrowed from China under some dubious Terms and Conditions. Kenya, Nigeria, Angola, Ethiopia are all heavily debt-trapped. One can safely conclude that technically speaking, China owns Africa.

As we speak, over 60% of the mineral resources mining licenses in Africa are in the hands of the Chinese and they are also grabbing Africa's arable land in thousands of hectares for keeps.

The questions are: what future awaits Africa in the hands of China from 2021 and beyond against this debt-trap? What other alternatives do Africa States have to finance their infrastructure development without China's hot loan?

At this juncture, Africa will definitely need another type of The USA 4 Africa musical concert that was held on March 7th, 1985 where Michael Jackson, Lionel Richie and 44 other Stars sang: **"WE ARE THE WORLD, WE RE THE CHILDREN"**.... that sold over 20 million copies and raised over \$60 million to help poor African countries. The poverty in Africa that moved Lionel Richie and his colleagues to tears in 1985 was a tip of the ice berg compared with what is happening in Africa today under the Chinese watch.

CHINA 4 Africa musical concert is urgently needed. The objective of which is to wake up Africa from its slumber and draw global attention to the ruthlessness of the French and the Chinese in their relationship with Africa.

We are no longer the world, but the "ball". We are no longer the children but the "ball boys of the world.

Therefore, the lyrics can be something like this: WE ARE THE BALL...

1 "we are the Ball,

African elites are the Ball Boys,

We are the ones that China and France are kicking around

The way children kick cans on the street,

Who make China, India economy boom

Who make French, American, British economy boom

So let's start crying aloud

For the world to hear

2 There's a choice we're making

We're digging our own future graves

It's true we're making brighter days for China and France

While African leaders sell their continent for a penny

We are the Ball, African leaders are the Ball Boys...!!!

Sadly enough, as economic crisis gets worse in the developed world, the looting of Africa sundry resources by the imperialist powers will accelerate in 2021 and beyond.

Going forward, Africa should handover the development of those infrastructure that China is financing to African private business ventures to develop. Africa's secret power is the Africans in diaspora. With an investment of \$50k each by three million Africans in diaspora, a sum of \$150 billion will be raised which will go a long way in achieving the 2063 Africa's transformation agenda without mortgaging the future of the yet unborn generations.

De-globalisation is on the way in 2021 as Globalisation is put on the reverse gear. According to IMF, in 1990, Chinese economy accounted for just 2% of the global economy and the US represented 23%. As at July 2020, both the US and China account for 16% each of the global economy- America's contraction is China's expansion. The first implication of this is that in a multi-polar economic world order, there will be less strict rule enforcement and constant volatility and instability- it will be a jungle where the fittest nations survive. Secondly, the world will witness CURRENCY CLASH and the rise of regionalisation. Euro will clash with British pound sterling as US Dollar clash with Chinese Yuan. On the 22nd of July 2020, the office of the Comptroller of the currency (OCC) released a guideline stating national banks can now hold crypto currency and provide safekeeping services for customers. Similarly, on July 28th, J.P. Morgan Chase in the US approved that Bitcoins will now be accepted as a store of value of assets by the bank. Two months ago, China launched YUAN crypto currency that has cut off Chinese banks and US dollar from the payments loop of the 1.4 billion Chinese market. The system is currently being experimented in 4 of the 23 Chinese provinces with millions of Chinese subscribers, it will become fully operational country-wide in 2022 and will be backed up with the 20,000 tons of gold reserve in China vault and 11 million bitcoins held by the Chinese miners which is equivalent to 50% of the available bitcoins worldwide. Where is the financial system headed in 2021?

My prediction for 2021 is that US Dollar will suffer some irreversible loss to the Yuan crypto currency. And by 2025, the year of Made-in-China, the American dollars would have gone the way of its predecessor: the British pound sterling! In this circumstance, Africa needs to lunch its own pan Africa currency to power the Africa Free Trade Continental Trade Agreement (AfCTA) by 2021, for Africa not to enter the "one-chance- Yuan crypto vehicle".

The organisers of EVENT 201 that took place on the 18th of October 2019 in New York saw tomorrow with 100% accuracy regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic outbreak and the lockdown that followed. It is safe to conclude that it is either the likes of Bill Gates and founder of WEF, Professor Klaus Schwab were part of the examiners that set the C-19 pandemic examinations papers or they were privilege students who saw the questions before the examination day or they are simply wizards from another planet. Why? Two months after their New York meeting, the pandemic broke out exactly the way they had earlier predicated in their tabletop exercise that simulated a series of dramatic, scenario-based pandemic.

The forthcoming World Economic Forum (WEF) taking place in Switzerland, January 21st 2020 is the barometer with which we will measure the direction the world economy will blow in 2021 and beyond.

Suffice to submit that 2020/2021 are **“transition years” when all problems will come to a head!** Economic contraction will continue in 2021. For instance in the outgoing year as at July 31st, France economy shrank by 14%, Spain 19%, Germany 10%, Italy 15% and the biggest loser is the US whose GDP has shrank by 32.9%, which is the deepest contraction since 1947 when government began keeping records. 54 million out of the total 152 million workers in America had filed for unemployment benefits, while 30 million Americans claimed they don't have food to eat. 15% of all restaurants in the US are shutting down according to National Restaurants Association. The broken supply chain will lead to acute food shortages in 2021. What does this portend for 2021? More instability, civil unrest and conflict at the international stage. According to IMF, “ after economic reset, a new one world economic system will happen which will gradually graduate into a global government.” The world is reverting to factory reset in 2021. Inside the 2021 hamper for the world population are: medical tyranny, immunity passports, and regional digital currency going mainstream as trade privacy goes into extinction.

Depending on what happens in America during and after the November presidential election, the possibility of a total collapse of the world economy is greater than 50%. If it happens, there will certainly be stagflation, prices of necessities will go through the roof, joblessness will skyrocket.

CONCLUSION: Unfortunately, we can't change the future, we can't change 2021.

A great unravelling of the world has begun, it is imperative for you and I to buy a “bullet-proof vest” to survive the severe economic meltdown that lies ahead of humanity in 2021. Before economic sunshine, more downpours are on the horizons. To win will require the following five steps.

First, be more attentive to your environment: environment will speak to you and show you the “new cracks” on the wall from where you can re-enter the new world. Secondly, a chain is no stronger than its weakest link. Therefore, you need to re-jig your ecosystem with a view to leveraging the wisdom of a resilient team. Three, since the global supply chain is broken, what will work for survival is a decentralised economy. Communities will have to come together to build a self-reliant ecosystem with less dependence on the mainstream economy. The less your dependence on the centralised global supply chain the higher the probability of your survival. In a word. Plan to grow some of your food, if you can or join a community that will fix that on your behalf. Four, education is now free, this should be optimally leveraged for individual re-invention.

