Of Africa’s natural resources, underdevelopment, and poverty

Kwamina Panford: the brain behind a brave new book

In 2012, while touring Boston, a profiler of Kwamina Panford, a Ghanaian economist and academic, commented that his work on the brain drain of professional and businesspeople from Africa to Europe, particularly from Ghana in the 1980s, has been a valuable contribution to understanding the phenomenon. Panford’s work has been influential in highlighting the importance of retaining and developed skills and knowledge within African countries.

Panford’s research on the brain drain has been instrumental in understanding the impact of skilled people leaving African countries to seek better opportunities elsewhere. His work has also shed light on the challenges faced by African countries in retaining talent and knowledge, which is crucial for economic development.

In addition to his academic work, Panford has also been involved in policy-making, working with various international organizations to address the issues of brain drain and underdevelopment in Africa. His contributions have been recognized internationally, and he has been a key figure in advocating for the importance of education and economic development in Africa.

Panford’s latest book, "Of Africa’s natural resources, underdevelopment, and poverty," is a comprehensive analysis of the complex relationship between natural resources, economic development, and poverty in Africa. The book explores the challenges faced by African countries in managing their natural resources, the role of international aid and investment in development, and the importance of education and human capital in driving economic growth.

Panford’s work is a testament to the importance of education and knowledge in shaping the future of Africa. His insights and analysis provide a valuable perspective for policymakers and development practitioners, who can use his work to inform their strategies for addressing the issues of underdevelopment and poverty in the continent.

With his latest book, Panford continues to be a leader in the field of African studies, contributing to a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing the continent.

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