



Mozambique is one of the world's poorest and most 'underdeveloped' countries. In spite of recent strong economic growth, the promise of its flagship land nationalisation has not been met.



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maintain food and tobacco production while ensuring a fair distribution of the country's rents in a way that would accelerate social development.

So when I visited Maputo, I wanted to discover how Mozambique was dealing with the distribution of its rental income. If, under the constitution, the land belonged to all citizens, surely that necessarily meant that the revenue from the land was also the income of the population?

Not so. The government's fiscal policy faithfully reflects western doctrines. The burden of taxation falls on the incomes and consumption of the population. To acquire land, citizens and foreigners are entitled to 99-year leases that give them security of tenure. But they do not pay the rents of their holdings into the public purse. This means a grievous injustice is routinely inflicted on the majority of Mozambique's citizens.

- Working people are penalised for earning their living, paying taxes to fund investment in infrastructure that raises the value of the assets of leaseholders.
- Leaseholders with the most valuable locations or most fertile fields pocket the rents that they do not have to share.

This nexus is the root of evil in Africa. It is the ultimate source of the dollar-a-day poverty

Daewoo says that it has 1.3 million hectares of corn there to ensure oil can be a weapon in this crisis. The executive is quoted as saying in the *Times* (20th November 2007):

Fine for Daewoo. The world expects to escape the oil price injustices that flow from the regime. By failing to reform. Africans, we are likely to be as the site of a super-power global economy recovery.

- China has already secured the African minerals and her factories working on those resources will be industrialised by her rule next 20 years.
- The us, weakened by the 9/11, has destroyed the Wall Street bubble that has destroyed the contest China's income.

President Barack Obama's interest in Africa, given in Kenya. So he will do as well as strategic interest. But this may lead to a continent's future by the that could conceivably confrontation. And that nothing other than the resource rents.

Kenya is one of the that want to secure are negotiating in Senegal to grow the price rises.

But African country dependency culture. Qatar's plan to exchange. Qatar's off the northeast owned land. But government spokesman for free. If you want concessions" (3rd Jacques Diouf Organisation, has agricultural system