**Handbook of Africa's International Relations**
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Africa's international relations (IR) have often been defined and oriented by the dominant international and geopolitical agendas of the day. In the aftermath of colonialism the Cold War became a dominant paradigm that defined the nature of the continent’s relationship with the rest of the world. The contemporary forces of globalisation are now exerting an undue influence and impact upon Africa’s international relations. Historically, the continental ability and capacity to advance its interests has also been undermined by the lack of political will among African leaders to find ways to address their differences and collectively solve their problems. However, increasingly the African continent is emerging as a vocal, and in some respects an influential actor, in international relations. There is a paucity of analysis and research on Africa’s international relations and this timely book proposes fills this analytical gap. It will appeal to advance undergraduates, post-graduate students, academics, policy-makers and developmental practitioners who have an interest in Africa’s emerging role in the international sphere.

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- Africa and International Partnerships

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