

## Africa's Rise to the Global Stage: Trade, Growth, Partnerships and Geopolitical Influence

Africa's position in the global economy is shifting. Once primarily viewed through the lens of aid dependency, the continent is now a formidable player in trade, investment, and geopolitical affairs. According to Invest Africa, recent developments have seen the African Union admitted as a permanent member of the G20, this was after BRICS welcomed Egypt and Ethiopia as new members, alongside Saudi Arabia, Iran, the United Arab Emirates and Argentina.