



# France and Africa: the end of the sphere of influence?

A silent break — Africa Forward Nairobi 2026 reveals a profound transformation in the relationship between France and Africa. Nairobi is gradually replacing the former capitals of the French sphere of influence as the symbolic center of an Africa that has become technological, entrepreneurial, and continental.

Governing the Flows — Contemporary sovereignty now depends on the ability to control payments, data, supply chains, and strategic resources. Invisible infrastructures are becoming as important as physical infrastructures.

Africa's Strategic Sovereignties — Critical minerals, energy, digital payments, data, and infrastructure are becoming the new territories of power. Africa is no longer seen as a place of assistance but as a strategic player in global transitions.

AXIS and emerging African architectures — With tokenization, blockchain traceability, compliance and resource governance, AXIS illustrates the progressive emergence of African systems capable of sovereignly organizing flows, payments and value creation.

# Africa is entering the age of sovereign systems