




Editorial Foreword

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Africa stands at a pivotal moment in its journey toward sustainable development, peace, and prosperity. With its abundant natural resources, youthful population, and rich intellectual capital, the continent possesses immense potential to shape its own future. Yet, persistent challenges, ranging from political instability and climate-induced disasters to infrastructural deficits and governance crises, continue to hinder progress toward the aspirations outlined in the African Union's Agenda 2063 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs).

As co-series editors of African Political Science and International Relations in Focus, we believe that this volume, *Security-Development Nexus in Africa: Progress Towards the Agenda 2063 and Sustainable Development Goals*, offers a timely and comprehensive exploration of the intricate relationship between security and development across the continent. Through rigorous analysis and diverse case studies, the contributors unpack the structural and emerging issues that shape Africa's developmental trajectory. From the impact of military coups in West Africa and the Sahel, to the role of regional integration, human-wildlife conflict, food security, and migration governance, the chapters collectively illuminate the multifaceted nature of Africa's challenges, and also its opportunities.

Edited by Siphumelele Duma and Rich Mashimbye, this work brings together leading scholars and practitioners whose insights are not only academically robust but also policy-relevant. Their recommendations serve as a valuable resource



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for governments, civil society, regional bodies, and international partners committed to advancing Africa's development agenda.

As we approach key milestones in both Agenda 2063 and the 2030 UNSDGs, this book reminds us that Africa's future depends on bold leadership, inclusive governance, and strategic collaboration.