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[Meeting Africa's Changing Development Needs Through Education](#) [Slideshow]

Population trends, increased economic growth, technology and democratization are forcing African governments to address the education needs of the continent's next generation.

[Infrastructure Paramount Issue for Africa](#)

By Vivien Foster, Lead Economist, Sustainable Development Department

As co-author of the Africa Infrastructure Country Diagnostic. I've been talking with people for years about the importance of reliable infrastructure for economic and social activity in Africa. Today we're talking about how infrastructure can help achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Read more posts from the U.N. MDG Summit last week on the [Meetings Center blog](#).

[Are lessons from European integration relevant for Africa?](#)

By Dirk Reinermann, Head of the Europe and Central Asia unit, World Bank in Brussels

Having recently moved from South Africa to Belgium, I can't but wonder whether six decades of European integration are relevant for Africa. Or are we comparing apples and mangoes?

**World Bank Africa in the News:**

Energy in the developing world: Power to the people [The Economist]

At the "Lighting Africa" conference in Nairobi in May, a World Bank project to encourage private-sector solutions for the poor, 50 lighting firms displayed their wares, up from just a handful last year. Technology and development: A growing number of initiatives are promoting bottom-up ways to deliver energy to the world's poor.

[http://www.economist.com/node/16909923?story\\_id=16909923](http://www.economist.com/node/16909923?story_id=16909923)

Watch a video from The World Bank Africa Energy Unit about the Lighting Africa Initiative:

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