## Rethinking Globalisation - A New Imperialism and The Future of Africa: Challenges and Prospects

John W. Forje<sup>1</sup>

1. CARAD, Political Science, Yaounde, jowifor@yahoo.fr

Globalisation is here to stay and to construct a new world order for future generations, but for whose interests in Africa. Apparently, Africa the richest continent is the least developed. It is caught within the trappings of development or decay. Does globalisation provide an avenue for escap from poverty to affluence for the vast ,ajority of citizens or what? Is globalisation accelerating the disconnect between the rich and poor? The paper argues vividly for the appropriate development and eployment of information communication technology that ought to accelerate the continent's efforts to leap-frog into the information age and entry into the development club. It further argues that democracy without technology is void and globalisation without technology is void for African countries. Democracy and globalisation without technology is void. It questions whethernthere is something with Africans which prevents them from developing their nations as the Asians have done? Africa is often portrayed by the international media as a continent of violence, wars, tribal conflicts, poverty and corruption-ridden, diseases etc. a continent to be avoided like the plague. Should not Africa move away from its current attachment Eurocentric to globalisation and avoid 'debt-slave to the rich nations and their banks. In a vast globalising world, only competitive, productive and innovative know-how with the people's involvement creates a better structural avenue to be part of the new world order it is imperative for Africa to constructively jump on the bandwagon of constructing a de,ocratic developmental state, improve on its human capital development, promote a vibrant civil society and roductive private sector. The paper concludes that the future for africa is to achieve economic and political independence; keywords.globalisation, leadership, poverty corruption; good goverance, management