Teaching Beyond the UK: Africa in focus

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What is wrong with current teaching about Africa?

• Africa is often taught as a **homogenous place** with one geographical narrative

• Africa is taught mainly within the context of **Development**

• Teaching and learning resources are **out-dated**

• Teaching and learning resources tend to enforce/reinforce **negative stereotypes**
“Africa is a nation that suffers from terrible disease”

(George W. Bush)
What is my personal and professional experience?

• Secondary School Pupil 😞

• Undergraduate Pupil 😊

• Secondary Geography Educator 😞

• Academic Researcher 😞
How can we improve the teaching of Africa?

• Teach powerful geographical knowledge within an African context
• Move away from Eurocentric/Anglocentric ontologies
• Include African voices
• Make teaching real and relevant to modern day Africa
• Actively challenge misconceptions/stereotypes
• Co-plan with pupils
• Encourage critical thinking
• Educate ourselves!