

The Political Economy of Resource Looting in Southern Africa 1st session 23 May 2019

right the crisis is the many sectors about the plight of workers and it was very disturbing to this meeting I was saying to quote him that yesterday that either to most of us believe that the abuse and looting our resources care of Syria is only in the DRC has to be discover Reggie's justice been here in 1895 she said your own state to follow me I'd ask you please to switch off your phones you turn your phones to send please in state the following I was in the East End of London working-class Porter yesterday and attended the meeting of the unemployed and listened the wild speeches which was just a cry for bread bread bread and my way home I pondered over the scene and that became more than ever convinced of the importance of idealism my cherished idea is a solution of the social problem that is in order to save the 40 million in actors of a kingdom from a bloody civil war we we colonial statesmen must acquire new lands to settle the surplus formation to provide new markets for the goods produced in the factories and mines the Empire as I always said he is a bread and butter question in front of word civil war we must become imperialist this was on the eve of the compressibility remember to which African Wireless versus better this was his meta decisiveness but more importantly the question is whether the equation has changed since Rose was a difference as the looting stopped the extraction of our resources and taken across to other countries to feed the factories of those

countries to create employment for those
countries to create wealth for those
countries stop the questions we need to
consider him yesterday I was provoked by
a post on your Facebook by oh no father
Luis

first time I hear to say Gold Plus
Platinum Plus x plus the field because
poverty and debt this equation needs to
change by examining this question can we
hope to change the purpose of such
meetings as we are having today is to
feed the tremendous advocacy being made
and by organizations such as
governance we feel that we need to do
more and more research so that these
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plenty of eating in Zimbabwe South
Africa we sitting at eighty percent
manganese we don't talk about what and
whether you want cobalt anything you do
need copper and all our countries
Zambian and the DRC producing the
biggest producers so those are the type
of resources we and the quantity there
but certainly the contradiction is that
the poorest people facing difficult to
feed themselves facing difficulties to
find a shelter facing difficulties for
clean water and not eating access to her
so the contradiction between this
abundance of resources and the poverty
tells us that somewhere somehow we are

using these resources now the problem of these resources is that they are different type of world they are indeed they are just in the nature we don't create that they are given because they are gifts they are not sustainable they get depleted as people come and extract they get finished at some stage we will not have gold platinum not as we see other countries which have depleted their resources they invested in other services that sustained economies as we are still in the primitive stage what we need to use this I don't think we have something else

so these people's a lack of business is like a capital what you have capital you don't so only countries that money to invest this what have diversified economies on the basis of so now the contradiction we have that today African continent is sitting at four hundred and seven billion dollars in debt that is grown plus hold everything Libyan is poverty net you remember that between this is debt accumulated between 2005 and 2008 this one look at this period is the pivot one we've had the best price in terms of increase of mineral price and we are producing these windows but you are going in debt you take on tradition so there is a problem which means that we are selling but we are not gaining enough and we need those problems so we are not collecting enough from our windows there is an the unpredictability of the weather we don't control the price we don't control the market but we have resources others set the price on the minimum it's a problem the colonial structure continues while we are selling raw materials there is no country that has benefited to optimally from its minerals by selling raw when

you look across the board they add value when you studying hard invited to those minerals who start creating linkages you start expanding new economic base and the tax base but another problem is the ownership of this minerals our constitutions across southern Africa say the minerals belong to the States but in reality they don't belong to the state because we give them to private companies and also disparate companies and foreign companies but certainly somebody would say when we have joint ventures joint ventures the ownership we have discussed when we look inside enough is between 50% and 55% policy you can't get enough from that reduce today is also the because in South Africa the days ago they agreed that South Africa will tend 5% of diamond production but does not even have that so we have a problem of illicit financial flows I think in this country the former president gave a fleet of 15 billion which was lost from the Miami diamonds how was it lost if is true because because was up to \$15.99 now income people spend about 90 billion that we lose each year through tax evasion and a lot of exemptions that we give to companies you see in this assumption companies say we cannot come if you don't give us a good deal a booty means that to reduce your tax you give them tax holidays in this equation it means that the money they bring is wrong so we don't sell proper arises then it takes us to the issue of negotiation I want to renegotiate and what skills do we have but in the way we negotiate in what we sell this they won't connect our revenues and then the in clarity of the time mindset is a problem because to the rest of the economy it's not this

investment coming young faces it jumps arrive a jump Laura Thompson jay-z just goes in Moraga dick time ins and gathered it's a problem as long as we've not minute their mineral resources to the rest of the economy we will not benefit so now because we don't mobilize enough revenues remember I said that this is the only sector which can be a catalyst of development the revenues we collect is not enough to deal with our developmental needs our government are able to deal or to resolve our social needs and we will not meet then a sustainable is not involved with the level of resource we have know there are figures that have been given just to to meet the sustainable development goals we need one point as after between 600 billion and 1.3 to resolve our social to meet this we don't have enough infrastructure to build infrastructure to the level that won't serve the people we need results our infrastructure and we can only mobilize half of that now what does this mean we need to borrow more and we continue to be in debt but what we do not we do not also calculate is the social and environmental impact because one interprets the loss becomes even bigger because we see the problem we do not account we don't account for the environment and social impact of mind on the destruction pollution our problem becomes bigger then because when this government does not have money the economy does not expand it's an improvement which is the biggest challenge we have today especially young people and what happens is the expansion of the informal economy and when we have an informal economy government cannot tax it then there is no return for the

state and it's a continuous collapse of the state because of no capacity to survive

but we need to do that we need to that can help us to promote manufacturing to create to produce power enough for all of us and because energy is important which we'll need to infrastructure in our proximity but we also have what we call

what we call the producer power they produce a power is the type of minerals we have we have the comparative advantage because we have it in abundance that is that that's platinum that is copper and copper in our head is the only region we found platinum in that quantity in terms of dominance diamonds copper and the questioning our senses we have the producer power how can we control it missed this Mimos to our advantage South Africa and Zimbabwe are not talking on how to control platinum and impose all-out we add value what product we produce for the continent for the rest of the world we are not talking about how do we control them what we set up Botswana to become unwell when all of us will take our diamonds then to reach them cut them polish them and sell them for a formidable we distribute the revenues why don't we set up a battery class platform for about for the entire walk because wealth is produced on the continent and there is no it's an important matter what point we as a region reflect on these days because when we do that is that built the space for industrialization approach producing new industry second an industry that feed into that so

so if see I'm saying we need a is regional organization of our forces we

might want to really seriously look into regional dimension the organization of certain policies that will strengthen our ability so in conclusion I think we need some to build our state we need capital States the biggest problem we have is that our states are weak even when you go down to the micro level look at the Minister of Mines in most of these countries only few countries in fact you'll go to what's wrong my books of Africa Namibia you will find something will give you a semblance of strong presence of a country that is investing money if the rest of in the rest of the countries really it's there isn't much I think we need courageous and decisive I think we the leadership is not strong enough to take the decision and to add value to certain minerals the courage can be bought you don't work for for transfer you can go and find technology imbalance and fun disclose to - but you need to pay for that it's a decision there are countries in East Asia will very well so you we need to amass regional forces there a lot of things which the bottle when they country when a company comes to Zimbabwe negotiate about platinum you click with your taxation they'll tell you we can go get better in South Africa when a company go to Democratic Republic only one to access copper copper they said well somebody is giving us a better deal so you find the same companies in Zimbabwe South Africa and some companies examine the guess is everyone but LP terminals to ensure that as we speak we speak with one voice on certain very specific issues we need to add value to our menu suddenly not all of them regarding gold diamonds diamonds for

beauty and so on but add value to me most which we resolve the question of our people the social problems of security of unemployment of those are strategic we know that we need to identify and work and we need to fight corruption there is no this is the biggest most that we have in the house across the world corruption unless we do that

thank you very much I think what I set up we are going to examine country's situation we redesigned this conference we also good idea was to interface with Chris nervous with less drastic scenarios but we will find out the course of the day which are the better scenarios in which other personalities but as flawed as indicated is there enough to highlight the problems which are now region in our region but also to see how we can synchronize them in policy yes the state's our states are very weak the getting weaker actually partly because of the class nature of those days

comrade controller usually these are elements were not grounded in production their ages of international capital they're crooks they're thieves the root they don't eat as much as the people who just do but they are most frightening and we also do some research on the amount of money especially corrupt used mainly in extract reviews I mean when a friend of mine came to give a lecture here he said when they run at the airport it sort of sees cranes that in the economy is not here some some when you look remember hard last year in London Heathrow someone has to no crops this is very very corrupt but so are some of you here we are already the thumb of our money in London so the

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