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Regional development + cooperation

1. In today's world, this is one of the priorities. Many people still try to avoid their "sense of guilt" for being in the Northern hemisphere by making the jump to the South in order to "help". I think that this time is over.

2. Following recent attempts in the economic (West Africa Common Market, 16 countries, signed in 76) and political (CSCDA in Kampala) fields, Africa can go on building its own regional network. The human resources are there. Strategical connections ought to be developed. The international foundations have money for Africa but don't know what to do. A list of good contacts in different countries of Africa should be established and a strategy elaborated on that basis.

3. Paradoxically (apart from the international foundations' availability!) the situation and the needs in Europe are similar. With so many continental platforms, the Grail is challenged to reach out to new countries - or do we want to be the only group to keep several "Berlin walls" in Europe? There are contacts in many European countries. Couldn't the money available from the membership support the expenses to make networks out of those contacts?

