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From the EPOS-ERIC website:

The EPOS meets Africa and Latin America hybrid event will bring together scientists from Europe, Africa and Latin America to discuss ways to promote **cooperation** among research infrastructures from the three continents.

cooperation

**WHEN THERE'S AN
ELEPHANT IN THE
ROOM INTRODUCE HIM**



cooperation



Level Playing Field

the post-colonial critique of cooperation:

The general criticism of «development cooperation» is that it often takes place without the effective participation of the affected people and is controlled by power elites such as «development experts» or officials who speak *for* or *about* them, but barely **with** them.

(Schulz 2013)

More from the EPOS website:

The conference will create a **stimulating environment** for the three communities to get to know each other better and to delineate the best practices for cooperation among their research institutions.

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As the sun rises over the life of humanity and the forward movement of societies, **a new day begins**. An uncertain light grows and progressively illuminates the paths of the walkers at daybreak. Throughout the daytime hours, this light will shine brightly over various works in progress and their obstacles.

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This time of the half-light is also the time of the breakthrough, and those who take part in it need nothing more than a small, weak shimmer of light to embark on the voyage: **they are the intermediaries.**

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These beings are fully aware of the necessary steps to continue their ongoing march to progress: that the stones they shape are fundamental for the stability of the future buildings to come, whose completion **they perhaps might not get a chance to see.**

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They are also well aware of the fact that, within this present moment, they must be up to the task of the necessary requirements for helping to realize the world they wish to see come into existence. One of these requirements is the capacity for **discerning the extraordinary from the impossible**, and then setting about accomplishing it.

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This is what Mandela did in a subjugated South Africa through the creation of a philosophical code and ethics derived from Xhosa culture: the philosophy of Ubuntu.

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Its precisely within a present moment replete with **delicate opportunities**, ripe with multiple potentialities, that the African continent is situated.

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Always overflowing reality, the real foreshadows a number of possibilities that only require the ardour of faith and labour in order to arrive into **phenomenal time**.

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