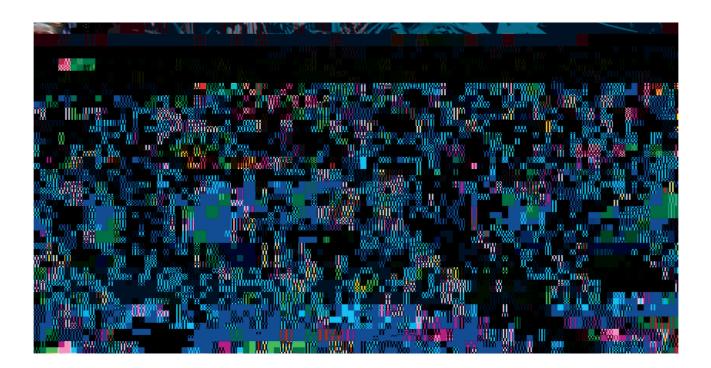
A Nigeria has clear and strong economic potential. Independent from Britain for more than half a century, its 177.2 million citizens make it the eighth most populous country in the world, with about one-sixth of the continent's total population.

Economically divided

Nigeria's economy, underpinned by oil (the country is the world's 10th largest oil producer), is currently the largest on the continent –larger than South Africa's. Over the past five years, trends have been positive: overall economic





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Lack of trust inhibiting growth

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