

Niveau : Terminale

Discipline : ANGLAIS

CÔTE D'IVOIRE – ÉCOLE NUMÉRIQUE



## UNIT 6: CONTEMPORARY AFRICA SPEAKING

### LEARNING CONTEXT

As members of your English club, you are receiving a lecturer who has just made a presentation on the topic “Africa, sixty years after the independence.” After the presentation, the audience asks questions to the presenter about Africa’s economic problems.

### II-INPUT PHASE

A- **VOCABULARY:** Related to field economics

- **Workforce:** total number of people who are physically able to do a job and are available for work.
- **Growth:** increase, development in size
- **Investor:** a person or organization that puts money in a field (infrastructures, bank, stock exchange) in order to get profits.
- **To invest** (verb):  
*Example:* the government invests money in education.
- **To eradicate:** to get rid of; eliminate;
- **A boom:** a high increase (in economy)
- **Worth:** value
- **Wealth:** money and possessions

B- **LANGUAGE FUNCTION** Emphasizing ideas with “**not only....., but also....**”

- We use this structure to emphasize two things, about a thing or a person.

*Example:* Drogba is **not only** a celebrity in Africa, **but** he is **also** well-known in Europe.

- We use “inversion” subject-verb when **not only** at the beginning of a sentence. *Example: **Not only** has Akissi Delta directed films, **but** she has **also** won many awards.*

- With ordinary action verbs, we use **do, does, did**. *Example: **Not only** does Eddy Murphy act in films, **but** he **also** directs them.*

### III- PRACTICE PHASE

**Activity1:** Choose the correct words in bold to complete the text. (Adapted from FAR AHEAD T<sup>le</sup> page 67. Number 1 is done as an example. 1. growth

Ethiopia's (1) **wealth/ growth** rate is one of the highest in Africa. The country's construction (2) **boom/infrastructure** is being driven by the country's recent rapid economic growth. Addis Ababa is a massive construction site with high-rise buildings owned by private (3) **workforce/ investors** going up everywhere. Public works projects (4) **worth/eradicate** millions of dollars include new roads, railways and massive power generation schemes across the country. The government is pouring money into (5) **resources/ infrastructure** to attract further investment and help (6) **industrialise/ eradicate** the economy in order to create jobs and (7) **eradicate/ invest** poverty.

Kenya's telecommunications and IT (8) **sectors/ wealth** are showing exponential growth. The improved education system means that there is a large, young and educated (9) **boom/ workforce** ready to participate in the economy.

**Activity 2:** Join these sentences with *not only.....but also.....* Write two possibilities each time. (FAR AHEAD

T<sup>le</sup>, exercise 5 page 70)

**Example:** That man is a good actor. He is a good singer as well.

- "Not only is that man a good actor, but he is a good singer.

- 1) Gnoan M'balla wrote the scenario of his films. He produced them too.
- 2) Anna works very hard. She earns a lot of money.
- 3) The film company has taken ages to shoot the film. They have spent a fortune.

### IV-COMMUNICATION ACTIVITY

**Activity 3:** *You have applied to be a BBC correspondent in your country. As a test, BBC interview you. Answer his questions below about the economic situation of your country. Record your answers using your mobile phone to be sent to him/her. You can compare your answer to the reporter's.*

- 1) *What is the economic situation like in your country?*
- 2) *Which sectors of the economy are the most important?*
- 3) *What do you think needs to be done to improve the economy?*
- 4) *Do women and men equally contribute to the economic growth of your country?*

(to be recorded for the students)

### **HOMEWORK**

During your next English class, you'll be discussing the following topic: "What do you think needs to be done to improve the Ivorian economy?" Prepare your arguments for that talk taking into account the following ideas.

- A favourable environment for foreign investment;
- A flourishing economy cannot rely on coffee and cocoa alone. There's a necessity to diversify Ivorian agricultural produce.
- Industrialisation and mechanization of agriculture.
- Promoting small and medium-sized companies.
- Promoting competition and diversifying economic partners.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**What is the impact of Covid 19 on Africa's economy? Read this to find out:**

**<https://www.afdb.org/en/knowledge/publications/african-economic-outlook>**