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Doing More with Less: Russia as a Rising Power in Africa

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Tenacity, a diverse toolbox, and few moral or operational inhibitions will allow Russia to deepen its presence in Africa in the upcoming years, despite its inferiority in many fields vis-à-vis other global powers. Since the Kremlin's African policy is a continuation of its Middle Eastern one, Israeli policymakers should closely follow Russia's actions in the continent

In October 2019, the leaders of most of Africa's nations convened in Sochi, Russia, for the first "Russia-Africa Summit", co-led by Russian President Vladimir Putin and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, in his capacity as president of the African Union.[1] Moscow's purpose behind the summit was to signal its intention to deepen its involvement in Africa.

The continent isn't at the top of Moscow's foreign-policy agenda,[2] and Russia isn't the leading global power operating there. But Moscow has stepped up its involvement there in the last decade, tightening its ties with practically every country on the continent.

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