Record Nr. UNINA9910476948103321 Autore Tella Oluwaseun **Titolo** Africa's Soft Power: Philosophies, Political Values, Foreign Policies and Cultural Exports / / Oluwaseun Tella Pubbl/distr/stampa Taylor & Francis, 2021 [s.l.]:,: Routledge,, 2021 **ISBN** 1-00-317602-X 1-000-40217-7 1-003-17602-X Edizione [1 ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (216 p.) Collana Global Africa Disciplina 327.96 327.6 Soggetti Social Science / Regional Studies Political Science / World / African Political science Africa Foreign relations Philosophy Nigeria Foreign relations South Africa Foreign relations Egypt Foreign relations Kenya Foreign relations Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia One Introduction: Soft Power in Africa -- De-Americanising and Nota di contenuto Africanising Soft Power -- Nigeria: Naija Swagger -- South Africa: Mzansi Symbolism -- Egypt: The Resilient Pharaoh -- Kenya: Harambee Attraction -- Conclusion - Africa as a Model. This book investigates the ways in which soft power is used by African Sommario/riassunto countries to help drive global influence. Selecting four of the countries most associated with soft power across the continent, this book delves into the currencies of soft power across the region: from South Africa's progressive constitution and expanding multinational corporations, to

Nigeria's Nollywood film industry and Technical Aid Corps (TAC) scheme, Kenya's sport diplomacy, fashion and tourism industries, and

finally Egypt's Pan-Arabism and its reputation as the cradle of civilisation. The book asks how soft power is wielded by these countries and what constraints and contradictions they encounter. Understandings of soft power have typically been driven by Western scholars, but throughout this book, Oluwaseun Tella aims to Africanise our understanding of soft power, drawing on prominent African philosophies, including Nigeria's Omoluwabi, South Africa's Ubuntu, Kenya's Harambee, and Egypt's Pharaonism. This book will be of interest to researchers from across political science, international relations, cultural studies, foreign policy and African Studies.