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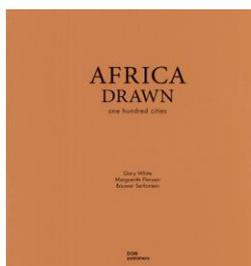
Africa Drawn **One Hundred Cities**

The urbanisation of the African continent is advancing rapidly, with both African cities and metropolitan regions among the fastest growing in the world. Yet how can these mega-cities that are rapidly expanding in a manner that is out-of-control be understood?

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