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Chapter 29: The treacherous adventure of ranking African universities

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Africa has witnessed a phenomenal growth of its higher education system in the last decade. In a number of countries, the sector has quadrupled while in a few countries a growth of more than 10 and 20 times have been recorded in a span of a decade. The march from elite to mass system has started with vengeance. This, however, has wrought about a multitude of challenges with considerable impact on the quality of the sector. As it happens, this growth in the higher education sector has coincided with the period of a proliferation of ranking bodies which have also embarked on the daring adventure of gauging institutions in the continent. These ranking agencies have unabashedly dared to rank African institutions - both in global as well as continental ranking regimes - invariably without meaningful and sufficient data and information which is neither available nor accessible to them. This chapter will critically analyse the emergence, practice, fallacies and implications of this development in the African context.

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