

The Brief

In February Tony Blair set up a Commission for Africa.

This is a team of people looking for ideas to make Africa stronger and more prosperous.

Half the people in Africa are children, but the youngest person on the Commission is 42*, so Blair has asked for your help, and the help of all the schools on the Gemini Plus project.

He needs you, as a young person, to tell him what you think are the problems in some African countries. If you ask your teacher, you'll find they can't help you, as this is meant to be your perspective. If you get really stuck, they have got some clues – but these will only suggest ways you can complete this task, and find the answers for yourself.

You must identify 5 issues.

*His name is Tidjane Thiam, and he is from the Ivory Coast.

Extra prompts

Use the internet - try typing a few key words into search engines like www.google.co.uk and www.dogpile.com	Interview people in your community
Go to the library!	Create an e mail questionnaire
Interview young people in other classes in your school, in your area, and at the club or youth group you go to.	Look in the school video library
Interview your family	Look on web sites about Africa
Involve the rest of the school - get their opinions	Look in the newspapers to see if there are any articles about events in African countries