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The illustration denotes the funnel-shaped rectum (Africa) originating from the sigmoid colon (Europe). From the bottom upwards a microscopic view of the different layers of the rectal wall is depicted (mu cosa, muscle layer with fibrosis and mesorectal fat surrounded by the inked circumferential resection margin at the top) of a patient treated with preoperative chemoradiotherapy followed by resection. Lake Victoria in Africa represents a mucus lake, the Nile indicates a blood vessel, while Madagascar denotes lymph node tissue.