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# Agenda 2063

*The AFRICA We Want*



## AU Anthem

Let us all unite and celebrate together  
The victories won for our liberation  
Let us dedicate ourselves to rise together  
To defend our liberty and unity

O Sons and Daughters of Africa  
Flesh of the Sun and Flesh of the Sky  
Let us make Africa the Tree of Life

Let us all unite and sing together  
To uphold the bonds that frame our destiny  
Let us dedicate ourselves to fight together  
For lasting peace and justice on earth

O Sons and Daughters of Africa  
Flesh of the Sun and Flesh of the Sky  
Let us make Africa the Tree of Life

Let us all unite and toil together  
To give the best we have to Africa  
The cradle of mankind and fount of culture  
Our pride and hope at break of dawn.

O Sons and Daughters of Africa  
Flesh of the Sun and Flesh of the Sky  
Let us make Africa the Tree of Life

## THE VOICES OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE

- 1. We, the people of Africa and her Diaspora** united in diversity, young and old, men and women, girls and boys from all walks of life, deeply conscious of history, express our deep appreciation to all generations of Pan-Africanists. In particular, to the founders of the Organisation of African Unity for having bequeathed us an Africa with exemplary successes in the fight against slavery, colonialism and apartheid. Agenda 2063, rooted in Pan Africanism and African Renaissance, provides a robust framework for addressing past injustices and the realisation of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century as the African Century.
- 2. We echo** the Pan-African call that Africa must unite in order to realize its Renaissance. Present generations are confident that the destiny of Africa is in their hands, and that they must act now to shape the future they want. Fifty years after the first thirty-three (33) independent African states took a landmark decision to form the Organization of African Unity, we are looking ahead towards the next fifty years.
- 3. In this new and noble initiative,** past plans and commitments have been reviewed, and we pledge to take into account lessons from them as we implement Agenda 2063. These include: mobilization of the people and their ownership of continental programmes at the core; the principle of self-reliance and Africa financing its own development; the importance of capable, inclusive and accountable states and institutions at all levels and in all spheres; the critical role of Regional Economic Communities as building blocks for continental unity; taking into account of the special challenges faced by both island and land-locked states; and holding ourselves and our governments and institutions accountable for results. Agenda 2063 will not happen spontaneously, it will require conscious and deliberate efforts to nurture a transformative leadership that will drive the agenda and defend Africa's interests.
- 4. We rededicate** ourselves to the enduring Pan African vision of *“an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the international arena.”*

## AFRICAN ASPIRATIONS FOR 2063

5. Our united voices paint a picture of what we desire for ourselves, for future generations and the continent.
6. The aspirations reflect our desire for shared prosperity and well-being, for unity and integration, for a continent of free citizens and expanded horizons, where the full potential of women and youth, boys and girls are realized, and with freedom from fear, disease and want.
7. Africa is self-confident in its identity, heritage, culture and shared values and as a strong, united and influential partner on the global stage making its contribution to peace, human progress, peaceful co-existence and welfare. In short, a different and better Africa.
8. We are confident that Africa has the capability to realise her full potential in development, culture and peace and to establish flourishing, inclusive and prosperous societies. We thus, commit to act together towards achieving the following aspirations:

### OUR ASPIRATIONS FOR THE AFRICA WE WANT

1. A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development
2. An integrated continent, politically united and based on the ideals of Pan-Africanism and the vision of Africa's Renaissance
3. An Africa of good governance, democracy, respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law
4. A peaceful and secure Africa
5. An Africa with a strong cultural identity, common heritage, shared values and ethics
6. An Africa whose development is people-driven, relying on the potential of African people, especially its women and youth, and caring for children
7. Africa as a strong, united, resilient and influential global player and partner

## ASPIRATION 1. A Prosperous Africa Based On Inclusive Growth And Sustainable Development

9. We are determined to eradicate poverty in one generation and build shared prosperity through social and economic transformation of the continent.
10. **We aspire that by 2063**, Africa shall be a prosperous continent, with the means and resources to drive its own development, with sustainable and long-term stewardship of its resources and where:
  - African people have a high standard of living, and quality of life, sound health and well-being;
  - Well educated and skilled citizens, underpinned by science, technology and innovation for a knowledge society is the norm and no child misses school due to poverty or any form of discrimination;
  - Cities and other settlements are hubs of cultural and economic activities, with modernized infrastructure, and people have access to affordable and decent housing including housing finance together with all the basic necessities of life such as, water, sanitation, energy, public transport and ICT;
  - Economies are structurally transformed to create shared growth, decent jobs and economic opportunities for all;
  - Modern agriculture for increased production, productivity and value addition contributes to farmer and national prosperity and Africa's collective food security; and
  - Africa's unique natural endowments, its environment and ecosystems, including its wildlife and wild lands are healthy, valued and protected, with climate resilient economies and communities.
11. By 2063, African countries will be amongst the best performers in global quality of life measures. This will be attained through strategies of inclusive growth, job creation, increasing agricultural production; investments in science, technology, research and innovation; gender equality, youth empowerment and the provision of basic services including health, nutrition, education, shelter, water and sanitation.
12. Africa's collective GDP will be proportionate to her share of the world's population and natural resource endowments.

13. Africa's agriculture will be modern and productive, using science, technology, innovation and indigenous knowledge. The hand hoe will be banished by 2025 and the sector will be modern, profitable and attractive to the continent's youths and women.
14. Africa's human capital will be fully developed as its most precious resource, through sustained investments based on universal early childhood development and basic education, and sustained investments in higher education, science, technology, research and innovation, and the elimination of gender disparities at all levels of education. Access to post-graduate education will be expanded and strengthened to ensure world-class infrastructure for learning and research and support scientific reforms that underpin the transformation of the continent.
15. Africa's Blue/ocean economy, which is three times the size of its landmass, shall be a major contributor to continental transformation and growth, through knowledge on marine and aquatic biotechnology, the growth of an Africa-wide shipping industry, the development of sea, river and lake transport and fishing; and exploitation and beneficiation of deep sea mineral and other resources.
16. Whilst Africa at present contributes less than 5% of global carbon emissions, it bears the brunt of the impact of climate. Africa shall address the global challenge of climate change by prioritizing adaptation in all our actions, drawing upon skills of diverse disciplines with adequate support (affordable technology development and transfer, capacity building, financial and technical resources) to ensure implementation of actions for the survival of the most vulnerable populations, including islands states, and for sustainable development and shared prosperity.
17. Africa will participate in global efforts for climate change mitigation that support and broaden the policy space for sustainable development on the continent. Africa shall continue to speak with one voice and unity of purpose in advancing its position and interests on climate change.
18. Africa shall have equitable and sustainable use and management of water resources for socio-economic development, regional cooperation and the environment.

## **ASPIRATION 2. An Integrated Continent, Politically United, Based On The Ideals Of Pan-Africanism And The Vision Of Africa's Renaissance**

19. Since 1963, the quest for African Unity has been inspired by the spirit of Pan Africanism, focusing on liberation, and political and economic independence. It is motivated by development based on self-reliance and self-determination of African people, with democratic and people-centred governance.
  
20. **We aspire that by 2063**, Africa shall:
  - Be a United Africa;
  - Have world class, integrative infrastructure that criss-crosses the continent;
  - Have dynamic and mutually beneficial links with her Diaspora; and
  - Be a continent of seamless borders, and management of cross-border resources through dialogue.
  
21. Africa shall be an integrated, united, peaceful, sovereign, independent, confident and self-reliant continent.
  
22. Africa will witness the rekindling of solidarity and unity of purpose that underpinned the struggle for emancipation from slavery, colonialism, apartheid and economic subjugation. By 2020 all remnants of colonialism will have ended and all African territories under occupation fully liberated. We shall take measures to expeditiously end the unlawful occupation of the Chagos Archipelago, the Comorian Island of Mayotte and affirming the right to self-determination of the people of Western Sahara. All kinds of oppression including gender, racial and other forms of discrimination will be ended.
  
23. The political unity of Africa will be the culmination of the integration process, which includes the free movement of people and the establishment of continental institutions, leading to full economic integration. By 2030, there shall be consensus on the form of the continental government and institutions.

24. Africa shall be a continent where the free movement of people, capital, goods and services will result in significant increases in trade and investments amongst African countries rising to unprecedented levels, and in the strengthening Africa's place in global trade.
25. By 2063, the necessary infrastructure will be in place to support Africa's accelerated integration and growth, technological transformation, trade and development. This will include high-speed railway networks, roads, shipping lines, sea and air transport, as well as well-developed ICT and digital economy. A Pan-African High Speed Train Network will connect all the major cities/capitals of the continent, with adjacent highways and pipelines for gas, oil, water, as well as ICT Broadband cables and other infrastructure. This will be a catalyst for manufacturing, skills development, technology, research and development, integration and intra-African trade, investments and tourism.
26. The world-class infrastructure, accompanied by trade facilitation, will see intra-African trade growing from less than 12% in 2013 to approaching 50% by 2045. Africa's share of global trade shall rise from 2% to 12%. This will in turn spur the growth of Pan-African companies of global reach in all sectors.

### **ASPIRATION 3. An Africa Of Good Governance, Democracy, Respect For Human Rights, Justice And The Rule Of Law**

27. Africa shall have a universal culture of good governance, democratic values, gender equality, respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law.
28. **We aspire that by 2063, Africa will:**
  - Be a continent where democratic values, culture, practices, universal principles of human rights, gender equality, justice and the rule of law are entrenched; and
  - Have capable institutions and transformative leadership in place at all levels,
29. The continent's population will enjoy affordable and timely access to

independent courts and judiciary that deliver justice without fear or favour. Corruption and impunity will be a thing of the past.

30. Africa will be a continent where the institutions are at the service of its people. Citizens will actively participate in the social, economic and political development and management. Competent, professional, rules and merit-based public institutions will serve the continent and deliver effective and efficient services. Institutions at all levels of government will be developmental, democratic, and accountable.
31. There will be transformative leadership in all fields (political, economic, religious, cultural, academic, youth and women) and at continental, regional, national and local levels.

#### **ASPIRATION 4. A Peaceful And Secure Africa**

32. Mechanisms for peaceful prevention and resolution of conflicts will be functional at all levels. As a first step, dialogue-centred conflict prevention and resolution will be actively promoted in such a way that by 2020 all guns will be silent. A culture of peace and tolerance shall be nurtured in Africa's children and youth through peace education.
33. Africa will be a ***peaceful and secure continent***, with harmony among communities starting at grassroots level. The management of our diversity will be a source of wealth, harmony and social and economic transformation rather than a source of conflict.
34. **We aspire that by 2063**, Africa shall have:
  - An entrenched and flourishing culture of human rights, democracy, gender equality, inclusion and peace;
  - Prosperity, security and safety for all citizens; and
  - Mechanisms to promote and defend the continent's collective security and interests.
35. We recognize that a prosperous, integrated and united Africa, based on good governance, democracy, social inclusion and respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law are the necessary pre-conditions for a peaceful and conflict-free continent.

36. The continent will witness improved human security with sharp reductions in violent crimes. There shall be safe and peaceful spaces for individuals, families and communities.
37. Africa shall be free from armed conflict, terrorism, extremism, intolerance and gender-based violence, which are major threats to human security, peace and development. The continent will be drugs-free, with no human trafficking, where organized crime and other forms of criminal networks, such as the arms trade and piracy, are ended. Africa shall have ended the illicit trade in and proliferation of small arms and light weapons.
38. Africa shall promote human and moral values based on inclusion and the rejection of all forms of terrorism, religious extremism and other forms of intolerance, irrespective of their motivations.
39. By 2063, Africa will have the capacity to secure peace and protect its citizens and their interests, through common defence, foreign and security policies.

### **ASPIRATION 5: An Africa With A Strong Cultural Identity, Common Heritage, Values And Ethics**

40. Pan-Africanism and the common history, destiny, identity, heritage, respect for religious diversity and consciousness of African people's and her diaspora's will be entrenched.
41. **We aspire that by 2063:**
  - Pan Africanism will be fully entrenched;
  - The African Renaissance has reached its peak; and
  - Our diversity in culture, heritage, languages and religion shall be a cause of strength, including the tangible and intangible heritage of Africa's island states.
42. Pan-African ideals will be fully embedded in all school curricula and Pan-African cultural assets (heritage, folklore, languages, film, music, theatre, literature, festivals, religions and spirituality.) will be enhanced. The African creative arts and industries will be celebrated throughout the continent, as well as, in the diaspora and contribute significantly to self-awareness, well-being and prosperity, and to world culture and heritage. African languages will be the

basis for administration and integration. African values of family, community, hard work, merit, mutual respect and social cohesion will be firmly entrenched.

43. Africa's stolen culture, heritage and artefacts will be fully repatriated and safeguarded.
44. Culture, heritage and a common identity and destiny will be the centre of all our strategies so as to facilitate a Pan-African approach and the African Renaissance.
45. Africa's women and youth shall play an important role as drivers of change. Inter-generational dialogue will ensure that Africa is a continent that adapts to social and cultural change.
46. Africa is a continent of people with religious and spiritual beliefs, which play a profound role in the construction of the African identity and social interaction. The continent will continue to vehemently oppose all forms of politicization of religion and religious extremism.

### **ASPIRATION 6: An Africa Whose Development Is People Driven, Relying On The Potential Of African People, Especially Its Women And Youth, And Caring For Children**

47. All the citizens of Africa will be actively involved in decision making in all aspects. Africa shall be an inclusive continent where no child, woman or man will be left behind or excluded, on the basis of gender, political affiliation, religion, ethnic affiliation, locality, age or other factors.
48. All the citizens of Africa will be actively involved in decision making in all aspects of development, including social, economic, political and environmental.
49. **We aspire that by 2063, Africa:**
  - Is People-centred and caring;
  - Puts children first;
  - Has empowered women to play their rightful role in all spheres of life;
  - Has full gender equality in all spheres of life; and
  - Has engaged and empowered youth.

50. The African woman will be fully empowered in all spheres, with equal social, political and economic rights, including the rights to own and inherit property, sign contracts, register and manage businesses. Rural women will have access to productive assets: land, credit, inputs and financial services.
51. All forms of gender-based violence and discrimination (social, economic, political) against women and girls will be eliminated and the latter will fully enjoy all their human rights. All harmful social practices (especially Female Genital Mutilation and Child marriages) will be ended and barriers to quality health and education for women and girls eliminated.
52. Africa of 2063 will have full gender parity, with women occupying at least 50% of elected public offices at all levels and half of managerial positions in the public and the private sector. The economic and political glass ceiling that restricted women's progress will have been shattered.
53. African children shall be empowered through the full implementation of the African Charter on the Rights of the Child.
54. The youth of Africa shall be socially, economically and politically empowered through the full implementation of the African Youth Charter.
55. Africa will be a continent where the talent of the child and the youth will be fully developed, rewarded and protected for the benefit of society.
56. All forms of systemic inequalities, exploitation, marginalization and discrimination of young people will be eliminated and youth issues mainstreamed in all development agendas.
57. Youth unemployment will be eliminated, and Africa's youth guaranteed full access to education, training, skills and technology, health services, jobs and economic opportunities, recreational and cultural activities as well as financial means and all necessary resources to allow them to realize their full potential.
58. Young African men and women will be the path breakers of the African knowledge society and will contribute significantly to innovation and entrepreneurship. The creativity, energy and innovation of Africa's youth shall be the driving force behind the continent's political, social, cultural and economic transformation.

## ASPIRATION 7: Africa As A Strong, United, Resilient And Influential Global Player And Partner

59. Africa shall be a strong, united, resilient, peaceful and influential global player and partner with a significant role in world affairs. We affirm the importance of African unity and solidarity in the face of continued external interference including, attempts to divide the continent and undue pressures and sanctions on some countries.
60. **We aspire that by 2063**, Africa shall be:
- A major social, political and economic force in the world, with her rightful share of the global commons (land, oceans and space);
  - An active and equal participant in global affairs, multilateral institutions, and a driver for peaceful co-existence, tolerance and a sustainable and just world; and
  - Fully capable and have the means to finance her development.
61. Africa will take her rightful place in the political, security, economic, and social systems of global governance towards the realization of its Renaissance, establishing Africa as a leading continent. We undertake to continue the global struggle against all forms of exploitation, racism and discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerances; to advance international cooperation that promotes and defends Africa's interests, and is mutually beneficial and aligned to our Pan-Africanist vision; to continue to speak with one voice and act collectively to promote our common interests and positions in the international arena.
62. Africa shall continue to advocate for the reform of the United Nations and other international institutions, with particular reference to the UN Security Council, in order to correct the historical injustice of Africa not being represented on the Council by a permanent seat.
63. Africa is on an upward trend and seeks mutually beneficial relations and partnerships with other regions and continents. It, therefore, looks at the nature of partnerships with a view to rationalizing them and enhancing the benefits to its transformation and integration efforts. We shall do so by strengthening our common perspectives on partnerships and by speaking with one voice on priorities and views on global matters.

## THE ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN UNION

64. **We**, the Heads of State and Government of the African Union assembled for the 24<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union in January 2015, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;
65. Have taken note of the aspirations and determination of the African people expressed above, reiterate our full appreciation and commitment to these aspirations;
66. **Re-affirm** that Agenda 2063 builds on past achievements and challenges and takes into account the continental and global context and trends in which Africa is realizing its transformation, including:
  - a. ***The Pan African vision and project***, which guided struggles of African people and their descendants against slavery, colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination; the commitment of the founders of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to self-determination, integration, solidarity and unity; and which today forms the backdrop for Africa's renaissance, transformation and integration.
  - b. ***An African turning point***, starting at the turn of the millennium with our renewed determination to end wars and conflicts, to build shared prosperity, to integrate, to build responsive and democratic governance and to end the continent's marginalization through the transformation of the OAU into the African Union and the adoption of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). Thus Africa, over the last decade has experienced sustained levels of growth, greater peace and stability and positive movements on a number of human development indicators. We recognise that sustaining this path and pace, though positive, is not sufficient for Africa to catch up, hence the need for radical transformation at all levels and in all spheres. Africa must therefore, consolidate the positive turn around, using the opportunities of demographics, natural resources, urbanization, technology and trade as a springboard to ensure its transformation and renaissance to meet the people's aspirations.
  - c. ***Lessons from global developmental experiences***, the significant advances by countries of the South to lift huge sections of their populations out of poverty, improve incomes and catalyse economic

and social transformation. We are part of the global drive through the United Nations and other multilateral organisations to find multi-lateral approaches to humanity's most pressing concerns including human security and peace, the eradication of poverty, hunger and disease, gender equality and climate change, as well as the Common African Position on the post-2015 Development Agenda.

- d. *Learning from past and present African development efforts and challenges and forging an African-centred approach to transformation*** which includes lessons from post-independence state and nation-building, industrialization and modernization efforts, the fight against disease, ignorance and poverty; and the push for integration, as captured in the OAU Charter, the Monrovia Declaration, the Lagos Plan of Action, the Abuja Treaty, the AU Constitutive Act and, NEPAD.
- e. *People-centred development, gender equality and youth empowerment***, which place the African people at the centre of all ***continental efforts, to ensure their participation in the transformation*** of the continent, and to build caring and inclusive societies. No society can reach its full potential, unless it empowers women and youth and removes all obstacles to women's full participation in all areas of human endeavours. Africa must provide an enabling environment for its women, children and young people to flourish and reach their full potential.
- f. *The changing global context***, and in our times the modern information revolution; globalization; changes in technology, production, trade, knowledge and labour markets; the opportunities presented by global demographic trends, urbanization and the growing global middle and working classes in the South; the move towards multi-polarity with strong elements of uni-polarism remaining, global security and the impact of climate change. Humanity today has the capacities, technology and know-how to ensure a decent standard of living and human security for all inhabitants of our earth. And yet children continue to die of preventable diseases; women continue to die whilst giving birth; hunger and malnutrition remain part of the human experience; and underdevelopment, fragility, marginalization and inequality between regions and countries and within countries persist.

**67** **Stress** that Agenda 2063 is:

- Our endogenous plan for transformation. It harnesses the continent's comparative advantages such as its people, history and cultures; its natural resources; its position and repositioning in the world to effect equitable and people-centred social, economic and technological transformation and the eradication of poverty. It seeks to fulfil our obligation to our children as an inter-generational compact, to develop Africa's human capital; build social assets, infrastructure and public goods; to empower women and youth; promote lasting peace and security; build effective developmental states and participatory and accountable institutions of governance.
- Africa's vision and roadmap for sequencing our sectoral and normative, national, regional and continental plans into a coherent whole.
- A call to action to all Africans and people of African descent, to take personal responsibility for the destiny of the continent and as the primary agents of change and transformation.
- A commitment from citizens, leadership, governments and institutions at national, regional and continental levels to act, coordinate, and cooperate for the realization of this vision.

**68.** **Note that** Agenda 2063 builds on the pledges made through the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Solemn Declaration.

**69.** **We are confident** that our peoples' aspirations and the dream of an Africa that is integrated, peaceful and prosperous is achievable, provided that we construct this future-based plan on actions taken now.

## A CALL TO ACTION

70. **We are deeply conscious** that Africa in 2015 stands at a crossroads and we are determined to transform the continent and ensure irreversible and universal change of the African condition.
71. **We recognize** that, although Island States face problems similar to other African countries, they nevertheless have their own peculiar characteristics, vulnerabilities and strengths, which have been taken into account in Agenda 2063.
72. **We hereby adopt** Agenda 2063, as a collective vision and roadmap for the next fifty years and therefore commit to speed-up actions to:
- a. Eradicate poverty in the coming decades* through enhanced investment in the productive capacities (skills and assets) of our people, improving incomes, creating jobs and providing basic necessities of life.
- b. Provide opportunities for all Africans to have decent and affordable housing in clean, secure and well planned environments by:*
- Providing access to affordable and decent housing to all in sustainable human settlements;
  - Ensuring effective and territorial planning and land tenure, use and management systems;
  - Ensuring balanced development of all human settlements while embracing a rural urban continuum; and
  - Improving the livelihoods of the great percentage of the people working and living in slums and informal settlements.
- c. Catalyse education and skills revolution and actively promote science, technology, research and innovation, to build knowledge, human capital, capabilities and skills to drive innovations and for the African century:*
- Expand universal access to quality early childhood, primary and secondary education;

- Expand and consolidate gender parity in education;
- Strengthen technical and vocational education and training through scaled up investments, establishment of a pool of high-quality TVET centres across Africa, foster greater links with industry and alignment to labour markets, with a view to improve the skills profile, employability and entrepreneurship of especially youth and women, and closing the skills gap across the continent;
- Build and expand an African knowledge society through transformation and investments in universities, science, technology, research and innovation; and through the harmonization of education standards and mutual recognition of academic and professional qualifications;
- Establish an African Accreditation Agency to develop and monitor educational quality standards, with a view to expanding student and academic mobility across the continent;
- Strengthen the Pan African University, build the Pan African Virtual University, and elevate Africa's role in global research, technology development and transfer, innovation and knowledge production; and
- Harness universities and their networks and other options to enable high quality university education.

***d. Transform, grow and industrialise our economies through beneficiation and value addition of natural resources:***

- Implementing the African Industrial Development Action Plan, the African Mining Vision at country, regional and continental level, in particular fast-tracking the establishment of the Centre for African Mineral Development;
- Implementing joint cross-border investments to exploit shared natural resources;
- Promoting social dialogue, sectoral and productivity plans and regional and commodity value chains to support the implementation of industrial policies at all levels, with focus on SMMEs and Agribusinesses;
- Establishing Commodity Exchanges for strategic African products;
- Developing strategies to grow the African Blue/ocean and Green economies;

- Developing the African Private sector through engagement and a conducive climate, fostering Pan-African businesses through the growth of regional manufacturing hubs and scaled up intra-Africa trade;
- Enhancing the productivity Agenda for Africa, as an essential engine for industrialization, progressively enhancing the competitiveness of the continent in the global economy; and
- Promoting macro-economic policies that facilitate growth, employment creation, investments and industrialisation.

**e. Consolidate the modernisation of African agriculture and agribusinesses**, through scaled up value addition and productivity, and by 2063:

- Completely eliminate hunger and food insecurity;
- Reduce the imports of food and raise intra-Africa trade in agriculture and food to 50% of total formal food and agricultural trade;
- Expand the introduction of modern agricultural systems, technology, practices and training, including the banishment of the hand-hoe;
- Develop and implement affirmative policies and advocacy to ensure women's increased access to land and inputs, and ensure that at least 30% of agricultural financing are accessed by women; and
- Economically empower women and youth by enhancing access to financial resources for investment.

**f. Act with a sense of urgency on climate change and the environment**, implementation of the Programme on Climate Action in Africa, including:

- Identification of five regional technology centres, linking with national designated climate technology entities;
- Programmes on climate change targeting women and youth;
- A climate resilient agricultural development programme such as CAADP;
- Sustainable forest management programmes;
- National adaptation plans, systems and structures (National Designated Authorities and Implementation Entities); and

- Sustainable exploitation and management of Africa's diversity for the benefit of its people.

**g. Connect Africa through world-class Infrastructure**, including interconnectivity between island states and the mainland, and with a concerted push to finance and implement the major infrastructure projects in:

- Transport: connecting all African capitals and commercial centres through the Africa Integrated High Speed Train Network, the PIDA transport corridors; improving the efficiency and connections of the African aviation sector and implementing the Yamoussoukro Declaration, and strengthening the African port and shipping sector as regional and continental assets.
- Energy: harnessing all African energy resources to ensure modern, efficient, reliable, cost-effective, renewable and environmentally friendly energy to all African households, businesses, industries and institutions, through building the national and regional energy pools and grids, and PIDA energy projects.
- ICT: a continent on equal footing with the rest of the world as an information society, an integrated e-economy where every government, business and citizen has access to reliable and affordable ICT services by increasing broadband penetration by 10% by 2018, broadband connectivity by 20 percentage points and providing access to ICT to children in schools and venture capital to young ICT entrepreneurs and innovators and migration to digital TV broadcasting by 2016.

**h. Fast-track the establishment of the Continental Free Trade Area** by 2017, a programme to double intra-Africa trade by 2022, strengthen Africa's common voice and policy space in global trade negotiations and establish the financial institutions within agreed upon timeframes.

**i. Support young people as drivers of Africa's renaissance**, through investment in their health, education and access to technology, opportunities and capital, and concerted strategies to combat youth unemployment and underemployment. Ensure faster movement on the harmonization of continental admissions, curricula, standards,

programmes and qualifications and raising the standards of higher education to enhance the mobility of African youth and talent across the continent.

- j. *Silence the guns by 2020, through enhanced dialogue-centred conflict prevention and resolution*** to make peace a reality for all our people. We pledge not to bequeath the burden of conflicts to the next generation of Africans by ending all wars in Africa by 2020. We shall establish an African Human Security Index (AHSI) to monitor progress.
- k. *Achieve gender parity in public and private institutions***, and the removal of all forms of gender discrimination in the social, cultural, economic and political spheres. Mobilise a concerted drive towards immediately ending child marriages, female genital mutilation and other harmful cultural practises that discriminate against women and girls.
- l. *Introduce an African Passport***, issued by Member States, capitalising on the global migration towards e-passports, and with the abolishment of visa requirements for all African citizens in all African countries by 2018.
- m. *Consolidate a democratic and people-centred Africa***, through the universal application of the normative framework of the African Governance Architecture, and all elections on the continent are free, fair and credible.
- n. *Enhance Africa's united voice in global negotiations***, through pooled sovereignty, integration and the development of common African positions. Increase Africa's visibility in global arena, and correct the historical injustice of Africa as the region without a permanent seat in the UN Security Council within the next decade.
- o. *Strengthen domestic resource mobilisation***, build continental capital markets and financial institutions, and reverse the illicit flows of capital from the continent, in order to:

- Build effective, transparent and harmonised tax and revenue collection systems and public expenditure;
- Reduce aid dependency;
- Enhance domestic savings;
- Eliminate all forms of illicit flows;
- Double the contribution of African capital markets in development financing;
- Render fully operational appropriate continental financial mechanisms/ institutions;
- Elevate Africa- multilateral lending institutions to global status;
- Reduce unsustainable levels of debts;
- Address the particular challenges of island states in continental and global development financial regimes;
- Create an enabling global environment for Africa's development, including the mobilisation of resources from all funding mechanisms for implementation of Africa's priorities as defined in Agenda 2063; and
- Take measures to ensure technology transfer, adaptation and support for innovation.

***p. Set up an implementation, monitoring, evaluation system, underpinned by accountability and transparency, to ensure the attainment of the Agenda 2063 Aspirations by:***

- Identifying leadership and stakeholders at the national, regional and continental levels and assigning roles and responsibilities to each of them;
- Providing broad policy guidelines that would be adopted/adapted by national, regional and continental stakeholders with respect to the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Agenda 2063;
- Conducting an institutional review of AU structures, processes and methods of work in relation to the implementation of Agenda 2063;
- Leveraging the strengths of the RECs as the focal point for coordinating the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Agenda 2063 at member states' level;

- Leveraging the strengths of AU institutions, such as African Union Commission (AUC), NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA), the Pan-African Parliament (PAP), Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC), STCs amongst others, to coordinate the implementation, monitoring and evaluation at the continental level;
- Leveraging the strengths of collaborators and other strategic partners, such as the African Development Bank (AfDB), the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), the Association of African Public Services Commissions (AAPSC) amongst others to assist the AU institutions in playing their roles effectively; and
- Organising an annual stakeholder platform to review the progress of implementation of Agenda 2063 at the national, regional and continental levels and submitting the outcome of these deliberations in the form of Annual Agenda 2063 State of the Union Report to the Assembly of the African Union.

**73. We are resolutely moving towards continental unity:** the speeding up of the regional integration process is a critical success factor for shared prosperity and peace. Political unity of Africa will be the culmination of the integration process, including the free movement of people, the establishment of the continental institutions, and full economic integration. By 2030, there shall be consensus on the form of the continental government and institutions.

## CRITICAL ENABLERS FOR AFRICA'S TRANSFORMATION

**74.** The determination, participation, self-reliance and solidarity of Africa's peoples and leadership are preconditions for success and we therefore recognize the following as critical enablers of continental transformation:

**a. The People's ownership and mobilisation:** The continuous mobilisation of the African people and the diaspora in various formations, effective communication and outreach, and sustained and inclusive social dialogue on Agenda 2063.

- b. African resources to finance its development:** Looking inwards to mobilise African resources to finance and accelerate its transformation, integration, peace, security, infrastructure, industrialization, democratic governance and strengthen continental institutions.
- c. Accountable leadership and responsive institutions:** Build visionary and accountable leadership, democratic and developmental governance and institutions, through robust and transparent planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms at all levels.
- d. Capable and democratic developmental states and institutions:** Revitalise African development planning capacities and rebuild career, professional and capable public services. Strengthen and transform regional and continental institutions and the manner in which we do business, so as to effectively lead and drive the agenda for transformation and integration.
- e. Changed attitudes and mind-sets,** to rekindle and strengthen Pan-African values of self-reliance, solidarity, hard work and collective prosperity, and build on African successes, experiences and best practices to forge the African model of development and transformation.
- f. A Pan-African perspective,** through solidarity, integration, implementation of our programmes and pooled sovereignty on critical issues of continental and global dimensions.
- g. Ownership of the African narrative and brand to ensure that it** reflects continental realities, aspirations and priorities and Africa's position in the world.
- h. African approach to development and transformation,** learning from the diverse, unique and shared experiences and best practices of various countries and regions as a basis of forging an African approach to transformation.

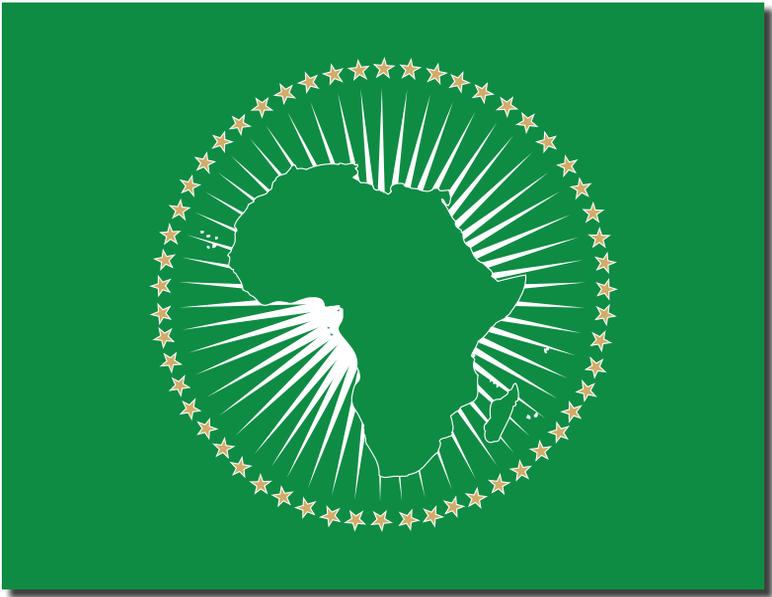
75. We reaffirm our pledge in the 50th Anniversary Solemn Declaration to immediately align and integrate Agenda 2063 in our national and regional development plans and ensure that we provide the AU Commission and

other regional and continental institutions with the necessary capacities and resources to effectively drive the implementation of Agenda 2063.

76. We call upon the international community to respect Africa's vision and aspirations and to align their partnerships appropriately. In this regard, we reaffirm the Rio principles of common, but differentiated responsibilities, the right to development and equity, mutual accountability and responsibility and policy space for nationally tailored policies and programmes on the continent.

***Our Journey towards the Africa of 2063 has started!***







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