

# **AGENDA 2063**

## **THE AFRICA WE WANT**

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# THE VOICES OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE

1. **The people of Africa and her Diaspora**, united in diversity, young and old, men and women, from all walks of life, deeply conscious of history, express their deep appreciation to all generations of Pan Africanists. In particular, to the founders of the Organisation of African Unity for having bequeathed an Africa free from slavery, colonialism and apartheid.
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 we must act now to shape the future we want. Fifty years after the first thirty-three (33) independent African states gathered in Addis Ababa to form the Organization of African Unity, we are looking ahead towards the next fifty years.
3. **We reviewed** past plans and commitments, and pledge to take into account the lessons as we implement Agenda 2063. These include putting 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, and holding ourselves and our governments and institutions accountable for results.
4. **We rededicated** 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 global 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 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 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 ideal 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 where development is people-driven, unleashing the potential of women and youth**
- 7) Africa as a strong, united 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, and where:
  - African people have a high standard of living, and quality of life, sound health and well-being;
  - Well educated citizens and skills revolution underpinned by science, technology and innovation for a knowledge society;
  - Cities and other settlements are hubs of cultural and economic activities, with modernized infrastructure, and people have access to all the basic necessities of life including shelter, 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 contribute to farmer and national prosperity and Africa's collective food security.
  - The environment and ecosystems are healthy and preserved, and 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 Blue economy, which is three times the size of its landmass, shall be a major contributor to continental transformation and growth, advancing 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.
15. 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 and 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.
16. 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 one voice and unity of purpose in advancing its position and interests on climate change.
17. 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**

18. 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.
19. ***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
  - Be a continent of seamless borders, and management of cross border resources through dialogue.

20. Africa shall be an integrated, united, sovereign, independent, confident and self-reliant continent.
21. 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 would 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 would be ended.
22. The political unity of Africa will be the culmination of the integration process, including the free movement of people, the establishment of continental institutions, and full economic integration. By 2030, there shall be consensus on the form of the continental government and institutions.
23. 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 strengthen Africa's place in global trade.
24. 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 Rail 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.
25. 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. African 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**

26. Africa shall have a universal culture of good governance, democratic values, gender equality, respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law.
27. ***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,

28. 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.
29. Africa will be a continent where the institutions are at the service of its people. Citizens will actively participate in 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.
30. There will be transformation 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**

31. By 2020 all guns will be silent.
32. Mechanisms for peaceful resolution of conflicts will be functional at all levels. 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 recognized 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 as a major threat to human security, peace and development. The continent will be drugs-free, with no human trafficking, and 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 tolerance and rejection of all forms of terrorism irrespective of their motivations.

39. By 2063, Africa will have the capacity to secure peace and protect its citizens and interests, through a common defense, foreign and security policy.

#### **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 shall be fully entrenched; and
- The African Renaissance has reached its peak.
- Our diversity in culture, heritage, languages and religion shall be a cause of strength.

42. Pan African ideals will be taught in all school curricular and Pan African cultural assets (heritage, folklore, languages, film, music, theater, literature, festivals, religions and spirituality.) will be enhanced. The African creative arts and industries will be celebrated throughout the continent and 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 artifacts 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 for a Pan African approach and the African Renaissance

45. Africa 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.

#### **ASPIRATION 6: AN AFRICA WHERE DEVELOPMENT IS PEOPLE-DRIVEN, UNLEASHING THE POTENTIAL OF ITS WOMEN AND YOUTH**

46. 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.

##### **47. *We aspire that by 2063, Africa:***

- Is People-centred and caring
- Puts children first
- Women are empowered and play their rightful role in all spheres of life
- Has full gender equality in all spheres of life

- Has engaged and empowered youth.
48. 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 a contract, register and manage a business. Rural women will have access to productive assets, including land, credit, inputs and financial services.
  49. All forms of violence and discrimination (social, economic, political) against women and girls will be eliminated and they will fully enjoy all their human rights. All harmful social practices (especially FGM) will be ended and barriers to quality health and education for women and girls eliminated.
  50. 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 would have been shattered.
  51. By 2063, African children and youth shall be empowered with full implementation of the African Charter on the Rights of the Child.
  52. Youth unemployment will be eliminated, and Africa's youth guaranteed full access to education, training, skills and technology, to health services, jobs and economic opportunities, recreational and cultural activities as well as to financial means to allow them to realize their full potential.
  53. 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 African youth shall be the driving force behind the continent's political, social, cultural and economic transformation.

## **ASPIRATION 7: AFRICA AS A STRONG, UNITED AND INFLUENTIAL GLOBAL PLAYER AND PARTNER**

54. 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.
55. ***We aspire that by 2063***, Africa shall be:
  - A major social, political and economic force in the world, and with her rightful share of the global commons (land, oceans and space,).
  - An active and equal participant in global affairs, multilateral institutions, a driver for peaceful co-existence, tolerance and a sustainable and just world.
  - Fully capable and have the means to finance her development;
56. Africa will take its rightful place in the political, security, economic, and social systems of global governance towards the realization of its Renaissance and establishing Africa as a leading continent. We undertake to continue the global struggle against all forms of racism and discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerances; advance international



cooperation that promotes and defends Africa's interests, is mutually beneficial and aligned to our Pan Africanist vision; continue to speak with one voice and act collectively to promote our common interests and positions in the international arena.

57. Africa shall continue to advocate for the reform of the United Nations and other global institutions; with particular reference to the UN Security Council, in order to correct the historical injustice with Africa as the only region not represented on the Council.

58. 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.

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