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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

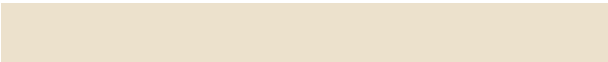
colonialism and apartheid. Agenda 2063, rooted in Pan Africanism and African Renaissance, provides a robust framework for addressing past injustices and the realisation of the 21st Century as the African Century.

the Pan-African call that Africa must unite in order to realize its in their hands, and that they must act now to shape the future they want. Fifty decision to form the Organization of African Unity, we are looking ahead

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 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.

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.”*



Our united voices paint a picture of what we desire for ourselves, for future generations and the continent.

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.



with modernized infrastructure, and people have access to affordable 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.

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.

Africa's collective GDP will be proportionate to her share of the world's population and natural resource endowments.

Africa's agriculture will be modern and productive, using science, technology, innovation and indigenous knowledge. The hand hoe will be banished by youths and women.

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

it bears the brunt of the impact of climate change. Africa shall address the global challenge of climate change by prioritizing adaptation in all our actions,

the most vulnerable populations, including islands states, and for sustainable development and shared prosperity.

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.

Africa shall have equitable and sustainable use and management of water resources for socio-economic development, regional cooperation and the environment.

An integrated continent, politically united, based on the ideals of Pan-Africanism and the vision of Africa's Renaissance

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

including gender, racial and other forms of discrimination will be ended.

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.

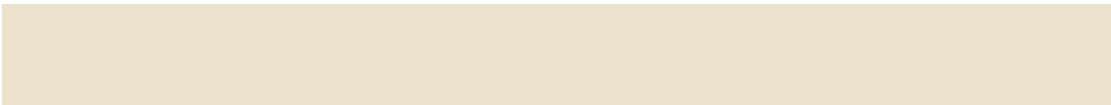
Africa shall be a continent where the free movement of people, capital, goods

African countries rising to unprecedented levels, and in the strengthening of Africa's place in global trade.

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 the 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.

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 gross value added (GVA) will rise from 11.8% in 2013 to 18.6% by 2045. Africa's share of global gross value added (GVA) will rise from 11.8% in 2013 to 18.6% by 2045.



Corruption and impunity will be a thing of the past.

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 democratic, and accountable.

national and local levels.

A peaceful and secure Africa

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.

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

Africa shall have:

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.

We recognize that a prosperous, integrated and united Africa, based on good governance, democracy, social inclusion and respect for human rights, justice free continent.


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.

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.

Africa's women and youth shall play an important role as drivers of change.

Africa shall be:

A major social, political and economic force in the world, with her rightful



the Heads of State and Government of the African Union assembled for the 24th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union in January 2015, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;

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 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-centered 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

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.

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

inter-generational compact, to develop Africa's human capital; build social

assets, infrastructure and public goods; 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.

Agenda 2063 builds on the pledges made through the 50th Anniversary Solemn Declaration.

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;

women's increased access to land and inputs, and ensure that at least 30%

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:

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;

Sustainable exploitation and management of Africa's diversity for the

g. Connect Africa through world-class Infrastructure, including interconnectivity

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 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, 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 Africans by ending all wars in Africa by 2020. We shall establish an African

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-centered 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

continent, in order to:

Build effective, transparent and harmonised tax and revenue collection systems and public expenditure;

Reduce aid dependency;

Enhance domestic savings;

Double the contribution of African capital markets in development

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

Create an enabling global environment for Africa's development, including the mobilisation of resources from all funding mechanisms for

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 points for coordinating the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Agenda 2063 at member states' level;

Leveraging the strengths of AU institutions, such as African Union

monitoring and evaluation at the continental level;
Leveraging the strengths of collaborators and other strategic partners, such

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.

We are resolutely moving towards continental unity: the speeding up of the



- 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* 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.

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.

We call upon the international community to respect Africa's vision and aspirations and to align their partnerships appropriately. In this regard, we

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...

*Agenda 2063 is gaining momentum,
...It is time for action:*

Be part of the transformation!



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