African Union Foundation

Mobilising resources for African development

AU FOUNDATION

Youth development and entrepreneurship

Investment in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

Mobilisation of resources

Resources to fund Africa's developmental programmes as outlined in Agenda 2063

Women and Youth empowerment

Eradication of the hand-held hoe & Mechanisation of Agriculture



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MISSION

The AU Foundation's mission is to mobilise resources in support of the AU's vision of an intergrated, people centered and prosperous Africa at peace with itself and taking its rightful place in the world.

DEFINING OUR GOALS

The AU Foundation was established by the African Union as part of promoting domestic resource mobilisation for African development. A key priority is to advocate for partnershis with the private sector that will see inclusive economic development and growth, the growth of African business, intra-African trade and shared prosperity.

THE GOALS OF THE AU FOUNDATION ARE TO:

- Mobilise resources from the private sector, philanthropists, individuals, donors within Africa, the diaspora and globally
- Build partnerships with the private sector towards Africa's common prosperity and development.
- Connect people ideas, initiatives, and resources for Africa's development and Agrnda 2063
- Advicate for the African Union and support its programmes.

PRIORITY PROGRAMMES

The AU Foundation will fund programmes and initiatives in pursuit of Agenda 2063, with specific emphasis on the folliwing areas:

1. Skills and human resource development.
2. Youth development and entrepreneurship.
3. Women's empowerment and gender equality.
4. Promoting intergration and the management of diversity.
5. Advocasy and support for the African Union.

OUR JOURNEY

From the conceptualisation of the African Union Foundation

2012

The seed is sown by AU Commission Chairperson Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, with a commitment to domestic resource mobilisation as one of the priorities for the term of office of the Commission.

MAY 2013

The 50th Anniversary of the OAU/AU Declaration reaffirms African commitment to self-reliance as a key tenet of Pan Africanism The Summit on this occasion adopts the Obasanjo report on Alternative Sources of Funding the AU and its programmes, including the decision to form the AU Foundation

JAN 2014

African Union Foundation is registered as a Foundation in Mauritius

MAY 2014

First Counsil meeting is convened in Kwa Dukuza, South Africa

08 NOV 2014

Ebola intervention with the private sector, more than $34 million raised. The Africa Against Ebola Solidarity Trust is established

12 NOV 2014

African Women in Business breakfast takes place in Johannesburg to introduce the AU Foundation and also engage women on Africa's development priorities.

31 JAN 2015

The AU Foundation is launched in Ethiopia during the AU Summit.

20 MAY 2015

CEO and two directors are appointed at the Council meeting in CapeTown, South Africa

12 JUN 2015

AU Summit Presidential Golf Day

13 JUN 2015

AU Foundation Gala Dinner is held in Johannesburg, South Africa

14 JUN 2015

Campaign to consign the handheld hoe to the museum, launched by Dr. Dlamini Zuma

07 SEP 2015

Secretariat moves offices to DBSA in Midrand, South Africa

30 OCT 2015

The AU Foundation participated in the annual African Film Festival hosted by the Royal Africa Society in London.

09 NOV 2015

Young Professionals join the Foundation from the AU-YVC Programme

DEC 2015

The AU Foundation hosts the 6th Youth Volunteer Corp pre-deployment orientation session in Johannesburg, South Africa

25 FEB 2016

Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission, H.E. Erastus Mwencha and the AU Foundation team, conclude an official visit on hosting of the inaugural African Economic Platform in Mauritius.

26 FEB 2016

President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, HE Robert Mugabe, hands over a gift of 300 cattle to the AU Foundation in Harare.

27 APR 2016

AU Foundation COO, Dumisani Mngadi, is invited to deliver an address at the 5th Cairo Womens Empowerment Summit, Egypt

31 JAN 2017

The AU Foundation, AU Commission and Mauritius sign a host-country agreement in preparation for the inaugural African Economic Platform.

20 MAR 2017

The inaugural African Economic Platform is successfully launched in Port Louis, Mauritius.

03 JUL 2017

H.E. President Robert Mugabe hands over a cheque of US$1 million, proceeds from the cattle he donated to resource the AU Foundation, during the AU Summit in Addis Ababa.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

The AU Foundation is governed by a Council. The Council is made up of African leaders from various sectors and regions of the continent, as well as representatives from the African diaspora. Council Members bring a wealth of experience, expertise and achievement in areas such as government, business, resource mobilisation, academia, civil society leadership and philanthropy



Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma
Chairperson (outgoing) Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma is an undisputed trailblazer in the upliftment and empowerment of women across the African continent. Dlamini Zuma was elected chairperson of the African Union Commission by the heads of state in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 2012.



Dr Luísa Diogo
Deputy Chairperson Luísa Diogo is the former prime minister of Mozambique. She served in the position from 2004 to 2010. Her career has spanned work in the public, private and NGO sectors.



Dr Chris Kirubi
Treaurer Chris Kirubi is a leading Kenyan entrepreneur with investments in the media, manufacturing, property management, insurance and investment sectors.



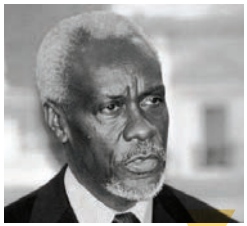
Cheryl Carolus
Cheryl Carolus is the executive chair of Peotona Group Holdings, a women-owned company with assets in resources and infrastructure feeder industries.



Professor Alpha Oumar Konaré
Professor Alpha Oumar Konaré served as president of Mali from 1992 to 2002. At the end of his second term as Malian president, Konaré went on to chair the African Union Commission from 2003 until 2008.



Dr Bhekinkosi Moyo
Author, researcher and thought leader, Dr Bhekinkosi Moyo is the chief executive of the Southern African Trust, an organisation that supports deeper policy engagements in regional integration.



Most Honourable PJ Patterson
Most Honourable PJ Patterson is a former prime minister of Jamaica. He served an unprecedented four terms, from 1992 until 2006. He is a member of the Global Leadership Foundation.



Dr Clément Mouamba
Dr Clément Mouamba is the prime minister of the Republic of the Congo. Mouamba is a former finance minister, having served from 1992 until 1993.



Dr Amany Asfour
Dr Amany Asfour is a medical doctor and entrepreneur who has contributed immensely to the empowerment of women in business during her career. She is the president of the Egyptian Business Women Association.



Dr Ntombifuthi Mtoba
Dr Ntombifuthi Mtoba is president and founder of TEACH South Africa, an organisation recruiting skilled teachers in the areas of Maths, Science, Technology and English for underprivileged schools.

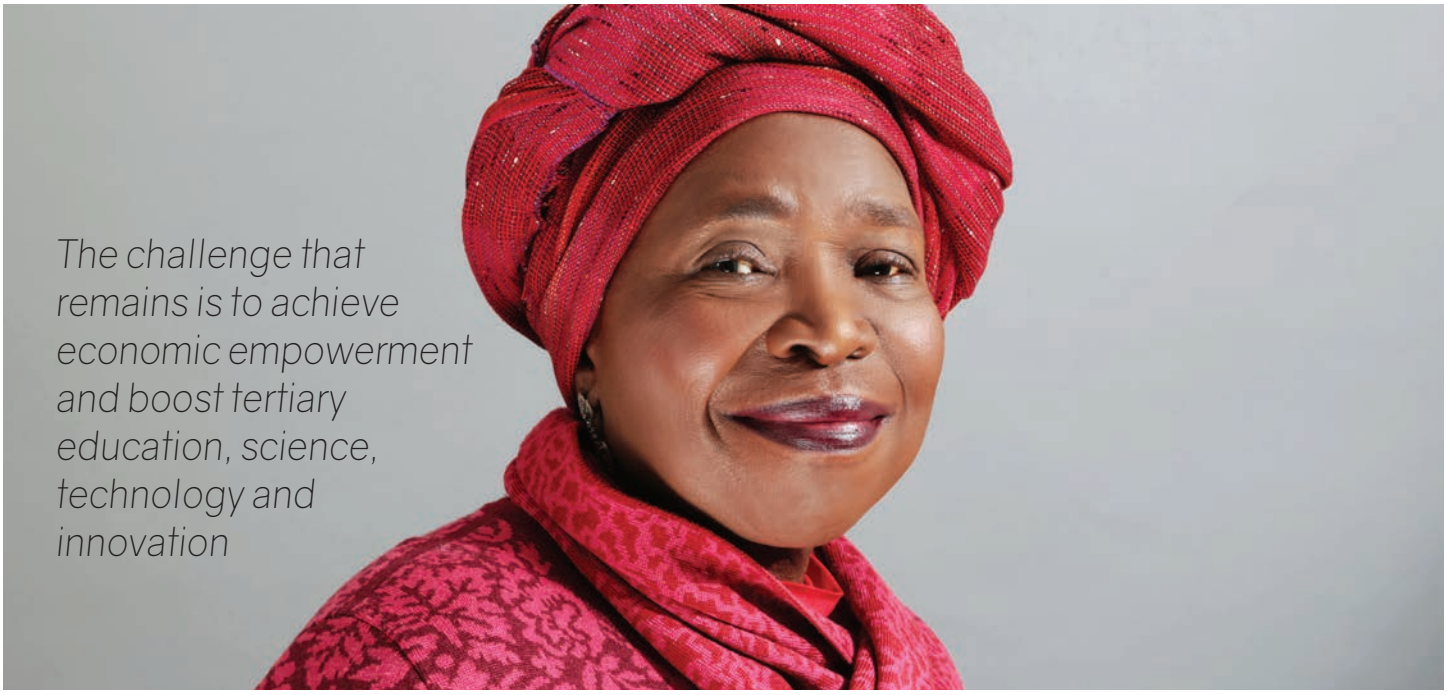
André Pienaar
André Pienaar is a private investor in specialist areas of technology. He is a founder of C5 Capital Limited. He is a trustee of several African charities.



Dr Charles Chinedu Okeahalam
Dr Charles Chinedu Okeahalam is a Nigerian economist and businessman. He co-founded the investment firm AGH Capital Group in 2002.



Goodwill Ambassador AMB Carl Masters
Ambassador Carl Masters is a Jamaican businessman and co-founder of GoodWorks International - a global agency dedicated to economic development of Africa and the Caribbean. Ambassador Masters mobilises resources on behalf of the AU Foundation.



CHAIRPERSON'S NOTE

The establishment of the AU Foundation in May 2013 by an AU Assembly decision, was a major step towards developing African capacity to mobilise local and international resources for Africa's development. This strategic plan provides space for the Foundation to play its facilitating role, especially, with respect to mobilising resources from the private sector, philanthropists, individual donors, member states within the diaspora and globally, to fund African development.

This plan comes at a groundbreaking point in the history of the African continent when Africa is making steady and rapid progress in economic growth, social development and democratisation, development of human capital, and fostering peace and stability. The challenge that remains is to achieve economic empowerment and boost tertiary education, science, technology and innovation. Capacities are needed for Africa to turn its challenges into opportunities. The work of the Foundation is to accelerate the progress towards an integrated, prosperous and inclusive Africa that is at peace with itself, playing a dynamic role in the continental and global arena, as outlined in Agenda 2063.

Over the next five years, the Foundation will seek to accelerate progress towards a prosperous and integrated Africa while paying particular attention to women and the youth.
The Foundation is focused on addressing three key priorities which are:
1. To promote Science and Technology education amongst young people; including Technical training linked to cross-cutting skills in specific industries.
2. Women and youth in Agriculture (eradication of the handheld hoe).
3. Mobilise resources and promote partnerships with the Private Sector.

The plan is fully results-based and focused on delivering concrete and clearly measurable targets. By adopting this approach, we are further consolidating the shift to a results-based or a performance management culture. As with any plan, the right set of conditions must be in place to guarantee success. We shall deploy special efforts, starting with popularising this plan, to increase the visibility of the work of the Foundation to African citizens.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the AU Foundation's Council and team for their efforts and contributions to enriching and making the AU Foundation more focused and responsive.

Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma
Chairperson

Dumisani Mngadi
Chief Operations Officer

Mngadi boasts a rich history in the academic and development sectors across the African continent and beyond its borders. A conscientious pan-Africanist, he strongly believes in Africa's ability to find its own solutions and implement these to resolve continental challenges. Mngadi was an integral part of the establishment of the AU Foundation and continues to leverage his knowledge and experience to provide oversight of its operations, including programming and management of its projects. He recently led the AU Foundation to host a successful inaugural African Economic Platform, a platform that brought together African Heads of State, business and academic leaders and youth from the continent to come up with solutions of Africa's developmental programmes.

Margaret Canca
Chief Fundraising Officer

Canca has a unique ability to engage with people from all sectors and identify linkages and strategic funding and philanthropic opportunities that add value to all parties. She directs the Foundation fundraising and sponsorship efforts. With more than 15 years of local and international experience in events, golf and marketing, Canca brings an amazing skill set and extensive government knowledge that gives the AU Foundation the ability to quickly adapt in a fast developing continent.

Vuyo Solomon
Finance and Administration Officer

Solomon has a wealth of experience from the development sector. An all rounder, she has a great aptitude for numbers and experience in Financial Management for NGO's . Before joining the AU Foundation in 2016, Solomon fulfilled different roles including those of Office Administrator and Personal Assistant at Amnesty International South Africa; Treatment Action Campaign and Independent Electoral Commission.

Saminas Belaynh Seyfu
Fundraising Officer

Belaynh Seyfu is a banker with a passion for youth development. Belaynh Seyfu holds a BA degree in Business Management from Debre Birhan University in Ethiopia and joined the AU Foundation as an AU-YVC volunteer. During his tenure at the AU Foundation, he served as a fundraising officer and also played an active role in the AU Foundation's Youth Development programs where he drafted concept notes and represented the AU Foundation at various youth platforms.

Mohamed Naeim
Project Development Officer

Naeim earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Studies from Cardiff Metropolitan University, in the UK, and a Master's degree in International Development Management from the University of Nottingham, in Malaysia. He has a considerable experience in the non-profit sector gained in South Africa, the Philippines, Malaysia and the Republic of Sudan. He joined the AU Foundation as an AU-YVC volunteer and his role was that of a Project Development Officer. He co-managed the Eradication of the Handheld hoe project.

AU FOUNDATION TEAM



Dumisani Mngadi



Margaret Canca



Vuyo Solomon



Mohamed Naeim



Saminas Belaynh Seyfu

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The African Economic Platform will mobilise the private sector to play its role in driving the economy of the continent within a policy framework that is set by AU member states and is also informed by what our universities, our thinkers and citizens are doing.

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Dr Bhekinkosi Moyo
Executive Director of the Southern Africa Trust and AU Foundation Council Member

Introduction to the inaugural African Economic Platform

One of the lessons learnt after the celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of the OAU/ AU was that Africa has to take charge of its development if it is to meet the expectation of ever becoming "An integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the global arena." The continent needs to set its agenda and take responsibility for its development, to find African solutions to our challenges and mobilise domestic and other resources for its needs, based on a set of ideals and priorities that reflect the values and aspirations of Africans.

The African Economic Platform (AEP) will institutionalise a new annual platform for African leaders and create an avenue for dialogue amongst a range of sectors, including the African political leadership, business leaders in the private sector, universities and intellectuals. These sectors are critical to the economic transformation agenda:

- The private sector because of its role in investment, industrialisation and intra-African trade;
- The higher education sector for its role in skills development, research and innovation; and
- Governments to ensure the implementation of fiscal and macro-economic policies and other environments for economic transformation.

The AEP is an initiative driven by Africans to provide the policy space for Africans across sectors, to set their own agenda and explore realistic continental and global opportunities and options for implementing this agenda. It will operate within the framework of the implementation of the African Union (AU) Agenda 2063 and other progressive decisions and programs designed to promote African integration and development. Each Forum will set measurable short to medium term milestones and establish a clear road map for achieving them. The forum will also act as a lobby and advocacy platform to influence the agenda of the AU Summit and other world summits for the fast tracking of African integration and development. The Inaugural African Economic Platform will be launched from 20 – 22 March, 2017 in Mauritius as per Decision EX.CL/Dec.924 (XXIX) adopted during the 29th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council, in Kigali, Rwanda, in July 2016. The outcomes of the AEP shall be endorsed through an AU Summit decision.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE AEP

1. Undertake constructive multi stakeholder dialogues around common themes for Africa, led by Africans and to influence continental policy by engaging directly with African leaders on matters of mutual interest.
2. Establish multi-country multi-sector priorities and plans for common action with clear mechanisms for follow up.
3. Work with African leaders to remove policy obstacles for doing business in Africa, increasing the investment attractiveness of the continent, the implementation of strategies for economic diversification and industrialisation, and domestic and other resource mobilisation.
4. To advocate for the removal of barriers that hamper communication and the flow of goods, people and services across the continent, create common platforms for articulating common African positions on global affairs and increase global awareness of Africa's emerging role in world affairs.
5. Leverage the potential of the African Diaspora to participate and advocate for Africa's integration and development.
6. Drive efforts to mobilise domestic resources by the African Union to support the priority actions as defined by the AEP under the auspices of Agenda 2063.
7. Drive the implementation of policies for inclusive growth.


African
Economic
Platform
Industrialisation
Intra-African Trade
Skills Development
Free Movement of People and Goods

"Our key objectives include undertaking constructive multi stakeholder dialogues around common themes for Africa, led by Africans and to influence continental policy by engaging directly with African leaders on matters of mutual interest," – H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the AU Commission.



Inaugural African Economic Platform held in Mauritius from 20 - 22 March 2017

African leaders took a bold step towards driving its own integration and development agenda, at the inaugural African Economic Platform (AEP), a forum that brings together government, business and academic leaders to have frank discussion on Africa's development Agenda, held from the 20 - 22 March 2017.

An annual event, the AEP will provide an environment for constructive multi-stakeholder dialogues around common themes for Africa led by Africans, and ultimately influence continental policy. This year's discussions covered Industrialisation, Intra-African trade, Skills development and Free movement of people and goods across the continent.

While making his welcome address, the Hon. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, Prime Minister of Mauritius noted that the launch of the AEP marked a paradigm shift and the opening of a new chapter in the history of the African Union. The Hon. Prime Minister noted that the AEP is a step in the right direction as it allows stakeholders in Africa to pull their resources together to achieve a common set of goals and unity of purpose and action was a key ingredient to ensuring Africa caught up with the rest of the world, and more importantly becomes a strong and resilient power in the global landscape.

The Hon. Prime Minister also used the occasion to remind the audience that Africa's financial and economic independence also requires complete political independence and full sovereignty over its territory.

The Hon. Dr Louisa Diogo, former Prime Minister of Mozambique and Deputy

"Africa is a land of limitless opportunities and resources but we still export raw materials. Therefore, we need to manufacture high quality and high standard African products, boost intra-African trade, remove trade barriers and promote easer cross-border movement,"

– H.E. Pravind Jugnauth, Prime Minister of Mauritius

Chairperson of the AU Foundation, highlighted the potential role of the African private sector in raising and deploying resources to support continental development efforts. She recalled the fight against Ebola in 2014-15, when the African private sector raised over 34M USD and supported the deployment of over 800 health workers to fight the disease in the worst affected countries.

The Hon. Dr Sibusiso Dlamini, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Swaziland, gave a welcome statement on behalf of the Bureau of The African Union. Hon. Dr Dlamini noted that for far too long Africa had sat on the sidelines of global forums where issues of investment, business opportunities and economic development in Africa are discussed, but which may not of necessity prioritise Africa's drive for inclusive growth and development. The AEP was therefore a clear message to the world that Africa was now looking inwards and looking to work collaboratively as policy makers, investors and skills enablers to determine how to attain the Pan African Vision of Agenda 2063 .

In his keynote address the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC), H.E Mr Moussa Faki Mahamat, noted that it was unacceptable that Africa with a vibrant population of over one billion, 60% of whom are youth, with one-sixth of the world's arable land, huge natural resources, is still fragmented into 55 weak and small markets with divergent and conflicting economic policies and prescriptions, and accounts for just over 2% of global trade, resulting in the marginalisation of Africa in the global system. The AEP was therefore a great opportunity to reaffirm Africa's determination to shape its destiny and to take responsibility by finding African solutions to African problems.

Also present at the opening session was H.E. President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe and from the private sector were Mr. Tony Elumelu of Chairman of Heirs Holdings and the Tony Elumelu Foundation, Dr. Chris Kirubi Chairman Centum Investments, Dr. Kelvin Kemm, Chairperson South African Nuclear Energy Corporation (Necsa), Mr. Vuyani Jarana, CO Vodacom Group.



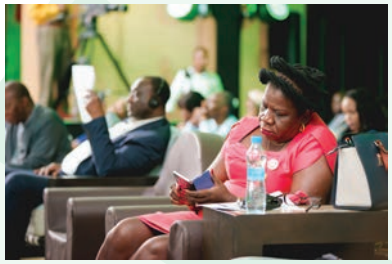


















“The AU Foundation was formed to find new ways of generating resources from within Africa and fund African developmental programmes as well as support the AU’s vision of an Africa that is at peace with itself.”

H.E. Dr Louisa Diogo

Former Prime Minister of Mozambique and Deputy Chairperson of the AU Foundation

RESOURCE MOBILISATION

AU Foundation golf day and fundraising gala dinner

In June 2015 during the AU Summit in Johannesburg, the AU Foundation hosted two major fundraising initiatives, the AU Summit Presidential Golf Day and a Fundraising Gala Dinner. Through a combination of golf packages and pledges, the Foundation received commitments estimated at $ 2.5 Million(US).

















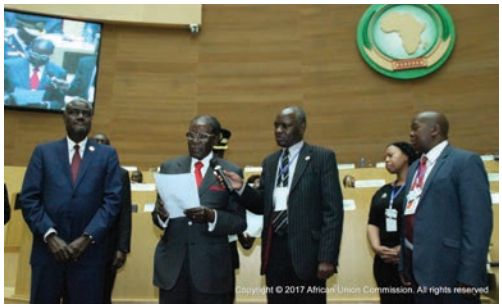




RESOURCE MOBILISATION

Zimbabwe donates cattle to resource the AU Foundation

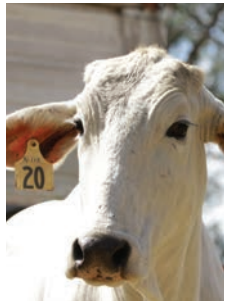




















President Mugabe supports the AU Foundation's resource mobilisation initiative through a donation of 300 cattle for auction

The AU Fountdation , the institution charged with promoting domestic resource mobilisation for African development has received a donation of 300 head of cattle from H.E. President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe.

The donation was pledged by President Mugabe during his tenure as the AU Chairperson during the 25th AU Summit, held in Johannesburg, South Africa and proceeds from the auction will be used to raise funds to support the initiatives of the AU Foundation.

The 300 cattle will be auctioned in a series of events set to take place in Zimbabwe throughout the month of May. The first two auction took place in Harare, Zimbabwe's capital city and Gweru in the midlands which were transformed into a hive of activity as they hosted the auctions.

Speaking during the auctions, Mr. Dumisani Mngadi, the AU Foundation's Chief Operations Officer expressed gratitude to Zimbabweans for this gesture. With a population of over 1 billion, Africa needs to take a lead in financing its own developmental programmes.

Mr. Mngadi further said, "To develop and realise the vision set out in Agenda 2063, Africans need to finance their own programmes. Institutions like the AU cannot rely heavily on funding from countries outside our continent as the model is not sustainable. We need to be innovative and come up with African solutions to our African challenges. When making the pledge, H.E. President Mugabe reminded us that Africans are cattle people, and that we measure our prosperity by the herd of our cattle. This donation speaks to Africans being innovative and coming up with African solutions to our African challenges. It also explores creative alternative sources of funding."

Mr. Mngadi added that the proceeds from the auctions will fund the AU Foundation youth and women empowerment programmes such as the project to Eradicate the hand-held hoe as a way of transforming subsistence agriculture on the continent through mechanisation to ensure that women farmers have higher yields and the African Youth Innovation Project that was unveiled at the African Economic Platform in Mauritius, in March 2017. Mr. Mngadi called on other African nations to follow in the Zimbabwean example to resource the AU Foundation. Leading the auctions on behalf of the Government of Zimbabwe, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Simbarashe S. Mumbengegwi, said Zimbabwean farmers supported the president's gesture and offered to volunteer cattle from their ranches to add to those donated by the president.

"President Mugabe takes our (AU) organisation's interests very seriously and they are very close to his heart. He has always been a strong voice in Africans financing their own organisation and would say whoever pays the piper chooses the tune. Therefore, as long as outsiders finance our institutions they will dictate the agenda. This donation to the AU Foundation is an indication of how seriously he takes self-financing," said Hon.Mr. Mumbengegwi.

The proceeds that will be generated from the auctions will be presented during the AU Summit, scheduled to take place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in July 2017

The AU Foundation was established by the African Union as part of promoting domestic resource mobilisation for African development. The Foundation was officially launched on 30 January 2015 during the 24th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The Foundation aims to engage Africa's private sector, African citizens, communities, and leading African philanthropists to generate resources and provide valuable insight on ways in which their success can accelerate Africa'ts development.



“As an African and a farmer, a donation of cattle came natural to me given that our continent is rich in cattle and cattle are held as a store of wealth.”

HIS EXCELLENCY R.G. MUGABE
President of The Republic of Zimbabwe

Remarks by the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, H.E. R.G. Mugabe on the occasion of the cattle donation to the AU Foundation: 03 July 2017, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



Your Excellency, Professor Alpha Conde, President of the Republic of Guinea and Chair of the African Union; Your Excellencies, Heads of State and Government; Your Excellency, Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission; Excellencies; Ladies and Gentlemen.

In June 2015,I attended a fund raising dinner hosted by the AU Foundation, on the margins of the 24th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union, held in Johannesburg, South Africa.You will recall that the 24th Assembly, which I had the pleasure to preside over, was dominated by the debate on alternative and innovative ways of financing our Union. In the spirit of the occasion, I pledged 300 cattle from my personal herd towards capacitating the then newly established AU Foundation. You see, as an African and a farmer, a donation of cattle came natural to me given that our continent is rich in cattle and cattle are held as a store of wealth.

When I returned to Zimbabwe and informed my Party and People of this pledge, they said to me; “Comrade President this is a very innovative idea for a very noble cause and we would like to be part of it”. They therefore joined hands and mobilised more cattle, over and above my personal pledge, that were then auctioned across the country in order to augment my contribution. The AU Foundation Chief Operations Officer, Mr Dumisani Mngadi visited Zimbabwe in May 2017 and witnessed first-hand some of these cattle sales. I was most gratified that this noble cause had resonated well with my Party and People who made it possible for my initial pledge to be more than doubled.

Your Excellencies, I am aware that this humble gesture on our part has no universal application but it demonstrates what is possible when we apply our minds to the most urgent task before us of finding alternative and innovative ways of funding our Union and in particular our Agenda 2063. As I have said before in this Assembly, unless and until we can fund our own programmes, the African Union will not be truly our own.

The historic decision we took in Johannesburg to progressively increase our assessed contributions to the African Union so that we can, in the next five years, finance 100% of our operational budget, 75% of our programme budget and 25% of our peacekeeping budget is the beginning of the restoration of our dignity and integrity as a continent. It is never going to be easy to wean ourselves from the donor dependence syndrome but we need to forge ahead for our sake and that of future generations. This modest contribution I am making today is a symbolic step in that direction.

And so today, as I honour the pledge I made almost a year and a half ago, I would like to challenge all of us here present, and the African citizenry at large to contribute each and in his or her own way to the AU Foundation for the development of this great continent of ours. Together, let us build our continent brick by brick, stone by stone until we achieve “ the Africa we want” as envisaged on our blueprint Agenda 2063.

With these few remarks it is my pleasure and privilege to handover to you, Your Excellency, Mr Chairman, a cheque of One million United States Dollars being proceeds of the Sale of cattle for the capacitation of the AU Foundation.

I thank you.

“We welcome the willingness shown by big businesses on the continent in helping to restore normality to the regions where Ebola has had a major socio-economic impact. The pride of the African continent lies in our commitment to help other Africans.”

Dr. Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson
- AU Commission and AU Foundation.

Africa Unites Against Ebola

"As we salute the people and governments of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, and the contributions of so many different individuals, countries, institutions and the private sector, and we formally end this mission, we can say with confidence that solidarity is alive, and that we care and will continue to care,"
– Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, *AU Commission chairperson.*

Under the auspice of the AU Foundation, the Africa Against Ebola Solidarity Trust was formed to mobilise resources to send health workers from the continent to the Ebola affected areas. African governments, corporations and citizens partnered in the fight against Ebola. Over US$34-million was raised and more than 850



African health workers dispatched to the most-affected countries, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. One of the successful efforts in the fight against Ebola was an SMS campaign that was launched by mobile networks to raise funds. Donations made to the cause went towards providing the required equipment and medical facilities as well as to send healthcare volunteers to affected countries. The devastation caused by the Ebola outbreak called for a united front from Africa and the world. African Union member states and citizens demonstrated their solidarity in their effective response to the epidemic. Following the outbreak in 2013, Ebola killed more than 11 300 people, devastated communities and economies of the affected countries. In January 2016, the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared the three affected countries Ebola Free.

The AU and the WHO commended the governments and the people on their response to Ebola. The AU marked the end of its Ebola mission at the end of January 2016 in an event held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia."As we salute the people and governments of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, and the contributions of so many different individuals, countries, institutions and the private sector, and formally end this mission, we can say with confidence that solidarity is alive, and that we care and will continue to care,"
said Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma,
AU Commission chairperson.

EBOLA: PERSONAL REFLECTIONS



Carl Manlan
Former Executive Secretary Africa Against Ebola Trust

The African Union called on African solidarity to turn the Ebola Virus Disease tide in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. The response was phenomenal because citizens across Africa felt part of the solution proposed by the African Union. It was simple, clear and focused on the basics of human interaction. The call echoed the work already performed by the first respondent communities! As Africans organised themselves, they identified the gap in the international response in order to make the collective effort a success in averting the number of lives lost and economies disrupted. In doing so, I think that we need to take note of three key successes.

"It was never going to be about the funds raised but more about the generosity of Africans who were given an opportunity to vote on continental matters with their purse. Crowdfunding landed in Africa for our brothers and sisters in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone."

Success One First, 100 African health workers volunteered their expertise within two weeks of the establishment of the African Union Support to Ebola in West Africa (ASEOWA). The surge that followed from Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe put 856 health workers from 18 African countries where it mattered most. Individual leadership for a common enemy freed Liberia, Sierra Leone and while we awaited for the final victory in Guinea.

Success Two Mobile network operators cooperated across Africa to allow ordinary citizens to take part in this continental effort spearheaded by the African Union. It was never going to be about the funds raised but more about the generosity of Africans who were given an opportunity to vote on continental matters with their purse. Crowdfunding landed in Africa for our brothers and sisters in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. Through the platform, Africans gave a significant token of appreciation for a cause that dented the African narrative.

Success Three The business community came together to create Africa Against Ebola Solidarity Trust. A financing mechanism which changed the narrative about health financing in Africa. African

Corporate Social Responsibility in times of crisis did not falter. Calls were made; business people came to Addis Ababa, on 8 November 2014, with a personal and financial commitment that made Africa's response to a global health issue a tangible reality. This was a moment when the political, intellectual and business elite of the continent marched hand in hand with communities singing in unison **#AfricaAgainstEbola**. There are many lessons from this African union of minds, pockets and voices. It showed us that it is possible to stand united for a cause that reminded us of the fragility of our foundations. Until all Africans are standing, we are not strong and we are not transforming the continent. We also learned that it is possible to respond with African resources to a virus that, like HIV/AIDS, threatened, the fabric of our societies.

By avoiding body contact, we eroded the essence of the epidemic. We look forward to a healthier Africa, where all citizens are focused on creating wealth in times of vibrant economic activity. It was revealed that it is possible to prevent future epidemics by making the African Centre for Disease Control a reality. In the age of mobile technology and applications, it is less about the bricks but more about the technology that disseminate transactional information for real time action.

The world cannot wait for another outbreak to make cash available. But the world can stand, with Africa, like it did with Ebola and other issues for which we took leadership in order to make our Africa, a stronger wealthy community. We, as Africans and members of the international community, turned the tide on the Ebola Virus Disease. As Ebola survivors, we ought not lose sight of the fact that we survived where others perished and for that we owe it to the next generation to finally make the AU Foundation a spring for future generations.





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ERADICATION
OF THE HANDHELD HOE



AU Commission Chairperson, **Dr Dlamini Zuma,** *hands over 54 tillers to heads of state at the AU Summit in Johannesburg.*

Photographer: Kristin Palitza/IPS

Statement by H.E. Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma on the eradication of the handheld hoe.

Agriculture is indeed one of the priorities that, if properly taken into account, will be the catalyst for the economic growth and social development of Africa. It is this vision that our African leaders had in 2014, when they declared it as the "Year of Agriculture" with the objective to achieve inclusive growth and sustainable development.

The theme of 2015 "Year of Women's Empowerment and Development towards Africa's Agenda 2063" is indeed a continuation of this commitment. How can we speak of inclusive growth and sustainable development without recognising the work of some of our African population, consisting mostly of women in rural areas?

African women constitute more than 70 percent of small farmers that help to feed the majority of the growing population of Africa. They are mainly present in the agricultural sector and the informal sector of the Agribusiness.

Despite this critical role, rural African women continue to work the land with archaic working methods such as the handheld hoe! African women made this clear when they said: "This hand-held hoe, we do not want it anymore! It must henceforth be confined to the museum as an artifact! A subject of art for future generations!"

Each male and female farmer should now have a "Tiller", a modern agricultural working tool that gives more dignity to the human being in her/his function as a farmer by reducing heavy labor load and by contributing to increased yields in agriculture, fisheries, livestock and poultry.

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Distribution of mechanised tillers to AU Member State

The Foundation believes that addressing issues facing women and empowering women are pivotal to developing Africa. This is one of its priority programmes. Agriculture in Africa is largely driven by women. But many of these women have no land rights and are using outdated tools like the handheld hoe to till the land.

It is for this reason that the AUC launched a campaign to end the use of handheld hoes by 2025. The Chairperson of the AU Commission, Dr Dlamini Zuma, unveiled the Handheld Hoe Project at the 2015 African Union Summit in Johannesburg, where it was endorsed by the leaders of all member states. The Summit was held under the theme, "Women's Empowerment and Development Towards Africa's Agenda 2063". The use of the handheld hoe is one of the problems highlighted in Agenda 2063. Agriculture is one of the most important economic sectors in Africa. It is vital for achieving the development aspirations of Agenda 2063. More than 80% of Africans depend on agriculture for securing their livelihoods.

It also provides employment for about 60% of the economically active population, and for about 70% of the poorest people on the continent—most of which are women. African women make up about 70% of small-scale farmers that help to feed the growing population on the continent. These smallholder farmers plant seeds by hand, weed by hand and harvest by hand. This is unhealthy and labour intensive, resulting in known complications such as spinal cord injuries and premature ageing. Tillers were handed to each of the 54 AU member states at the launch, symbolising the commitment of these countries to mechanised agriculture and reducing the suffering of women. The AU has challenged all its countries to commit 10% of their annual budgets to agriculture, and to target an annual agriculture growth of 6%. A tiller is a versatile machine – it has many uses, including cultivating, planting and weeding.

Tillers can also help women earn extra income for their families by leasing them out to those wishing to cultivate their own land, while they can also serve as a transporter of people, produce, firewood and water when fitted to a wagon. The Foundation distributed all 54 tillers to AU member states.

There's a deliberate plan to banish the handheld-hoe to the museum and modernising and mechanising agriculture. We have started a campaign to replace the hoe with tillers and tractors where appropriate in the next ten years. After 10 years we only want to see the hoe in agricultural museums.

“ We have to invest in **Science and technology** by ensuring that we have a good high **quality technical and scientific** education **for our youth.**”

Dr Amany Asfour

President of the Egyptian Business Women Association and AU Foundation Council Member

6th AU-Youth Volunteer Corps pre-deployment orientation session at the University of Johannesburg












The African Union Youth Volunteer Corps (AU- YVC) is African Union's Initiative for youth capacity building, empowerment and meaningful participation through volunteer work. Launched in December 2010, AU-YVC aims to deepen the status of young people in Africa as key actors in Africa's development targets and goals, enhancing their participation in policy development as well as design and implementation of relevant interventions towards the AU Vision of 'the Africa we want'. It brings people together to share skills, knowledge, creativity and learning to build a more integrated, prosperous and peaceful continent driven by its citizens.

AU-YVC recruits and works with young professionals age 18-35 from across the Continent and the Diaspora, to serve for a period of 12 months in their respective fields of expertise in an AU Member State other than their own. Priority areas of deployment include: education, youth entrepreneurship, health (youth friendly health services), institutional capacity building, youth mainstreaming, ICT, post conflict reconstruction and Agriculture.

AU-YVC Objectives

Achieve the vision of the African Union of "An integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in global arena" through volunteerism and free movement of African youth.

•To actualise the emergence of empowered youth who will direct their energy and creativity towards their own growth and enrichment through pan African orientation and spirit of service.

•To contribute to Africa's human development in line with AU's Mission and Vision through effective youth participation in Africa's Development process which includes youth as key beneficiaries.

How It works:

Government Ministries, AUC Departments, UN Agencies, non-governmental organisations, private sector and partners are invited to request for a AU Youth Volunteers as follows:

Request an AU-YVC: Volunteer requests could be made by sending a request letter to *youth@africa-union.org* A TOR has to be attached to the request.

Matching: volunteer requests are then matched with multiple volunteer applications available on the AU-YVC database based on criteria specified by the requesting organisation

Selection: The AU-YVC would send multiple CVs (3-8 depending on the number of volunteers requested) of matched volunteers to requesting organisation to make final selection

Volunteer Training: Prior to their deployment volunteers are trained for a period of 2 to 3 weeks to enhance volunteers professional, interpersonal and life skills

Deployment: selected volunteers would now sign a tri-partite agreement with their host organisation and the AUC which shall guide the terms of deployment

Progress Assessment: volunteers are expected to provide quarterly reports on their activities and progress to the AU-YVC unit and an exit report at the end of their volunteering year. Supervisors are also expected to fill in the volunteers quarterly reports.

Cost Implications:

While Youth Volunteers are not expected to earn a salary, this doesn't make a deployment cost free. These costs mainly consist of the following:

•Settling in allowance
-Travel from home country and back
-Monthly Living Allowance ($500-$1000)
-Health Insurance
-Post deployment allowance

Models for covering the cost of deployment:
Member State sponsored: these volunteers deployment is covered by their respective governments

Host organisation sponsored:
the host organisation hosting the volunteer covers the cost of deployment

Self sponsored:
volunteers cover all cost of deployment by themselves or through family or organisational supports

There are also cost sharing combination possibilities of the above three models

Hosting organisations are expected to:
Provide volunteers with space to work and enhance their skills

In-country support and orientation assist with visa and residency permits cover cost of deployment

Support the Program

Partners wishing to support Youth Leadership Development and Empowerment through the AU-YVC program are welcome to do so by:

•Covering the cost of volunteers deployed to their organisation
•Contributing to the annual program budget of the AU-YVC
•Support AU-YVC Training Sessions
-Other indirect support


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AU FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

African youth innovation programme launched during the AEP in Mauritius, March 2017





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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

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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.

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Unissons-nous tous et célébrons ensemble,
Les victoires remportées pour notre libération.
Engageons-nous et levons-nous comme un seul Homme,
Pour défendre notre liberté et notre unité.

Ô Fils et Filles de l'Afrique,
Chair du Soleil et Chair du Ciel,
Faisons de l'Afrique l'Arbre de Vie.

Unissons-nous tous et chantons en cœur,
Pour maintenir les liens qui déterminent notre destin.
Consacrons-nous tous au combat,
Pour la paix durable et la justice sur terre.

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Unissons-nous tous et travaillons dur,
Afin de donner le meilleur de nous à l'Afrique,
Berceau de l'humanité et source de la culture,
Notre fierté et notre espérance au point du jour.

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