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African Union

AGENDA 2063

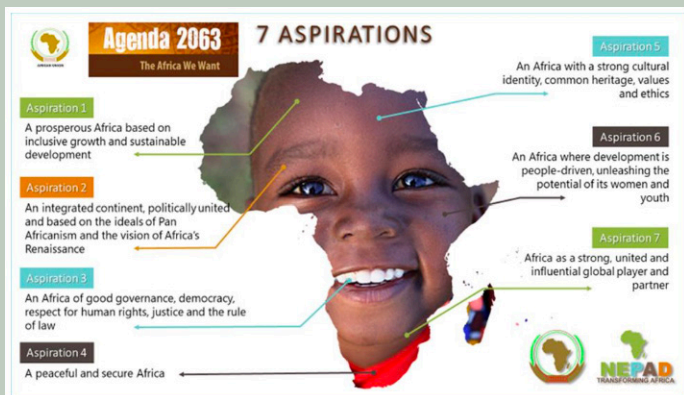The Africa We Want

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INTRODUCTION

Agenda 2063 is a strategic framework for the socio-economic transformation of Africa within a 50-year period, from 2013 to 2063. It is a blueprint and master plan for transforming Africa into the global powerhouse of the future. The genesis of Agenda 2063 was the realization by African leaders that there was a need to refocus and reprioritize Africa's agenda from the struggle against apartheid and the attainment of political independence for the continent which had been the focus of The Organization of African Unity (OAU), the precursor of the African Union. Instead, it prioritizes inclusive social and economic development, continental and regional integration, democratic governance, peace, and security among other issues aimed at repositioning Africa to become a dominant player in the global arena.

Agenda 2063 is a concrete manifestation of the pan-African drive for unity, self determination, freedom, progress, and collective prosperity pursued under PanAfricanism and African Renaissance. It encapsulates not only Africa's aspirations for the future but also identifies key flagship programs that can boost Africa's economic growth and development and lead to the rapid transformation of the continent. The blueprint also identifies key activities to be undertaken in its 10-year implementation plans which will ensure that Agenda 2063 delivers both quantitative and qualitative transformational outcomes for Africa's people.

AFRICAN ASPIRATIONS FOR 2063

The united voices of Africans paint a picture of what Africa desires for itself, the future generations and the continent. The African aspirations reflect the desires for a 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. 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. We are confident that Africa has the capability to realize 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:

BOTSWANA CONTEXT

Agenda 2063 provides a unique opportunity for Botswana to fully realize sustainable development. It aligns with Botswana's development ambitions as outlined in the country's Vision 2036 (see table 1). The two frameworks share a common goal of advancing the social and economic well-being of the people of Botswana, and contributing to the country's long-term development aspirations. Vision 2036, envisions a prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable society for the country by 2036. It outlines key strategic priorities, including economic diversification, human capital development, social cohesion, and sustainable environmental management, among others. Similarly, Agenda 2063 envisions a transformed Africa that is integrated, prosperous, and peaceful, with the well-being of its people at the core of its development agenda. It emphasizes key thematic areas such as infrastructure development, industrialization, agriculture and food security, education and skills development, gender equality, and youth empowerment, which are in line with Botswana's Vision 2036 priorities.

Table 1: Alignment of Vision 2036 with Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030

Vision 2036 Thematic Pillars	Agenda 2063	Agenda 2030
Human & Social Development	Goals 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17, 19 & 20	Goals 1, 2, 3, 4,5, 8, 10 & 11
Sustainable Economic Development	Goal 4,5, 9, 10	Goals 8, 9,
Sustainable Environment	Goals 6, 7	Goals 6, 7, 13, 14 & 15
Governance, Peace & Security	Goals 8, 11,12, 13, 14, 18	Goals 12, 16,17

Aspirations	Agenda 2063 Goals	Agenda 2063 Priority Areas	Sustainable Development Goals
1. A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development	1. A high standard of living, quality of life and well-being for all citizens.	Incomes, jobs and decent work Poverty, Inequality and hunger Social security and protection, including persons with disabilities Modern, affordable and liveable habitats and quality basic services	1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere in the world 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture. 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable Economic growth, full and productive employmentand decent work for all. 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe resilient and sustainable.
	2. Well educated citizens and skills revolution underpinned by science, technology and innovation.	Education and science, tehnology and innovation (STI) driven skills revolution	4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opprtunities for all.
	3. Healthy and nourished citizens.	Health and nutrition	3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all ages.
	4. Transformed Economies	Sustainable and inclusive economic growth STI driven manufacturing, industrialization and value addition Economic diversification and resilience	8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all. 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.
	5. Modern agriculture for increased productivity and production.	Agricultural productivity and production	2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

	6. Blue/ocean economy for accelerated economic growth.	Marine resources and energy Port operations and marine transport.	14. Conserve and sustainably use the resources for sustainable development
	7. Environmentaly sustainable and climate resilient economies and communities.	Bio-diversity, conservation and Sustainable natural resource management. Water security climate resilience and natural disasters preparedness	6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all. 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable and sustainable modern energy for all. 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts. 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forest, combat dessertation and degradation and halt biodiversity loss.
2. An intergrated continent, politically united based on the ideals of the PanAfricanism and the vision of Africa's Renaissance	8. A united Africa (Federal or Confederate).	Frameworks and institutions for a United Africa	
	9. Continental financial and monetary institutions established and functional	Financial and moneytary institutions	
	10. World class infrastructure criss crosses Africa	Communications and infratrucure connecivity.	9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.

4. A peaceful and secure Africa	13. Peace security and stability is preserved.	Maintenance and preservation of peace and security	accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
	14. A stable and peaceful Africa.	Institutional structure for AU instruments on peace and security Defence, security and peace	
	15. A fully functional and operation APSA	A fully functional and opera-tion APSA all pillars	
5. An Africa with a strong cultural identity, common heritage values and ethics	16. African cultural renais-sance is preminent.	Values and ideals of Pan Africanism Cultural values and African Renaissance is preminent Cultural heritage, creative arts and businesses	
Aspiration 6. An Africa whose Development is People Driven, Relying on the Potential of the African People	17. Full gender equality in all spheres of life.	Women and girls empow-erment Violence and discrimination against women an girls	5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
	18. Full gender equality in all spheres of life.	Youth empowerment and children's rights	4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opprtunities for all. 5. Achieve gender equeality and empower all women and girls.
Aspiration 7: Africa as a strong and Influencing global Partner	19. Africa as a major global affairs and peaceful co-existence.	Africa's place in global affairs Partnerships	17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development
	20. Africa takes full responsibility for financing her development Goals	African capital markets Fiscl systems and public sector revenue Development assistance	10. Reduce inequality within and among countries. 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

NB: see appendix for Sustainable Development goals

Flagship Projects of Agenda 2063

The flagship projects of Agenda 2063 refers to key programmes and initiatives which have been identified as key to accelerating Africa's economic growth and development as well as promoting our common identity by celebrating our history and our vibrant culture. The Flagship projects encompass amongst others infrastructure, education, science, technology, arts and culture as well as initiatives to secure peace on the continent.

1. Integrated High Speed Network

Source: African Union

The project aims to connect all African capitals and commercial Centres through an African High Speed Train Network thereby facilitating the movement of goods, factor services and people. The increased connectivity by rail also aims to reduce transport costs and relieve congestion of current and future systems.

2. Formulation of an African Commodities Strategy

Source: African Union

The development of a continental commodities strategy is seen as key to enabling African countries to add value, extract higher rents from their commodities, integrate into the Global Value chains, and promote vertical and horizontal diversification anchored in value addition and local content development. The strategy aims to transform Africa from simply being a raw materials supplier for the rest of the world to a continent that actively uses its own resources to ensure the economic development of Africans.
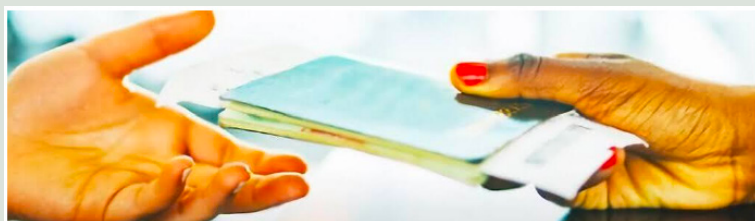
3. The Establishment of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

Source: African Union

Accelerate intra-African trade and boost Africa's trading position in the global market place. The AfCFTA aims to significantly accelerate growth of Intra-Africa trade and use trade more effectively as an engine of growth and sustainable development by doubling intra-Africa trade, strengthening Africa's common voice and policy space in global trade negotiations.

4. The African Passport and Free Movement of People

Source: African Union

Remove restrictions on Africans ability to travel, work and live within their own continent. The initiative aims at transforming Africa's laws, which remain generally restrictive on movement of people despite political commitments to bring down borders with the view to promoting the issuance of visas by Member States to enhance free movement of all African citizens in all African countries.

5. Silencing the Guns by 2020

Source: African Union

To achieve the goals of Agenda 2063, Africa needs to work towards ending all wars, civil conflicts, gender-based violence, violent conflicts and preventing genocide. In addition progress in the areas are to be monitored through the establishment and operationalization of an African Human Security Index (AHSI).

6. Implementation of the Grand Inga Dam Project

Source: African Union

The development of the Inga Dam is expected to generate 43,200 MW of power, to support current regional power pools and their combined service to transform Africa from traditional to modern sources of energy and ensure access of all Africans to clean and affordable electricity.
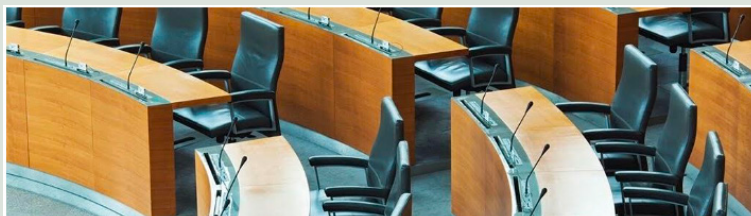
7. Establishment of a Single African Air-Travel Market (SAATM)

The SAATM aims to ensure intra-regional connectivity between the capital cities of Africa and create a single unified air transport market in Africa, as an impetus to the continent's economic integration and growth agenda. SAATM provides for the full liberalization of intra-African air transport services in terms of market access, traffic rights for scheduled and freight air services by eligible airlines thereby improving air services connectivity and air carrier efficiencies. It removes restrictions on ownership and provides for the full liberalization of frequencies, tariffs and capacity. It also provides eligibility criteria for African community carriers, safety and security standards, mechanisms for fair competition and dispute settlement as well as consumer protection.

8. Establishment of an Annual African Economic Forum

The annual African Economic Forum, is a multi-stakeholder meeting that brings together the African political leadership, the private sector, academia and civil society to reflect on how to accelerate Africa's economic transformation harnessing its vast resources to enhance the development of the African people. The forum discusses key opportunities as well as the constraints that hamper economic development and proposes measures to be taken to realize the Aspirations and goals of Agenda 2063.

9. Establishment of the African Institutions

The creation of African Continental Financial Institutions aims at accelerating integration and socio-economic development of the continent through the establishment of organizations which will play a pivotal role in the mobilization of resources and management of the African financial sector. The financial institutions envisaged to promote economic integration are the African Investment Bank and Pan African Stock Exchange; the African Monetary Fund and the African Central Bank.

10. The Pan African E-Network

This aims to put in place policies and strategies that will lead to transformative e-applications and services in Africa; especially the intra-African broad band terrestrial infrastructure; and cyber security, making the information revolution the basis for service delivery in the bio and nanotechnology industries and ultimately transform Africa into an e-Society.

11. Africa Outer Space Strategy

Source: African Union

The Africa outer space strategy aims to strengthen Africa's use of outer space to bolster its development. Outer space is of critical importance to the development of Africa in all fields: agriculture, disaster management, remote sensing, climate forecast, banking and finance, as well as defence and security. Africa's access to space technology products is no longer a matter of luxury and there is a need to speed up access to these technologies and products. New developments in satellite technologies make these accessible to African countries and appropriate policies and strategies are required to develop a regional market for space products in Africa.
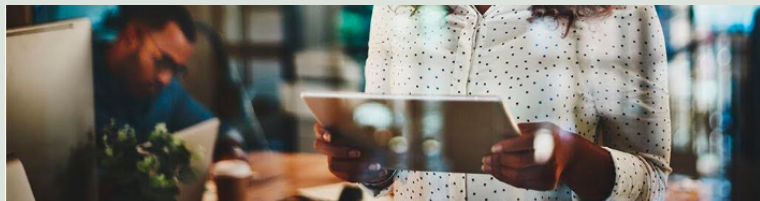
12. An African Virtual and E-University

Source: African Union

This project aims to use ICT based programmes to increase access to tertiary and continuing education in Africa by reaching large numbers of students and professionals in multiple sites simultaneously. It aims to develop relevant and high quality Open, Distance and eLearning (ODeL) resources to offer students guaranteed access to the University from anywhere in the world and anytime (24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

13. Cyber Security

The decision to adopt Cyber Security as a flagship programme of Agenda 2063 is a clear indication that Africa needs to not only incorporate in its development plans the rapid changes brought about by emerging technologies, but also to ensure that these technologies are used for the benefit of African individuals, institutions or nation states by ensuring data protection and safety online. The Cyber Security project is guided by the African Union Convention on Cyber Security and Personal Data Protection.

14. Great African Museum

The African Charter for African Cultural Renaissance recognizes the important role that culture pays in mobilizing and unifying people around common ideals and promoting African culture to build the ideals of Pan- Africanism. The Great African Museum project aims to create awareness about Africa's vast, dynamic and diverse cultural artefacts and the influence Africa has had and continues to have on the various cultures of the world in areas such as art, music, language, science, and so on. The Great African Museum will be a focal centre for preserving and promoting the African cultural heritage.

15. Encyclopedia Africana

The Encyclopedia Africana aims to provide an authoritative resource on the authentic history of Africa and African life. The Encyclopedia provides Africans a body of truth to guide and unite them in their development with foundations in all aspect of the African life including history, legal, economic, religion, architecture and education as well as the systems and practices of African societies. The Encyclopedia Africana provides an African worldview of the people, culture, literature and history of Africa and is a key tool to be used to educate, inform and set the records straight regarding the history, culture and contributions of African people throughout the world.

IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS: BOTSWANA CONTEXT

Botswana has established the National Planning Commission to transform development planning and strengthen the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the development plans, policies and programmes. This will also catalyse the implementation and effective monitoring of Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030. The National Planning Commission serves as the Secretariat for the two Agendas and works alongside various constituted structures to coordinate the domestication and implementation of the Agendas. These structures include the Joint National Steering Committee on SDGs, Technical Task Force, SDG Focal Points, and the Parliamentary Special Select Committee on SDGs.

The implementation of Agenda 2063 at country level is a complex and multi-faceted process that requires the involvement and engagement of all stakeholders. This includes government entities, civil society organizations, private sector actors, academia, local communities, and other relevant stakeholders.

Agenda 2030/2063 Institutional mechanisms in Botswana

Source: Botswana Volutary National review (2022)

Mainstreaming the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 into sectoral plans is critical for Botswana to achieve sustainable development outcomes in a more integrated and coordinated manner. This, in turn, can help the country to effectively address complex development challenges, such as poverty, inequality, and environmental degradation. To this end, United Nations Botswana has played a significant role in supporting the country's efforts to integrate the two Agendas into national and sectoral plans, policies, and strategies.

CONCLUSION

Botswana remains committed to the attainment of the Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030. The Second Ten Year Implementation Plan (STYIP) provides an opportunity for Botswana to strengthen efforts to implement the intent of the Agenda. To this end Botswana has identified key priorities to take forward in the second decade of implementation. Investment in renewable energy digitalization, investment in export led growth to harness the AFTCA are some of the initiatives proposed. The second Transitional National Development Plan whose is theme, "Towards a High Income Economy; Transformation Now, Prosperity tomorrow" encapsulates the main national development strategies which the country will pursue towards the furtherment of development agenda.

The African Union Agenda 2063 is indeed a vision for the African people to come as one and implement a common framework which would if attained ensure an Africa We Want, this is aligned to Botswana's Vision 2036 which intends to Achieve Prosperity for All

APPENDIX

Sustainable Development Goals:

Goal 1	NO POVERTY
Goal 2	NO HUNGER
Goal 3	GOOD HEALTH
Goal 4	QUILTY EDUCATION
Goal 5	GENDER EQUALITY
Goal 6	CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
Goal 7	AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY
Goal 8	DECENT WORK AND ECOOMIC GROWTH
Goal 9	INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
Goal 10	REDUCES INEQUALITIES
Goal 11	SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
Goal 12	RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
Goal 13	CLIMATE ACTION
Goal 14	LIFE BELOW WATER
Goal 15	LIFE ON LAND
Goal 16	PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS