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ESTABLISHMENT AFRICAN DIASPORA SIXTH REGION HIGH COUNCIL LAUNCHES IN MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE

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The Global African Diaspora representatives, in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Mozambique, proudly announce the launch of the establishment of the African Union African Diaspora Sixth Region High Council. This momentous occasion took place on 11 July 2023, in Maputo, Mozambique, coinciding with the celebration of the 20th anniversary of Article 3Q of the amended Constitution Act of the African Union.

The launching ceremony was presided over by the esteemed Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Mozambique and started with a warm welcome statement by the Maputo City Council on behalf of the Mayor of Maputo. The Pan African Rootssynergy Maputo Roundtable was organized from July 10-13th 2023. Distinguished guests included Speaker from Diplomatic missions, United Nations Permanent Forum People of African Descent, AU ECOSOCC Standing Committee, African Development Bank Group, African Civil Society Organization, Global Organizations for Reparatory Justice amongst Caricom Reparation Commission and NCOBRA, the Kingdom of Kush, African Diaspora Union, African Business Information Bank, Global African SHEROES Union, Balanta Society, Rastafarian's Representation, Teaching Artists Institute, Youths and African Diaspora organizations from across the five continents, and diverse array of participants from countries within the continent and beyond, as well media representatives. Notable attendees hailed from Tanzania, Uganda, Mozambique, Cameroon, Senegal, Kenya, Ghana, Ethiopia, Nigeria, South Africa, Rwanda, Tchad, Ivory Coast, Malawi, Botswana, North America, Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia, Australia, Southeast Asia, and Europe. Additionally, During the five days many joined the event online.

The African Union African Diaspora Sixth Region High Council aims to strengthen collaboration and promote development initiatives between Africa and the Diaspora. This Council recognizes the significance of harnessing the collective power and resources of the African Diaspora to drive socio-cultural and economic progress, poverty eradication, education and scientific research, healthcare, digital & technological advancement and sustainable development within both Africa and the Diaspora. Reparatory Justice and "Right to Return" Aspects were issues of Great importance.

During the launch event, a significant milestone was achieved as participants also established the African Diaspora Sixth Region Development Agency (ADDA). This Agency will serve as a vital vehicle for driving development initiatives in both Africa and the Diaspora. By fostering collaboration and leveraging resources from various stakeholders, this Agency will play a pivotal role in advancing socio-cultural and economic progress, poverty eradication, education, and healthcare, scientific, digital, technological and sustainable development within the African diaspora community. The presented Draft Legal Framework from the AU ECOSOCC has provided opportunities for further exchanges with African Diaspora High Council's Representatives.

"The launch of the African Union African Diaspora Sixth Region High Council marks a historic moment in our journey towards unity and development," said representative. "We are grateful for the support and commitment demonstrated by the African Union, the Ministry of External Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of Mozambique, and all our esteemed partners. Together, we will work towards a brighter future for Africa and the diaspora."

The African Union and its partners remain dedicated to upholding the principles outlined in Article 3Q of the amended Constitution Act of the African Union. This historic event serves as a testament to their unwavering commitment to unity, progress, and development within the African Diaspora.

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About the African Union:

The African Union is a continental body consisting of 55 member states that work together to promote unity, peace, and development in Africa. Through various initiatives and programs, the African Union strives to address pressing issues and uplift the lives of African citizens.

About the African Union African Diaspora Sixth Region High Council:

The African Union African Diaspora Sixth Region High Council is a platform established to strengthen collaboration and promote development initiatives between Africa and the Diaspora. By harnessing the collective power and resources of the African Diaspora, this council aims to drive socio-cultural and economic progress, poverty eradication, education and scientific research, healthcare, digital & technological advancement and sustainable development within both Africa and the Diaspora.

For background information regarding the Pan African Rootssynergy Maputo Roundtable

<https://panafricanrootssynergyroundtable.com>

