



**AFRICAN UNION AFRICAN
DIASPORA SIXTH REGION
(AUADS) HIGH COUNCIL**

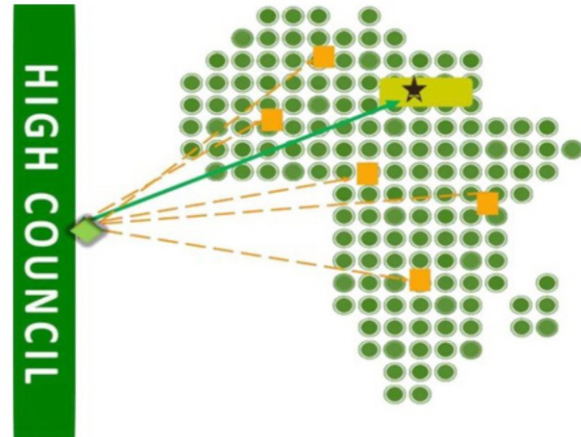
PRESENTATION OVERVIEW OF THE GOVERNING MODEL

PART 2



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The African Union African Diaspora Sixth Region High Council serves as the main African Union African Diaspora Sixth Region governing organisation with the aim to represent the interests and aspirations of the Global African Diaspora.



INTRODUCTORY NOTE

In this part 2 we present the AUADS Region High Council Governing Model. The presentation provides insight in the organization model: the starting points, the establishment, the regions of interests, the organs, the strategic and priority policy areas, programmes and projects.

In the hope that we have succeeded to waken up your interest in becoming a Member of the AUADS Sixth Region High Council Organization.

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On behalf of the Board of Directors & Staff

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The African Union African Diaspora Sixth Region High Council (AUADS High Council), is an international non-governmental organization, operating in accordance with the principles of the Ubuntu Philosophy & Good Governance and from a Pan African Point of View.

Vision

Our vision is for every African and African Diaspora person to be able to fully enjoy all human rights and fundamental freedoms on basis of equality as declared in international Treaties and to eliminate Socio-economic disparities and marginalization of People of African Descent. To promote the principles of Ubuntu, inclusivity, and the "Leave no Community Behind" model in all aspects of our work

Mission

Our mission is to provide a coherent governance and organizational voice for the integration and full participation of the African Diaspora in the African Union, ensuring their representation and engagement in AU Diaspora States decision-making process. To establish and maintain the participation of the African Diaspora at a prominent, well informed, political, diplomatic and strategic level.

Legal Jurisdiction

AUADS Sixth Region High Council derives its legal jurisdiction from:

The AUADS Sixth Region High Council Constitution and the Statutes.

The African Union Constitutive Act; Bodies and Organs and the Affiliated Resolutions and Declarations.

The relevant national, regional and international Legal Frameworks.



Establishing a Global Diaspora Presence

Global Headquarters

The AUADS High Council established its global Headquarter in The Hague, Netherlands, with the aim to serve as the central hub for its operations and initiatives.

Regional Offices

Regional offices are to be established in: Africa, Asia, Brazil, Europe/EU, Caribbean/Rest of South America, Australia/New Zealand, Haiti, Latin/Central America, North America, Oceania/New Caledonia and Middle East. The purpose of the Regional offices is to ensure a strong local presence and connection to communities.

Commissions

The AUADS High Council Organization is a community-, commission-, expertise and competence driven govern structure. Commissions are created to ensure the effectiveness of the various aspects related to the implementation of the AUADS Sixth Region High Council Program of Actions.



Regional Representation

1

Africa Region

The AUADA High Council will have a strong presence in the various regional economic communities within Africa, including the **EAC, SADC, ECOWAS, ECCAS, and SENSAD**

2

Global Diaspora Regions

The council will also establish representation in the Diaspora Regions of **Africa, Asia, Australia / New Zealand, the Americas, the Caribbean, Oceania/ New Caledonia, Europe, and the Middle East.**

3

Coordinated Engagement

By engaging with these diverse regions, **the AUADS High Council aims to effectively coordinate and drive its action plan.**

THE BASIC REFERENCES ON WHICH THE AUADS SIXTH REGION HIGH COUNCIL'S PROGRAM OF ACTION IS BASED

- ▶ International and Regional Treaties on Human & Peoples Rights & Affiliated mechanisms and instruments
- ▶ African Union (AU) Constitutive Act in particular Article 3q (2003)
- ▶ The Global African Diaspora Consolidated Outcomes of the Regional Consultative Conferences (2007)
- ▶ All the Technical Experts Summits that were organized by the AU in cooperation with the South African government with as high point the adoption of the DECLARATION OF THE GLOBAL AFRICAN DIASPORA SUMMIT SANDTON, JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA 25 MAY 2012: **Chapter PROGRAM OF ACTION, under paragraph I. Political Cooperation, sub. K** : *Encourage the Diaspora to organize themselves in regional networks and establish appropriate mechanisms that will enable their increasing participation in the affairs of the African Union as observers and eventually, in the future, as a sixth region of the continent that would contribute substantially to the implementation of policies and programs.*

THE BASIC REFERENCES ON WHICH THE AUADS SIXTH REGION HIGH COUNCIL'S PROGRAM OF ACTION IS BASED

- ▶ AU Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want
- ▶ The Durban Declaration and Program of Action (2001) and all the affiliated UN Declarations and Resolutions and the related international decisions and agreements in the context of Reparatory Justice
- ▶ The UN Decade for People of African Descent 2015-2024 and its follow-up
- ▶ The Post 15 (MDG/SDG) and Post 20 Beijing Agenda
- ▶ The May 2022 Global Pan African Roots-Synergy Roundtable Addis Ababa Agreements & Resolution
- ▶ The July 2023 Global Pan African Roots-Synergy Maputo Mozambique Agreements & Resolution

Overview of the Organization Structure

Governing Bodies

The AUADS High Council's governing model includes: the General assembly (The Rotating President); High Commission on Strategic & Diplomatic Affairs (Officers Political; Economic and Social Cooperation). Executive Council for Operational Affairs; Executive Bureau/Secretariat/IT, AI and Media Affairs; African Diaspora Development Agency (ADDA).

Commissioners/Committees

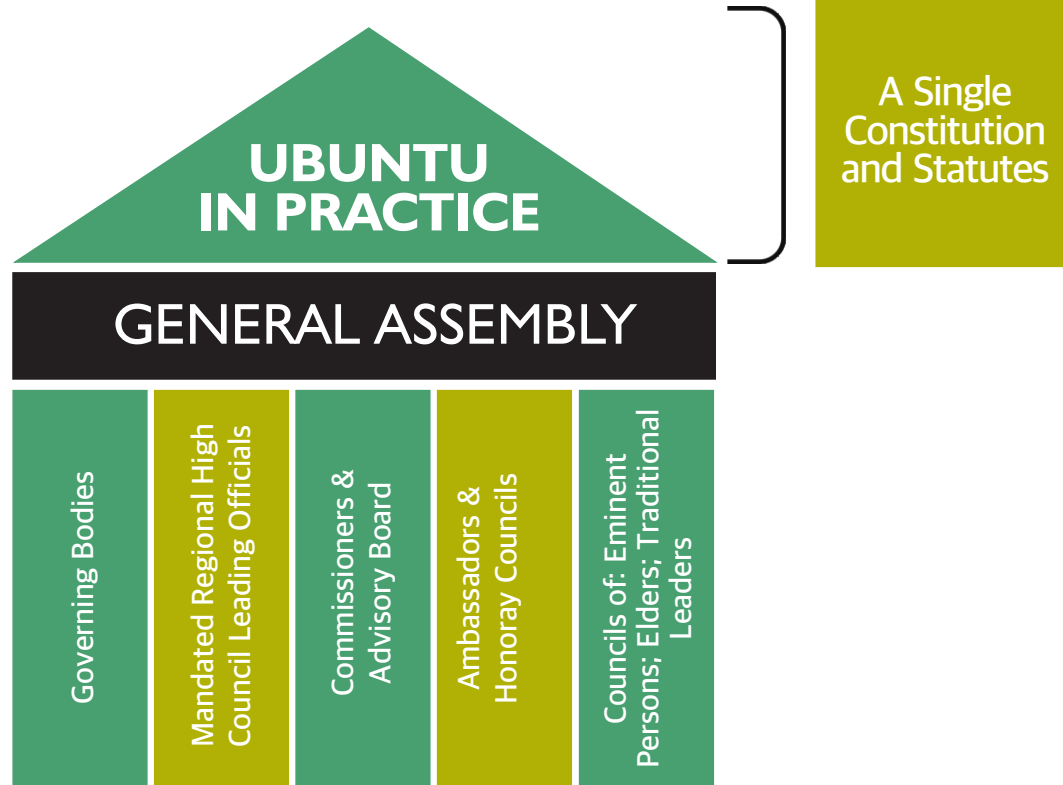
The Commissions and Committees are community-, expertise- & competence driven and are aligned with key frameworks such as mentioned in slides 9 & 10 with regards to slide 8.

Special Councils

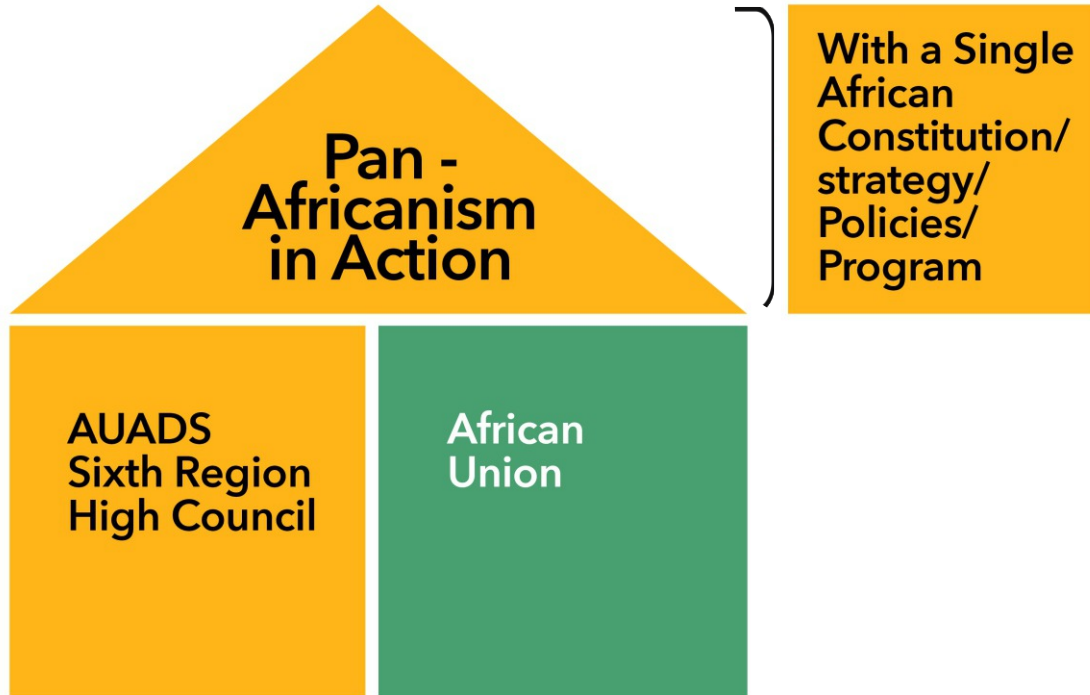
These includes the Council of Eminent Persons (who because of their skills, networks, expertise, experience and achievements, have the capacity to make a positive contribution with regards to the promotion of the mission of the AUADS High Council); Council of Elders (for confidential matters, conflict management & problem-solving); Council of Traditional Leaders (The King-, Queen- and Chiefdoms), Council of Ambassadors (in connection with diplomatic missions) and Honorary Councils (for promoting the Economic Relations and Facilitating trade and investment Relations)

Mandated Regional High Councils

These are the Regional High Council Leading Facilitators responsible for the mobilization and organization of the Diaspora interest in their respective Region taking into account the mission of the AUADS Sixth Region High Council Organization.



Working with the Africa Union on a Pan-African Agenda





Implementing AUADS SIXTH REGION HIGH COUNCIL Program of Action in cooperation with relevant AU Organs and Bodies

- AU Member States
- African Union Commission
- Executive Council
- Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC)
- Pan-African Parliament
- African Union Peace and Security Council
- African Union Regional Economic Communities
- African Union Economic, Social, and Cultural Council
- African Union Commission on Women, Gender, & Development
- Specialized Technical Committees (STCs)
- Peace and Security Council (PSC)
- Judicial, Human Rights, and Legal Institutions
- Financial Institutions
- African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)

• [Learnmore:ht tps://au.int/en/organs](https://au.int/en/organs)



The African Union African Diaspora Declaration and Program of Action (2012)

The **Global Diaspora Summit Declaration and Programme of Action** was adopted in 2012 by the Heads of State and Government of the African Union, the Caribbean and South America after dialogues carried out between Africans on the continent and Representatives of the African Diaspora in various regions of the world, including North America, South and LATIN America, Europe and elsewhere. It was adopted as a strategic framework for delivering on Africa's goal for inclusive and sustainable development and is a concrete manifestation of the pan-African drive for unity and self-determination. It recognised the need to establishing a solid foundation for the rejuvenation of the global African family as an instrument of wider renaissance with the aim:

To realize the imperative of a sustained and coordinated approach and ownership of the African Diaspora related programmes and projects as to promote their effective implementation and impact;

To cooperate in the political, economic and social areas outlined in this Programme of Action, and implementation and follow-up modalities.

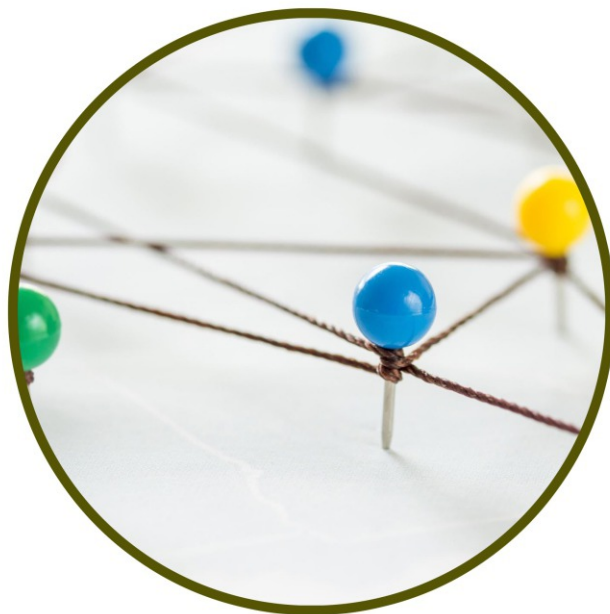
The Declaration and Programme of Action are the framework on which the AUADS Sixth Region High Council's High Commission on political, economic and social cooperation operates.

[Learnmore:ht tps://au.int/sites/default/files/documents/30970-doc-global_diaspora_summit_declaration-e.pdf](https://au.int/sites/default/files/documents/30970-doc-global_diaspora_summit_declaration-e.pdf)

The Global African Diaspora Consolidated Outcomes

For Background information please refer to the Welcome Address on the Home Page and to the webpage in this

<https://panafricanrootssynergyroundtable.com/link>





THEME, THE AFRICA WE WANT

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 agenda 2063, themed the “Africa We Want” is Africa’s blueprint and master plan adopted by the African Union for transforming Africa into the global powerhouse of the future. It is the continent’s strategic framework that aims to deliver on its goal for inclusive and sustainable development and is a concrete manifestation of the pan-African drive for unity, self-determination, freedom, progress and collective prosperity pursued under Pan-Africanism and African Renaissance

It contains the thematic areas:

- A high standard of living, quality of life and well-being for all citizens
- Well educated citizens and skills revolution underpinned by science, technology and innovation
- Healthy and well-nourished citizens
- Transformed economies.
- Modern agriculture for increased productivity and production
- Blue/ocean economy for accelerated economic growth
- Environmentally sustainable and climate resilient economies and communities
- A United Africa (Federal or Confederate)
- Continental financial and monetary institutions established and functional
- World class infrastructure crisis - crosses Africa
- Democratic values, practices, universal principles of human rights, justice and the rule of law entrenched
- Capable institutions and transformative leadership in place

UN Durban Declaration & Program of Action 2001



The UN Durban Declaration and Program of Action was adopted at the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance" held in Durban South Africa in 2001.

The Durban Declaration acknowledges that slavery and the slave trade, including the transatlantic slave trade, were appalling tragedies in the history of humanity not only because of their abhorrent barbarism but also in terms of their magnitude, organized nature and especially their negation of the essence of the victims, and further acknowledge that slavery and the slave trade are a crime against humanity and should always have been so, especially the transatlantic slave trade and are among the major sources and manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and that Africans and people of African descent.

It recognizes that colonialism has led to racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and that Africans and people of African descent, and people of Asian descent and indigenous peoples were victims of colonialism and continue to be victims of its consequences. We acknowledge the suffering caused by colonialism and affirm that, wherever and whenever it occurred, it must be condemned and its reoccurrence prevented.



The UN Decade for People of African Descent 2015-2024, "Recognition, Justice and Development"

The International Decade for People of African Descent, 2015-2024, was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in a Resolution (68/237) adopted on 23 December 2013. The theme of the International Decade is "People of African descent: recognition, justice and development".

This Decade, for which the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) was designated as the lead agency, aims to strengthen actions and measures to ensure the full realization of the economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights of people of African descent, and their full and equal participation in society.

Under the theme "Recognition, Justice and Development", the Decade provides an operational framework to encourage States to eradicate social injustices inherited from history and to fight against racism, prejudice and racial discrimination to which people of African descent are still subjected

Learn more:

[Read more here: https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n13/453/67/pdf/n13453677.pdf](https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n13/453/67/pdf/n13453677.pdf)

Negotiations are currently taking place for the launch of the a Second Decade 2025-2034



United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2015 (SDGs)

[Learnmore:ht tps://sdgs](https://sdgs)



SDG 1: No poverty
SDG 2: Zero hunger
SDG 3: Good health and well-being
SDG 4: Quality education

SDG 5: Gender equality
SDG 6: Clean water and sanitation
SDG 7: Affordable and clean energy
SDG 8: Decent work and economic growth
SDG 9: Industry, innovation and infrastructure
SDG 10: Reduce inequalities
SDG 11: Sustainable cities and communities
SDG 12: Responsible consumption and production
SDG 13: Climate action

SDG 14: Life below water
SDG 15: Life on land/Sustainable use
SDG 16: Peace, justice and strong public relations
SDG 17: Partnership for the goals

AUADS SIXTH REGION DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION



POLITICAL COOPERATION

It focuses on leveraging the collective efforts of the African Union and all inter-governmental entities in regions in which African Diaspora populations are part of to promote and advance issues of critical importance to Africa and its Diaspora:

Areas of Political Cooperation:

- Intergovernmental Cooperation
- Mobilization of Support

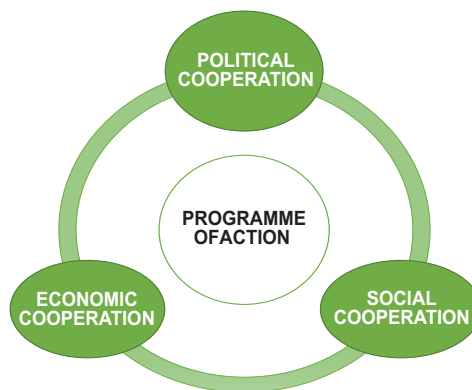


SOCIAL COOPERATION

The Commission focuses on education, protection of African Cultural heritage, establishment of African-centred institutions and programmes and increased collaboration efforts between academic and research institutions in Africa and the Diaspora regions.

Areas of Social Cooperation:

- Knowledge and Education
- Arts and Culture
- Media and Image Building
- Immigration
- Human and People's Rights
- Social and Cultural Issues



ECONOMIC COOPERATION

The Commission focuses on mobilizing Capital, creating partnership, taking concrete measures that would promote and sustain linkages between AU and the Diaspora in the following priority areas: trade and investment, science and technology, travel and tourism, communication and transportation infrastructure, energy, information and communication technology and cultural industries.

The main areas of Economic

- Cooperations:
- Mobilization of Capital
- Government Action to Foster Increased Economic Partnership
- Partnership in Business
- Science and Technology
- Knowledge Transfer and Skills Mobilization
- Infrastructural Development
- Information Gathering and Dissemination Capacity
- Climate Change



African Diaspora Development Agency - ADDA

African Diaspora Development Agency (ADDA) is a strategic initiative established by the African Union's African Diaspora Sixth Region High Council (AUADS High Council). ADDA serves as a bridge between the African Diaspora and the continent, aiming to harness the immense potential of diaspora communities for the implementation of Programs and projects of the AUADS High Council for the socioeconomic development, towards a united and integrated Africa and its Diasporas.

Mission

ADDA is dedicated to fostering sustainable development, accelerating economic growth, and enhancing the integration of the African Diaspora into Africa's development journey. We strive to leverage the resources, expertise, and talent of Diaspora communities for the betterment of the continent and for the interest and benefit of the Global African People.

Vision

Our vision is to become a leading force in driving inclusive economic growth and social development in Africa. We aspire to see the African Diaspora play a central role in this transformation, contributing their skills, knowledge, and passion to build a stronger, more unified Africa and its Diaspora.

Structure

ADDA is committed to transparency and accountability. It is an important and Central Organ of the AUADS High Council Governance structure with involvement of all important decision-making and advisory bodies (Strategic Officers, Advisory Committees, Commissioners). This ensures effective oversight and strategic direction as we pursue our mission

ADDA DUAL APPROACH

- **African Continent**

ADDA collaborates with organs of the African Union, as well as national governments and institutions across Africa

- **Diaspora Communities**

ADDA works with state and non-state actors within the African Diaspora globally. This includes engaging with Diaspora organizations, networks, businesses, experts and individuals.



ADDA facilitates the realization of projects proposed within various AU Commissions. These commissions address critical areas of development, and the list will expand as AUADS High Council evolves,



ADDA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

POLITICAL COOPERATION	Peacebuilding and peacekeeping initiatives; strengthening governance structures.
SOCIO-ECONOMIC COOPERATION	Economic and infrastructural development through investment banking, microfinance, remittances, and trust funds. Fostering entrepreneurship and job creation
KNOWLEDGE SHARING	Facilitating the exchange of knowledge and expertise between the Diaspora and the continent
SCIENCE, RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION	Driving innovation and technological advancement for Africa's progress
HISTORICAL	Engaging with issues of the Durban Declaration and Program of Action (2001) including the affiliated Resolutions and Declarations including on Reparations. Building a comprehensive database for research on diaspora ancestry
ARTS, CULTURE & SPORTS	Celebrating and promoting African arts, culture, and sports within the global diaspora
MEDIA & DIASPORA IMAGE	Shaping a positive and accurate image of the African diaspora
WOMEN, YOUTH AND VULNERABLE GROUPS	Empowering women, youth, and vulnerable groups within both African and diaspora communities
SOCIAL CULTURAL, RELIGIOUS COMMONALITIES	Empowering women, youth, and vulnerable groups within both African and diaspora communities

ADDA KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

STRENGTHENING

Strengthening Diaspora Communities: Fostering unity, cohesion, and empowerment within African diaspora communities worldwide

PROMOTING

Promoting Economic Development: Creating sustainable economic opportunities that benefit both the diaspora and the continent

FACILITATING

Facilitating Diaspora Engagement: Encouraging active participation of the diaspora in Africa's economic development

BUILDING

Building Cross-Continental Partnerships: Establishing strategic alliances between the diaspora and African entities

ENHANCING

Enhancing Financial Inclusion: Empowering diaspora members to participate in Africa's economic activities

DRIVING

Driving Sustainable Impact: Implementing projects that have a lasting and positive impact on local communities

AUADS SIXTH REGION Ongoing Priority Projects



MEDIA AND IMAGEBUILDING

Investment Fund and Innovative Financing in perspective of Ubuntunomics

African Diaspora Skills Development, Capacity Building & Internship Program, including Youth Development Programs

Integration of the African Diaspora into the African Union Organs and Bodies

Human & Peoples Rights areas of concern: Women, Girls and Children; Implementation Durban Declaration and Program of Action (2001); Reparations (compensation, satisfaction, non-repetition, rehabilitation, repatriation, restitution); Right to Return & Citizenship

Digital Africa

Climate Change & Climate Justice

Ubuntu Smart Settlements



Thank you
for your interest.