The African Union & Agenda 2063
Summary & Overview

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The African Union adopted Vision 2063 as a roadmap for continental development. Essentially it aligns thinking from across the continent and distils the vision in a set of aspirations. This Research Note provides a snapshot of the aspirations and some key objectives contained in each. Brand SA can bear these aspirations and objectives in mind for our activations, communications, marketing, stakeholder, and research activities.

The 7 Aspirations of Vision 2063

1. A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development
2. An integrated continent, politically united and based on the ideals of Pan-Africanism and the vision of Africa’s Renaissance
3. An Africa of good governance, democracy, respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law
4. A peaceful and secure Africa
5. An Africa with a strong cultural identity, common heritage, shared values and ethics
6. An Africa whose development is people-driven, relying on the potential of African people, especially its women and youth, and caring for children
7. Africa as a strong, united and influential global player and partner

But, before looking at the goals of the seven aspirations, what is Vision 2063?
Agenda 2063 is:

- The AU’s endogenous plan for transformation. It harnesses the continent’s comparative advantages such as its people, history and cultures; its natural resources; its position and repositioning in the world to effect equitable and people-centred social, economic and technological transformation and the eradication of poverty. It seeks to fulfil our obligation to our children as an inter-generational compact, to develop Africa’s human capital; build social assets, infrastructure and public goods; empower women and youth; promote lasting peace and security; build effective developmental states and participatory and accountable institutions of governance.
- Africa’s vision and roadmap for sequencing our sectoral and normative, national, regional and continental plans into a coherent whole.
- A call to action to all Africans and people of African descent, to take personal responsibility for the destiny of the continent and as the primary agents of change and transformation.
- A commitment from citizens, leadership, governments and institutions at national, regional and continental levels to act, coordinate, and cooperate for the realization of this vision.

ASPIRATION 1.
A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development

Goals:
- African people have a high standard of living, and quality of life, sound health and well-being;
- Well educated and skilled citizens, underpinned by science, technology and innovation for a knowledge society is the norm and no child misses school due to poverty or any form of discrimination;
- Cities and other settlements are hubs of cultural and economic activities, with modernized infrastructure, and people have access to affordable and decent housing including housing finance together with all the basic necessities of life such as, water, sanitation, energy, public transport and ICT;
- Economies are structurally transformed to create shared growth, decent jobs and economic opportunities for all;
- Modern agriculture for increased production, productivity and value addition contributes to farmer and national prosperity and Africa’s collective food security; and
- Africa’s unique natural endowments, its environment and ecosystems, including its wildlife and wild lands are healthy, valued and protected, with climate resilient economies and communities.
**ASPIRATION 2.**
An integrated continent, politically united, based on the ideals of Pan-Africanism and the vision of Africa’s Renaissance

Goals:
- Be a United Africa;
- Have world class, integrative infrastructure that criss-crosses the continent;
- Have dynamic and mutually beneficial links with her Diaspora; and
- Be a continent of seamless borders, and management of cross-border resources through dialogue

**ASPIRATION 3.**
An Africa of good governance, democracy, respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law

Goals:
- Be a continent where democratic values, culture, practices, universal principles of human rights, gender equality, justice and the rule of law are entrenched; and
- Have capable institutions and transformative leadership in place at all levels.

**ASPIRATION 4.**
A peaceful and secure Africa

Mechanisms for peaceful prevention and resolution of conflicts will be functional at all levels.

Goals:
- An entrenched and flourishing culture of human rights, democracy, gender equality, inclusion and peace;
- Prosperity, security and safety for all citizens; and
- Mechanisms to promote and defend the continent’s collective security and interests.

**ASPIRATION 5:**
An Africa with a strong cultural identity, common heritage, values and ethics

Goals:
- Pan Africanism will be fully entrenched;
- The African Renaissance has reached its peak; and
- Our diversity in culture, heritage, languages and religion shall be a cause of strength, including the tangible and intangible heritage of Africa’s island states.
ASPIRATION 6:
An Africa whose development is people-driven, relying on the potential of African people, especially its women and youth, and caring for children

All the citizens of Africa will be actively involved in decision making in all aspects.

Goals:
• Is People-centred and caring;
• Puts children first;
• Has empowered women to play their rightful role in all spheres of life;
• Has full gender equality in all spheres of life; and
• Has engaged and empowered youth.

ASPIRATION 7:
Africa as a strong, united and influential global player and partner

Goals:
• A major social, political and economic force in the world, with her rightful share of the global commons (land, oceans and space);
• An active and equal participant in global affairs, multilateral institutions, and a driver for peaceful co-existence, tolerance and a sustainable and just world; and
• Fully capable and have the means to finance her development.

A CALL TO ACTION

Agenda 2063 is a collective vision and roadmap for the next fifty years and therefore commit to speed-up actions to:

a. Eradicate poverty in the coming decades;
b. Provide opportunities for all Africans to have decent and affordable housing in clean, secure and well planned environments;
c. Catalyse education and skills revolution and actively promote science, technology, research and innovation, to build knowledge, human capital, capabilities and skills to drive innovations and for the African century;
d. Transform, grow and industrialise our economies through beneficiation and value addition of natural resources;
e. Consolidate the modernisation of African agriculture and agro-businesses;
f. Act with a sense of urgency on climate change and the environment;
g. Connect Africa through world-class Infrastructure;
h. Fast-track the establishment of the Continental Free Trade Area by 2017;
i. Support young people as drivers of Africa’s renaissance;
j. Silence the guns by 2020, through enhanced dialogue-centred conflict prevention and resolution;
k. Achieve gender parity in public and private institutions;
l. Introduce an African Passport†;
m. Consolidate a democratic and people-centred Africa;
n. Enhance Africa’s united voice in global negotiations;
o. Strengthen domestic resource mobilisation;
p. Set up an implementation, monitoring, evaluation system, underpinned by accountability and transparency, to ensure the attainment of the Agenda 2063 Aspirations;
q. We are resolutely moving towards continental unity.