

RESOLUTION ON THE LAUNCHING OF THE
DECADE OF EDUCATION IN AFRICA
(1997 – 2006)

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Second Ordinary Session in Yaounde, Cameroon, from 8 to 10 July, 1996,

Having considered the statement of the representative of Mali relating to the Decade of Education in Africa presented by the Government of the Republic of Mali,

Recalling Resolution CM/Res.1603 (LXIV) by which the Sixty-Second Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers declared 1996 the “Year of Education in Africa (YAE)”,

Further recalling the need to consolidate the tremendous achievements already made in the area of the Year of Education particularly the Segou Prospects Observatory which have recorded results in West and Central Africa,

Aware of the urgent necessity to mount a relentless campaign in order to overcome all the obstacles hampering progress towards education for all, and, to that end, the need for the rapid implementation of the twelve (12) recommendations of the Pan-African Seminar on the Launching of the Year of Education in Africa held in Bamako from 5 to 7 October, 1995 on the theme “Towards Education for All”,

Also Aware that the overhaul of African educational systems and the emergence of a New African Educational System would determine not only the success of development efforts but also the consolidation of the democratization process,

Convinced that only a strategy articulated at the level of the entire Continent will make it possible to take up the challenges posed by education:

1. **EXPRESSES SATISFACTION** at the positive results already achieved by Member States within the framework of the Year of Education in Africa and **REITERATES** the urgent need for sub-regional and regional cooperation in order to harness the potentials and experience of Member States in the area of education;
2. **DECLARES** the period “1997 – 2006 Decade of Education in Africa” on the understanding that its main objective would be to remove obstacles to progress towards education for all;
3. **REQUEST** the Secretary-General to convene a meeting of the Ministers of Education in order to launch the Decade and to formulate its Programme of Action;
4. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Sixty-Sixth Ordinary Session of the Council on the implementation of this resolution.

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