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ON THE AGENDA 2063**

9 February 2024

Virtual

REPORT

A. INTRODUCTION

1. The Ministerial Follow-Up Committee Meeting of Agenda 2063 was chaired by the Chair of the Committee, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of the Republic of Ghana. Hon Shirley Ayorkor Botchway.

Members Present

- i. Ghana
- ii. Libya
- iii. Rwanda
- iv. Burundi
- v. Namibia
- vi. Senegal
- vii. Comoros
- viii. Angola
- ix. COMESA
- x. SADC
- xi. IGAD
- xii. CDCP
- xiii. UNECA
- xiv. ACBF

B. OPENING SESSION

2. The Chairperson of the Ministerial Committee on Agenda 2063, **Hon Shirley Ayorkor Botchway, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration**, began the meeting by welcoming all committee members to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. She then called for the observance of a moment of silence in remembrance of H.E. President Hage Geingob.

3. On the substantive issues for deliberation, she intimated that the meeting would focus on the four strategic roles of the committee, which include providing strategic guidance, ensuring efficient implementation, financing, and accountability on the implementation of Agenda 2063. She highlighted the importance of ensuring the participatory and inclusivity in the Agenda 2063, considering the value of the contribution of the citizens of the continent, especially women and youth towards realising its vision.

4. She appreciated the work of the Technical Working Group, particularly, the guidance and leadership of the Director of Strategic Planning and Delivery and concluded by giving the assurance of the Strategic Guidance that the Committee will provide to Agenda 2063

5. The Deputy Chairperson (DCP) of the African Union Commission, H.E. Dr Monique Nsanzabaganwa, in her opening remarks, **expressed condolences** to the people of Namibia upon the demise of HE President Hage Geingob.

6. The DCP commended the outgoing Ambassadorial Committee and the AU Technical Working Group on Agenda 2063. She underscored that the Agenda is a call for action to all citizens, institutions and friends of Africa at all levels to contribute to “the Africa we want”. The DCP underscored the importance of strengthening coordination, enhancing monitoring, evaluation and reporting, as well as improving data management and statistical capabilities. She emphasised the need to foster partnerships to enhance the effectiveness of results. She noted the commitment of the AU leadership to work with the Ministerial Follow-up Committee to offer strategic guidance on the Agenda.

C. AGENDA

- i. Opening Session
- ii. Adoption of Draft Agenda
- iii. Presentation and consideration of the Report of the Ambassadorial follow-up Committee on the Implementation of Agenda 2063.
- iv. Discussion
- v. Consideration of draft Decision
- vi. Any Other Business and
- vii. Closing Session

7. The Agenda was adopted as presented

D. PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE AMBASSADORIAL FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGENDA 2063.

8. Her Excellency Amma Adomaa Twum-Amoah, Ambassador of the Republic of Ghana, presented the report of the Ambassadorial Committee Meeting held from the 5th – 7th of February and was attended by Ghana, Namibia, Burundi, Senegal, Comoros and Cote d’Ivoire (Agenda 2063 Champion)

9. She informed the meeting of the presentations made to the Ambassadorial Committee during its meeting to appraise them of the various technical and validation sessions held since the last Ambassadorial meeting. The presentations also informed the Committee of improvements made to the Evaluation Report of the FTYIP and the draft STYIP. The presentations included:

- i) an update on the Special Project
- ii) the Evaluation Report of the FTYIP of Agenda 2063
- iii) the draft Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan Document (2024 – 2033)
- iv) the accelerators to the Second Ten Year Implementation Plan

10. The Ambassador further informed the meeting of the recommendations made after participatory deliberations on each of the above-stated presentations.

11. The meeting was also informed of the additional presentations made concerning the Terms of Reference of the Ministerial Committee and the Annual Work plan for the Ministerial Committee.

12. Upon request for clarification, it was made clear that the Extra-Ordinary Summit would not imply a cancellation of the Launch to be held during the summit in February 2024. It was explained that the February Summit was intended to deepen the engagement of the Heads of State about the STYIP for increased ownership and visibility across the continent.

13. The meeting then adopted the report of the Ambassadorial Committee including the recommendations.

E. CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT DECISION ON AGENDA 2063

14. The draft Decision on Agenda 2063 was presented to the meeting. The meeting requested improvement on the content of the Decision on the Extra-Ordinary Summit for easy comprehension. The decision requesting RECs to report on the implementation progress of Agenda 2063 STYIP during the Mid-Year Coordination Meetings was amended. The draft Decision was then endorsed with amendments.

F. CLOSING OF THE MINISTERIAL FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE MEETING

15. The Deputy Chairperson thanked the Chair for her the leadership and the members of the Ministerial Committee while noting the major milestone to usher in the STYIP and urged all key stakeholders to oil the machinery to implement, monitor, and report on the STYIP. She further thanked the AU Champion for continued support and guidance.

16. In closing, the Chair of the Ministerial Committee applauded all members and noted the major achievement made to have the STYIP approved and launched during the Summit in February 2024.

**DRAFT DECISION
OF THE MINISTERIAL FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE ON AGENDA 2063
ON THE SPECIAL PROJECT AND THE LAUNCH OF THE STYIP**

The Executive Council,

1. **RECALLS** the Executive Council Decision *EX.CL/Dec.1164(XL)* which called upon the African Union Commission (AUC), and the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) to lead the process of evaluation of Agenda 2063 FTYIP (2014 – 2023) and the development of the STYIP (2024-2033), also referred to as “the Special Project”.
2. **APPLAUDS** the Technical Working Group (AUC, AUDA-NEPAD, APRM, ACBF, UNECA and UNICEF) for the successful implementation of “the Special Project”, recognizing the unwavering support of Member States, Regional Economic Communities, the technical team of the Champion of Agenda 2063, other AU Organs, UNDP, and other UN Agencies, Africa Development Bank and other Development partners for the technical and financial contributions towards the successful delivery of the Special Project.
3. **ADOPTS** the Evaluation Report on the First Ten Year Implementation Plan (2014 – 2023) of Agenda 2063 and the recommendations contained therein.
4. **ENDORSES** the Second Ten Year Implementation Plan (STYIP) of Agenda 2063 and **RECOMMENDS** that the Plan is launched as Africa’s blueprint to accelerate sustainable development over the next decade (2024 - 2033).
5. **RECOMMENDS** that an Extraordinary Summit for a more elaborate Launch of Agenda 2063 STYIP be held by December 2024. The summit should be hosted by the Champion of Agenda 2063, H.E the President of Cote d’Ivoire. It should be more engaging to deepen understanding and increase visibility of the Agenda at all levels of implementation.
6. **REQUESTS** the African Union Commission (AUC) to strengthen the overall coordination of internal and external AU structures; Member States, Regional Economic Communities, AU Organs, African Technical and Development Partners, African Financial Institutions and other International cooperating partners for effective implementation of Agenda 2063 STYIP.
7. **REQUESTS** for the extension of the Special Project for the AUC in collaboration with the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) to domesticate, build capacity, monitor and coordinate performance and reporting on Agenda 2063. Furthermore, **DIRECTS** the AUC and AUDA-NEPAD, in collaboration with relevant African institutions with the mandate to secure funding for Agenda 2063, to finalize the work of Agenda 2063 development fund and present it for consideration by Ministerial Committee on Agenda 2063 among other structures.

8. **CALLS UPON** the Union to commit sufficient resources for effective coordination, awareness creation, domestication and capacity building of Member States on Agenda 2063 STYIP.
9. **DIRECTS** all AU organs, in line with their mandates and statutes, to implement past decisions related to Agenda 2063 and to accelerate implementation of the second decade of Agenda 2063.
10. **RECALLS** the mandate of the Ministerial follow-up committee on the implementation of Agenda 2063 **Ex.CL/Dec.807(XXIV)** to provide an overarching strategic orientation of the thematic programs to align and implement towards the second decade of Agenda 2063 goals and priorities. The committee should also provide oversight on monitoring and periodic reporting.
11. **DIRECTS** the Commission to coordinate with RECs so as to include Agenda 2063i as an item in the report of RECs to the n Mid-Year Coordination Summit the Regional Economic Committees (RECs) report on the implementation of the meeting.
12. **RECOMMENDS** that Member States should consider ratifying for establishing Financial Institutions, most particularly the African Investment Bank, as a major component towards funding Agenda 2063.
13. **CALLS UPON** AU Organs, Member States and Regional Economic Communities to align their development plans to the Second Ten Year Implementation Plan (STYIP) of Agenda 2063.
14. **CALLS UPON** Development Partners – including United Nations entities to align their strategies, engagement and supportive cooperation with Africa to the Second Ten Year Implementation Plan (STYIP) of Agenda 2063.

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