

DIGITAL IN THE AFRICAN UNION AGENDA 2063

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Overview of the AU Agenda



- A2063: Continental 50-year agenda through a people-driven process outlining the Africa
 We Want, namely Agenda 2063
- Aspirations of people
 - ✓ Aspiration 1: A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development
 - ✓ **Aspiration 2:** An integrated continent, politically united and based on the ideal Pan Africanism and the vision of Africa's Renaissance
 - ✓ Aspiration 3: An Africa of Good Governance, Democracy, Respect for human rights, Justice and the Rule of law
 - ✓ Aspiration 4: A Peaceful and Secure Africa
 - ✓ **Aspiration 5:** An Africa with a strong cultural identity, common heritage, shared values and ethics
 - ✓ Aspiration 6: An Africa where development is people-driven, unleashing the potential of women and youth
- ✓ Aspiration 7: Africa as a strong, united and influential global player and partner

Foundations of the digital agenda



- ICT as Driver of constant innovation for inclusive growth and sustainable economic development;
- Lack of physical infrastructure especially the intra- Africa broadband terrestrial infrastructure
- Lack of policy and strategies aiming at developing transformative e-applications and services;
- Increasing role of ICT in daily life.
- An overall Vision aiming to building the soft and hard infrastructures that will make the continent participate in the Information society and lead the fundamental changes in the 21st century
- A short term vision is to quadruple the access to broadband services by 2030 for the transformation of the continent.

Strategic objectives



- 1. To triple the ICT's contribution of the sector to the GDP currently (around 5% currently) by 2040;
- 2. To satisfy African broadband demand at the lowest cost while increasing accessibility and security of access from/ to all African countries to the rest of the continent and the rest world, with specific attention to landlocked or isolated countries,
- 3. To develop regional and continental physical integration, and promote intra-African e-transactions

Strategies (1)



To fulfill the above objectives, 7 strategies have been identified:

- 1. Implementation of the AXIS project to ensure 100% intra Africa internet traffic exchanged locally;
- 2. Development and implementation of the Comprehensive ICT Strategy for Africa (CISA) focusing particularly on Post & ICT infrastructure, capacity development, e-Applications & Services, enabling environment & governance, mobilization of financial resources & partnerships, industrialization, and Research & Development;
- 3. Implementation of e-Transform Africa where Africa is transformed into an e-Society;

Strategies (2)



- 1. Implementation of the PIDA with the aim of ensuring the required infrastructure for Africa in short, medium and long term
- 2. Promotion of a competitive regional ICT Market and deployment of e-Governance at national and regional level;
- 3. Development and implementation of a sound African Space program and governance aiming at supporting African Social and economic development;
- 4. Sound deployment of Cybersecurity policies'

Expected contributions from ICT sector (1)



Aspiration 1: A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development

- Broadband connectivity
- E-applications/ICT4D
- Innovation hubs
- GIS
- ICT Research & Innovation
- ICT for youth and women

Aspiration 2: An integrated continent, politically united and based on the ideal Pan Africanism and the vision of Africa's Renaissance Improved connectivity and tailored contents in Social and Mass media

- E-commerce
- E-tourism

Expected contribution from ICT sector (2)



Aspiration 3: An Africa of Good Governance, Democracy, Respect for human rights, Justice and the Rule of law

- Broadband connectivity
- Cybersecurity

Aspiration 4: A Peaceful and Secure Africa

- Broadband connectivity
- Social and Mass Media Network
- Satellite Broadband

Aspiration 5: An Africa with a strong cultural identity, common heritage, shared values and ethics

- Broadcasting policy
- Cybersecurity policy

Expected contribution from ICT sector (3)



Aspiration 6: An Africa where development is people-driven, unleashing the potential of women and youth

- Increased opportunities for girls and women
- Deployment of Affordable Broadband connectivity
- Social and Mass Media Network
- Research, education & Innovation
- Innovation Hubs

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

- e-Applications and Services
- Outer space policy

Conclusion



- ➤ Meeting the Aspirations contained in the Agenda 2063 which require:
- Mobilization of substantial financial resources,
- Capacity building,
- Strong coordination among stakeholders.
- Agenda 2063 provides huge opportunities:
- to contribute to digital, financial and social inclusion of people from Africa and EU;
- for investment notably from both African and European private sectors;
- for employment and jobs creation
- Agenda 2063 offers a big potential to strengthening the Africa-EU Partnership

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