

DECISION
ON THE PROGRESS REPORT ON ACTIVITIES AND PROSPECTS FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HIGH COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF THE 2021-2031
AGENDA, "DECADE OF AFRICAN ROOTS AND DIASPORAS"

The Assembly,

1. **RECALLS** Decision Assembly/AU/Dec. 807(XXXIV), adopted at the Thirty-fourth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union held on 6 and 7 February 2021, declaring the decade 2021-2031 the "Decade of African Roots and Diasporas", and in particular paragraph 11 of the PRC Decision;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the interim Report on the implementation of the 2021-2031 Agenda, Decade of African Roots and Diasporas;
3. **COMMENDS** the successful organization of the Forum on reduction of the cost of remittances from the African diaspora, co-chaired by the Kingdom of Morocco and Togo;
4. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the efforts and the progress made by the Togolese Republic and the Commission to establish the High Committee for the Decade and its mandate;
5. **COMMENDS** the Togolese Republic and the Commission for the work done in implementing the Decision on the Decade of African Roots and Diasporas, in particular the establishment of the draft composition and mandate of the High Committee for the 2021-2031 Agenda, Decade of African Roots and Diasporas;
6. **DECIDES** that the composition of the High Committee for the Decade shall be as follows:

NUMBER	REGION	MEMBER STATES
01	CENTRAL AFRICA	Cameroon Equatorial Guinea Republic of Congo
02	WEST AFRICA	The Gambia Ghana Senegal Togo
03	NORTH AFRICA	Algeria Morocco Tunisia
04	EAST AFRICA	Ethiopia Tanzania
05	SOUTHERN AFRICA	South Africa Angola Namibia

7. **FURTHER ENDORSES** the mandate of the High Committee for the Decade as follows:

a. Overall mandate of the High Committee for the Decade

The High Committee is mandated to work to support all initiatives involving members of diasporas and communities of African descent wherever they may be in the world and to take the necessary steps and measures for the effective achievement of the expected outcomes of the implementation of the Decade of African Roots and Diasporas.

b. Specific mandate of the High Committee for the Decade

The High Committee for the 2021-2031 Agenda, Decade of African Roots and Diasporas has the specific tasks of:

- Ensuring the promotion of the 2021-2031 Agenda, Decade of African Roots and Diasporas by offering periodic programming of country events and flagship operations of the Decade of African Roots and Diasporas;
- Ensuring that projects led by various countries are showcased internationally;
- Contributing to highlighting the achievements of members of African diasporas and communities of African descent;
- Supporting all initiatives to combat discrimination and ill-treatment of persons, members of the African diaspora or of African descent and defend their interests;
- Establishing mechanisms and channels of exchange to facilitate the return of people of African descent from the West Indies, the Caribbean and the Americas;
- Coordinating the mobility of people and co-development strategies for the integration of populations of African descent and for the emergence of the African continent;
- Working to establish a genuine diaspora policy and a solid plan of action to materialize the return and greater involvement of the diaspora in the continent's development;
- Carrying out activities to strengthen the role and contributions of people of African roots and diasporas to the economic development of the African continent;
- Acting to bring together members of the diaspora and policymakers at national, regional, continental and global levels for the sustainable development of Africa;
- Supporting productive investment and entrepreneurship initiatives of the African diaspora to improve and increase the impact of its actions on Africa's economic development by 2063.

8. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the proposal of the Togolese Republic, as stated in the Progress Report on the Decade of African Roots and Diasporas, to organize, as part of the implementation of the Decade, an event in 2024 entitled “**Renewal of Pan-Africanism and Africa's place in global governance: mobilizing, resourcing and reinventing for action**”;
9. **REQUESTS** the Commission and the Togolese Republic to continue their collaboration to ensure the smooth preparation, organization and success of this event;
10. **DECIDES** that the event “**Renewal of Pan-Africanism and Africa's place in global governance: mobilizing, resourcing and reinventing for action**” will be organized in the Togolese Republic in 2024;
11. **CALLS UPON** Member States, African Union partners and Diaspora and Afro-descendant communities around the world to support the organization and smooth conduct of this event;
12. **INSTRUCTS** Togo and the Commission to report to the Assembly on the outcomes of this event in 2025.
13. **REQUESTS** the African Union Commission, ECOSOCC and more specifically CIDO to support the implementation of the 2021-2031 Agenda, Decade of African Roots and Diasporas.