

**DECISION ON THE REPORT ON THE CONTINENTAL TEN-YEAR REVIEW OF THE
ADDIS ABABA DECLARATION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA
POST-2014 (AADPD)**

The Executive Council,

1. **ACKNOWLEDGING** the principles outlined in the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action, which uphold the sovereign right of each nation to implement recommendations in alignment with national laws and development priorities, and with utmost regard for the diverse religious and ethical values and cultural backgrounds of the population, while adhering to universally recognized international human rights instruments.
2. **RECALLS** the Executive Council Decision (EX.CL/Dec.1169(XLI) which in 2022, adopted the recommendations of the Fourth Ordinary Session of the Specialized Technical Committee on Health , Population and Drug control (STC-HPDC 4) to conduct the 10 years review of Addis Ababa Declaration of Population and Development (AADPD) and the submission of the continental report to the 57th Session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development in 2024 as Africa's contribution to the global review and appraisal of the implementation of the ICPD Program of Action (ICPD+30).
3. **FURTHER RECALLING** the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Plan of Action 1994, with 2024 marking 30 years of implementation and Africa encouraged to be part of the global review, taking place at the 57th Commission on Population and Development.
4. **TAKES NOTE** of the continental 10 years review of Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development recommendations contained therein; and **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the recommendations contained in African Population Experts Committee (APEC) and the Ministers in Charge of Population reports on 10 years review report.
5. **ENCOURAGED** by AU Member States progress across the AADPD's six pillars, including Dignity and Equality; Health; Place and Mobility; Governance; Data and Statistics; and Partnership and International Cooperation;
6. **CONCERNED** by the magnitude of migration and challenges faced by African countries, evident that migration will remain a critical determinant affecting access to services in Africa and uneven distribution of socioeconomic amenities such as education, healthcare, and employment compel individuals to migrate from rural to urban areas.
7. **REAFFIRMS** the significance of education as pivotal to accelerating socio-economic development and improving the quality of life in the continent. Also, raised concerns on the inequality in access to quality educational opportunities in

Africa. Thereafter, **STRONGLY RECOMMENDS** for education to be created as a stand-alone pillar in addition to the already existing 6 AADPD pillars as this will facilitate tracking continental progress at achieving SDG 4.

8. **REAFFIRMS** the need to ensure a Resilient Africa that is united in ensuring preparedness and response to current and future crises, shocks and disruptions, such as the impact of climate change, conflict public health emergencies
9. **TAKES NOTE** of Africa Digital Transformation strategy 2020-2030, recognizes the importance of innovation to accelerate Africa's inter-intra-regional development and for achieving inclusive and sustainable development. **UNDERScores** the need to invest in infrastructure and create enabling environment that will enable digital technology, innovation and creativity to thrive for the benefit of young people of Africa, so that Africa will not be left behind.
10. **REQUESTS** the Commission, through the African Population Expert Committee and in collaboration with the United Nations, especially UNFPA, and UNECA to follow up on the implementation of the review recommendations and outcomes. and further Prepare and ensure adequate representation of the continent during the ICPD at 30 global review.