

**DECISION ON THE  
REPORT ON THE MODALITIES OF PARTICIPATION AND PRIORITIES OF THE  
AFRICAN UNION IN THE GROUP OF 20 (G20)**

**The Executive Council,**

**RECALLING** Assembly Decision Assembly/AU/Dec.845(XXXVI) that the Chairperson of the African Union assisted by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission shall represent the African Union in the G20;

**WELCOMING WITH APPRECIATION**, the Decision of the New Delhi 2023 G20 Leaders' Summit to make the African Union a permanent member of the G20;

**REAFFIRMING** readiness to leverage Africa's position in the world economy as well as contribute to meetings of the G20, in tackling the emerging global challenges;

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the PRC and **ENDORSES** the following as modalities for the participation and preliminary priorities to be pursued by the African Union in the G20.

**I. African Union Knowledge Partners**

2. **DECIDES** on the following as the knowledge partners at the level of the African Union on the G20 work programme:

- AUDA-NEPAD;
- African Development Bank Group;
- African Export Import Bank;
- African Finance Corporation;
- African Trade and Investment Development Insurance
- Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa;
- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa;
- The 8 Regional Economic Communities recognised by the African Union;
- African Capacity Building Foundation;
- African Peer Review Mechanism;
- African private sector represented through the African Business Council;
- African Union Economic Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC).
- AUFIs (whenever they become operational)

3. **REQUESTS** the African Union Knowledge Partners to undertake research on strategic issues that the African Union Commission will develop into draft policy positions for adoption by AU policy organs to be tabled in the G20 meetings by African Union representatives.

**II. Building System-wide Knowledge on the G20**

4. **ENDORSES** the recommendation of the Permanent Representative Committee to organise a retreat involving Member States, the Commission and potential Knowledge Partners to come up with issues the African Union will take to the G20;

5. **RECOMMENDS** that the AUC develops a G20 draft policy document that highlights the priorities of the African Union and what it is taking to the G20, for use in the Retreat which should take place before the July 2024 session of the Executive Council,
6. **REQUESTS** the Commission to come up with an assessment in 2025 of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats encountered in the first year of the African Union's participation in the G20 and identify measures on how to leverage the opportunities and meet the challenges.
7. **ALSO ENDORSES** the recommendation of the Permanent Representatives Committee that the South African Sherpa offers lessons of experience to the Permanent Representatives Committee and the Commission by March, 2024;
8. **FURTHER ENDORSES** the recommendation of the Permanent Representatives Committee to organize a Retreat involving Member States, the Commission and potential knowledge partners to define the issues the African Union would submit to the G20 and the **INVITED** South African Sherpa to present lessons learned from their experience in line with recommendations of the Permanent Representatives Committee;
9. **INSTRUCTS** the Permanent Representatives Committee and the Commission to submit a report to the July 2024 Executive Council on the insights gained in engagements with South African participants in the G20.

### **III. Collaboration and Coordination with African Union Member States Participating in the G20**

10. **URGES** for collaboration and coordination among South Africa as the only African Permanent Member of the G20 and the African countries that have been invited to participate in the G20 as guest countries and the African Union in order to uphold the principle of Africa speaking with one voice in the G20.

### **IV. Role of the Permanent Representatives Committee in the G20**

11. **DIRECTS** the Commission to submit regular briefings on the participation of African Union representatives in the G20 meetings;
12. **DECIDES** that in the interim the PRC-SC of the Whole on Economic and Trade Matters handles the issues related to the G20.
13. **ALSO DIRECTS** the Permanent Representatives Committee to deal with the participation of the African Union in the G20 and work with the relevant Sub-Committees according to their different mandates on the issues under consideration.

### **V. Annual Directory of African Union Representatives in the G20**

14. **INSTRUCTS** the Commission through the Permanent Representatives Committee to prepare an annual directory containing names, positions and contact details of the African Union Representatives in the G20 meetings.

**VI. Increasing the voice and influence of the African Union in the G20**

15. **ACKNOWLEDGES** Africa's important role in advancing G20 agenda and that the African Union will significantly contribute and advocate to address challenges in the global governance through G20.
16. **URGES** Member States to institute policies and programmes that will increase levels of inclusive growth, sustainable development and export diversification of their economies in line with the aspirations, programmes and projects of the African Union Agenda 2063 for effective participation in the G20.
17. **URGES** Member States to provide self-financing mechanisms that will sustain the participation of the African Union in G20 meetings, thereby creating a lever that will increase the voice and influence of the African Union in G20 meetings.
18. **COMMITTS** to enhancing economic policy harmonization through deeper continental economic integration to facilitate harmonization on positions in the G20 in line with the aspirations, programmes and projects of the African Union Agenda 2063, to ensure effective macroeconomic policy coordination and harmonization positions of the G20.

**VII. Africa's Preliminary Priorities to be Pursued in the G20**

19. **TAKES NOTE** of the following priorities of the Brazilian G20 Presidency:
- b) Social inclusion and the fight against hunger and poverty;
  - c) Energy transition and the promotion of sustainable development in its economic, social and environmental dimensions; and
  - d) Reform of global governance institutions.
20. **ADOPTS** the following preliminary priorities to be pursued by the African Union in the G20:

**VIII. Achieving the Agenda 2063 and its Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan and the UN Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030**

21. **INSTRUCTS** the African Union to mobilize international efforts to accelerate the pace of implementation of the UN Agenda 2030, and AU Agenda 2063 in line with paragraph 76 of the New Delhi 2023 G20 Leader's Declaration which states, inter-alia, "*We commit to strengthen our ties and support the African Union realize the aspirations under Agenda 2063. We also reiterate strong support to Africa, including through the G20 Compact with Africa and G20 Initiative on supporting industrialization in Africa and LDCs.*"

## IX. Reform of the International Financial Architecture

22. **REQUESTS** the African Union to contribute in the reform of the global financial architecture drawing on the work of the AU-UNECA High Level Working Group on the Reform of the Global Financial Architecture.
23. **ALSO REQUESTS** the African Union to participate pro-actively in the G20 Common Framework on Debt Treatments to deliver transparent, timely and effective debt restructurings, and to constructively engage in G20 discussions to establish comprehensive and efficient mechanisms beyond the Common framework to manage debt distress in both low-income, and middle-income countries in a sustainable manner.
24. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the African Union to continue supporting African Ambassadors at the United Nations in the reform of the international tax system to build on the OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) and to also lobby the G20 to join this effort, and to capitalize on progress achieved by the UN General Assembly Resolution adopted on 22 December 2023 for promoting inclusive and effective international tax cooperation that pave the way for a future UN Convention in this regard.
25. **RECOMMENDS** that the African Union lobbies the rest of the G20 membership to operationalize debt for nature swaps and avail adequate resources to the loss and damage fund which is critical to enhancing the just green transition.

## X. International Food Security and Agriculture

26. **URGES** the African Union to fully support the Brazilian G20 Presidency in achieving the priority of social inclusion and the fight against hunger and poverty and **REQUESTS** the African Union to mobilize Member States to contribute to the work of the Task Force on Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty established by the Brazilian G20 Presidency.

## XI. Just Energy Transition (Electricity, and Renewable Energy)

27. **URGES** the African Union to fully contribute to the achievement of the second priority of the Brazilian G20 Presidency on energy transition and **REQUESTS** the African Union to mobilize Member States to contribute to the Task Force on Global Mobilization against Climate Change established by the Brazilian G20 Presidency.

## XII. Trade and Investment

28. **RECOMMENDS** the African Union to participate in the G20 Working Group on Trade and investment with priority focus on improving Africa's credit ratings to spur investment as well as strengthening of the multilateral trading system;

29. **HIGHLIGHTS** the importance of facilitating trade and removing restrictions imposed on exports to reduce disruptions to global supply chains and price volatility, as well as increasing transparency, confronting unfair trade practices and ensuring abstention from any unilateral measures that may hinder the competitiveness of African countries' exports, or their ability to attract foreign direct investment.
30. **EMPHASIZES** the negative impacts of unilateral coercive measures in international trade, that contradict the World Trade Organization (WTO) rules.

### **XIII. Health and Vaccine Manufacturing**

31. **URGES** the African Union to contribute to the work of the G20 Joint Task Force on Finance and Health with a focus on building capacities for vaccine manufacturing in Africa.

### **XIV. Review of Preliminary Priorities**

32. **REQUESTS** the African Union to review its preliminary priorities after one year of participating in the G20.

### **XV. African Union Commission Internal Task Force on the G20**

33. **TAKES NOTE** of the establishment of the African Union Internal Task Force by the Senior Leadership of the African Union Commission;
34. **URGES** the Chairperson of the Commission to ensure that the AUC Internal Task Force works closely with the African Union Policy Organs to facilitate effective participation of the African Union system in the G20;
35. **FURTHER URGES** the Chairperson of the Commission to share the Terms of Reference with the Permanent Representatives Committee.